

Alumna presents solo digital artwork exhibit

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Alfred State College instructor Constance Pennisi, digital media and animation, will mount a solo exhibit of digital artwork entitled "Snippets II." The exhibition is sponsored by The ARTS Council of the Southern Finger Lakes, and will be on display from Oct. 1-26, 2009, at the Spotlight Gallery at The ARTS, 32 West Market Street, Corning. A reception will take place Friday, Oct. 2, 5-7 p.m.; it is free and open to the public. "Snippets II" recalls "the childhood game of visual riddles," says Pennisi. "the process of fragmentation, isolation, and reconfiguration parallels the process of memory." The foundation of my visual experience has its origins in the landscapes of New York, Pennisi says. "The division of space, broken landscapes with outcropping of boulders, the staccato of trees creating a rhythm of di-vision, and the stillness of misty mornings revealing layered planes of mountains provided a rich source of visual input. My work evolved from this into an investigation of how the relationships of form, color, and light define space." Additionally, Pennisi says, "Viewers' response to the ambiguous structure of my images has led to a current interest in shifting perspectives. How do we locate ourselves? My new work will be an investigation into my personal history and the collective history of my upbringing. What are the outcroppings of acquired knowledge that divide space? How do I flow around these, collect them into reflective pools, and let them color my understanding? How, with a shift of a line, can space open up, alter my world?" Pennisi earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from SUNY College of Ceramics and a master of science in education degree at Alfred University. Additionally, she studied under the artist C. Katherine Nelson of Alfred. She possesses expertise in areas of large format digital imaging, electronic imaging, and artist multiples through the Institute of Electronic Arts of the School of Art and Design, Alfred. Pennisi began service at Alfred State as an adjunct instructor in fall 1994. In fall 2001, she began her fulltime teaching career as an instructor in the Department of Computer Imaging and Architectural Engineering Technology. She was awarded the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities in 2007. The Spotlight Gallery @ The ARTS is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information about the exhibit, please contact The ARTS by phone (607) 962-5871 x223 or via e-mail: infoARTS@eARTS.org. Visit The ARTS of the Southern Finger Lakes at <http://www.earts.org>.