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Jill Parisi
Sculptural Works on Paper

May 3 – 28, 2005

A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce an exhibition of new works on paper by Jill Parisi as part of the A.I.R. Gallery Fellowship Program. The work will be on view from May 3 to 28, with an opening reception for the artist, Thursday, May 5, 6-8pm.

The artist says of her work:

“My works are imaginary ecosystems whose ethereal and ephemeral qualities reflect an exploration of and a reverence for nature. These fantastic worlds take their direction from observing various processes of life. Birth, growth, and decay transcend species and extracting and manipulating certain fragments, the work speaks of the common threads shared between the microscopic world and the universe. The inhabitants of the uncharted ecosystems are plants and creatures that are by turns familiar, alien, aquatic, terrestrial, or of the air. They possess a fragile quality that nonetheless evokes the strength of the life cycle, the behavior of botanical and zoological forms, and nature’s ordered and temporal qualities. With a careful hand and a great deal of patience I work with a variety of media, most often combining hand-stitching and sculptural forming with drawing and intaglio techniques.

Many of these pieces are interactive as they respond to the flow of air within the exhibition space and are stirred into motion by the proximity of the viewer. This effect attests to the universe’s constant state of flux, making the pieces very much alive in the movement and relationship to local environs. Both a spontaneous whimsy and a deeper philosophical meaning are intended by this aspect. It addresses how we choose to observe and relate to the work, and questions our degree of awareness as a presence or force in an environment both as individuals and a culture in the wake of a fast-paced, consumer-driven society.”

Parisi first showed at A.I.R. Gallery in March, 2003 in the 5th Biennial Exhibition in which her work was selected from 1000 applicants by Whitney Museum of American Art at Altria Branch Director and Curator, Shamim Momin, to be included in a 27-artist group show. The 2003-2005 A.I.R. Gallery Fellowship was awarded to Ms. Parisi as the 5th Biennial Prize.

This exhibition is also supported in part with funds from the Special Opportunity Stipends Program through the New York Foundation for the Arts and New York State Council for the Arts, administered in Mid Hudson by Garrison Art Center.

For more information please contact the Gallery Director, Dena Muller, at 212.255.6651 or director@airnyc.org. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11am to 6pm.

