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A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of *Life List, Pastel Drawings*, an exhibition of new work by gallery artist Nancy Storrow. The work will be on view April 5 - April 30, 2005. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 11 - 6 pm. You are invited to an Opening Reception on Thursday, April 7, 6 - 8 pm.

Storrow's last A.I.R. Gallery exhibition was of abstract oil paintings on translucent vellum paper. In those paintings she used her fingers and the translucency of the vellum to move line and color on the paper to create shadowy images.

The current exhibition *Life List* is a series of abstract pastel drawings on Bristol paper. The title *Life List* refers to the list of species kept by bird watchers. Quoting Storrow:

"I keep such a list of birds. I like to be able to track what I have seen and later revisit what I may have forgotten. Similarly, I am fascinated by the way particular images are insistent in my work. They crop up again and again at different times. They have become my species, my shapes, my images."

In this sensual new work Storrow has extracted the vocabulary of simple images that re-occur in her more complex abstract drawings. By concentrating on the smaller elements she emphasizes their tactile and energetic nature. Storrow uses pastels for their directness and pure brilliant pigment. Areas are defined by a nervous, colored line. Using the smooth surface of Bristol paper allows her to erase and smudge colors, to hide and reveal shapes and to suggest possible tangents. Some images are embedded, seemingly stuck in the paper, others spiral out of it.

The images Storrow depicts have an associative meaning and mood, evoking movement, time, sound and touch. They are a blend of memory and fantasy, yet reference elements in the natural world.

"Storrow's work is as representational as a dense poem and delightfully obscure as a foggy meadow..." Diana Lischer-Goodband, columnist for *The Brattleboro Reformer*, Vermont

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