

WOMEN AND WAX

Birds, Butterflies and Bees

An invitational exhibition of 22 women encaustic painters from throughout the United States will be held at **The Walking Man Gallery and Frame Shop in Whitefish**. Artists from Alaska to New York will make up an impressive list of 22 artists working with heated wax in contemporary painting. The ancient method of encaustic painting has its roots in the ship building traditions of Greece and burial portraiture of Egypt. The method involves the use of heated beeswax mixed with color to create exceptionally bright and depth filled paintings. Recently, modern artists Jasper Johns and Arthur Dove have taken advantage of the surface and color opportunities available from the use of wax.

The show, organized and curated by Whitefish encaustic painter and teacher, Shawna Moore will highlight students and peers from her exhibition and teaching travels. Moore traveled last fall to the nation's premier encaustic training and technical facility in New York. The trip was made possible by a Montana

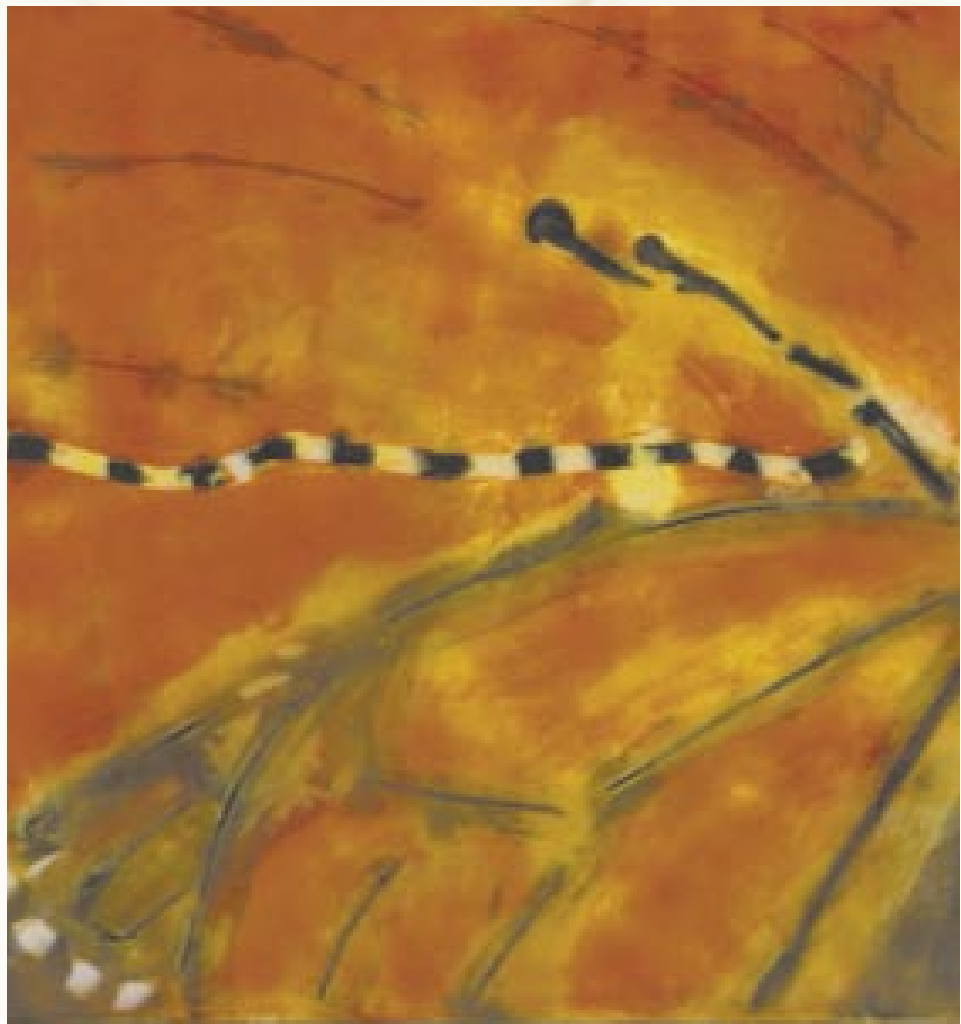
Arts Council Professional Development Grant. Moore considers the exhibition a natural extension of her teaching, practice and interest in the medium of encaustic.

In addition to work by Moore, several other Montana artists will exhibit in the show. Bozeman educator and painter Sara Mast, Kalispell sculptor and painter Betsey Hurd, Creston sculptor Kate Hunt, Whitefish printmaker Tashana Dilly, Laura Grace Barrett and Stephanie Pointer from Bigfork, and Missoula mixed media artist Shari Montana will join an array of painters with a variety of styles. Most of the work is two dimensional with some 3D pieces included and it all ranges from representational to abstract. Themes from nature seem to be a recurring aspect of all the featured work.

The reception for the show will be Thursday, August 2 as part of Whitefish's Gallery Nights Art Walk. The gallery is located at 305 Baker Avenue, Whitefish, MT. For more information contact Peter or Michelle at 406-863-ARTS or Shawna at 406-261-6528.



Sandy O'Brien, WE, New York City



Harriette Tsosie, *Monarch*



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A group show featuring 24 local, regional and national encaustic artists.

Thursday, August 2nd, 2007 | 6:00 - 9:00 pm



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Show runs August 2 - September 1, 2007.

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