

Alfred Today

Friday, September 08, 2006

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"BiFocal" art exhibition @ Fosdick-Nelson Gallery

Event Date: 09/08/06

Event Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: Fosdick-Nelson Gallery

Alfred University's Fosdick-Nelson Gallery in the School of Art and Design welcomes its first exhibit of the new academic year with "BiFocal," a solo show by New York City-based artist Devorah Sperber. The show opens Friday, Sept. 8 and runs through Friday, Oct. 6. There will be an opening reception for the general public from 6-8 p.m., Sept. 8, in the gallery, on the third floor of Harder Hall.

Devorah Sperber's constructed images based on historical paintings appear at first glance to be fantastic collections of mundane objects, spools of thread, chenille pipe cleaners, or thousands of marker caps neatly assembled on a grid, said Sharon McConnell, director of the Fosdick-Nelson Gallery. "On closer examination, with the aid of a crystal lens, the colorful pixilated abstractions shift into a perfectly focused image of the Mona Lisa by da Vinci, or Girl with a Pearl Earring, by Vermeer," she explained.

McConnell notes that Sperber's work bridges past and present and conflates high art with everyday mundane objects. The works selected for "BiFocal" ask the viewer to reconsider something we take for granted - the mechanism of sight and the interpretation of visual information, she said.

"BiFocal," co-curated by McConnell and Judi Strahota, assistant professor of sculpture, will debut two new pieces from Sperber's "eye-centered portrait" series. The artist is scheduled to have another solo exhibit - "The Eye of The Artist: The Work of Devorah Sperber" -- at the Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY, Jan. 26-May 6, 2007.

The Fosdick-Nelson Gallery is open Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday

from 1-3 p.m. For more information, please contact McConnell at mcconnells@alfred.edu.

Exhibition Images: http://www.devorahsperber.com/alfred_show_9_06/index.html

Artist's Web Site: www.devorahsperber.com <<http://www.devorahsperber.com>>

Upcoming Sperber Exhibitions:

"The Eye of the Artist: The Work of Devorah Sperber," Brooklyn Museum

<http://www.devorahsperber.com/lubjlnana_print_biennale/index.html> , Brooklyn, NY, Jan. 26- May 6, 2007

"After van Eyck," 212 Contemporary Art Fair at the Armory <<http://art-212.com/>> , NYC, Marcia Wood Gallery Booth, Sept. 27- Oct. 1, 2006

"Everything is Wrong," Kunsthalle Palazzo, <http://www.palazzo.ch/Index4_0.htm> Liestal, Switzerland, Aug. 26- Oct. 6, 2006

"After The Mona Lisa 2," North Carolina Museum of Art

<http://www.devorahsperber.com/reviews_articles/nc_museum_mag_9_06.htm> , Sept. 3, 2006- Feb. 2007

"There/Not There," KBCC/CUNY Art Gallery, Brooklyn, NY, October 25- November 22, 2006

"Material Abuse," debuted at Caren Golden Fine Art & traveling to the Clifford Gallery of Colgate University, <http://www.carengoldenfineart.com/ind_pastexhib.asp?id=26> Oct. 26 to Dec. 15, 2006

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Homecoming '06 -- Hall of Fame Reception and Dinner

Event Date: 09/30/2006

Event Time: 5 p.m. Reception, 6 p.m. Dinner

Location: Kenyon Allen rooms and Knight Club of PCC, respectively

Join us as we welcome new Athletic Hall of Fame members Mark Shardlow '83, Carolyn Clark '90, Mike Klemann '91, Rick Stakel '92, and Tony Cocchito '92 will be honored at the 2006 Hall of Fame Reception and Dinner. This year's additional guests of honor will include members of undefeated football teams. Tickets for the Hall of Fame Reception and Dinner may be purchased online at the link below, or by calling the Athletics Office at 607.871.2193. Come and celebrate with us!

Hall of Fame Reception - \$12

Hall of Fame Reception and Dinner - \$30

Link for more information: <http://www.alfred.edu/alumni>

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Hillel Friday night services

Hillel at Alfred conducts Sabbath Services every Friday night while AU is in session at 6:30 p.m. at the Hillel House (18 S. Main St.). Hillel's first service of the semester will take place this Friday (Sept. 8).

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ISSO meeting every Friday

ISSO is an organization for all international students and scholars in Alfred. We also welcome local American students to join us!

Join us at 6pm every FRIDAY in the ALUMNI LOUNGE in Powell!

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Psi Chi meeting

Event Date: 09/10/2006

Event Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Lil Alf next to the underwear

Psi Chi will be having the first meeting of the year this Sunday at 7:30 p.m. next to the underwear in Lil Alf! We will be talking about our upcoming projects and setting a permanent meeting time and place.

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Artist lecture -- Anton Reijnders

Artist Lecture
by Visiting Professor in the School of Art and Design - Anton Reijnders

Place: Binns-Merrill Hall Rm# 106 (Room C)
Date: Tuesday 12 Sept., 2006
Time: 4:30 p.m.

Hosted by the Division of Ceramic Art, School of Art and Design

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Hillel updating mailing list

Hillel at Alfred, the Jewish students' organization on campus, is updating its mailing list. If you are not receiving e-mail messages from Hillel but would like to, send a message to hillel@alfred.edu.

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Calling all on-campus residents!

The Admissions Office is looking for overnight hosts for our fall and spring open house programs. There will be an information session, Monday, Sept. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in Nevins Theater. Any students who live on campus, from first year students to seniors are invited to participate. This is a great way for you to build your resume, and show the future of Alfred what we are all about. At the Sept. 18 meeting, we will explain details of the program, incentives, and the best part, The FOOD is FREE!

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Alfred University Swim Lessons Fall '06

Sept. 11- 21, 2006
Monday's, Tuesday's, Wednesday's, and Thursday's at McLane Center Pool

Beginner 1 5-5:30 p.m.
Beginner 2 5:30-6 p.m.
Intermediate 5-6 p.m.
Advanced 5-6 p.m.
(If class is full, extra classes will be added)

Ages: 4-13

How much: \$50 for eight lessons -- discount when enrolling 2+ children

Registration: Will be held Monday Sept. 11, at 4:45 p.m. prior to the start of swimming lessons or through the contact information below.

Questions: 607.871.2893 or striker@alfred.edu
Money should be paid the first night of class

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High Holy Days dinners and services at Hillel

Please see the attachment for Hillel at Alfred's schedule for the High Holy Days.

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A day without Facebook

Event Date: 09/12/2006
Event Time: All Day
Location: N/A

A call for Facebook users to boycott Facebook on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006, recently made public by USAToday.com.

Why take this day off?

As Facebook users we are almost universally against the new Feeds, and yet the response from Facebook has been to completely ignore our complaints, and in fact, in one response "Pete" our friendly customer service representative is actually boasting about some of the most complained about features. There are over 350 anti-Feed groups on facebook now, and less than 5 in favor of the development.

Clearly the Facebook organization is not listening.

Link for more information: <http://daywithoutfacebook.blogspot.com/>

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