

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AIR Gallery is pleased to present drawings and encaustic paintings by Nan Tull. This is Ms. Tull's first solo exhibition with the gallery. The work will be on view from May 9 through May 27, 1995.

The <u>Tropos</u> 1993 drawings, for which Ms. Tull was awarded a New England Foundation for the Arts/NEA Regional Fellowship in 1994, followed by the 1995 <u>Chain of Events</u> drawings and <u>Neutrino</u> paintings, are the result of trying to put a face on the unseen and the unfathomable. Whereas the 1993 imagery, secretive, contained and strong, strains for release, by 1995 the random bursting beyond boundaries into new territory is central to the creative exploration. These explosive images call up conflicting expressions implicit in the life cycle of beginnings and endings, growth and decline, joy and grief.

The integration of these divergent poles is accomplished through the simple means of charcoal, pastel and graphite on paper or encaustic on board. These tactile materials are richly employed through veils of charcoal dust or layers of translucent beeswax. On an intimate, yet bold scale, these drawings and paintings provide us ultimately with the artist's idiosyncratic and highly expressive view of the universe.

AIR Gallery is located at 40 Wooster Street, between Broome and Grand. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For further information, please call Alissa Schoenfeld at 212-966-0799.