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LOCKED AND SHUTTERED

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WHAT:

Snow Gallery presents ***Locked and Shuttered***, a solo exhibition of contemporary works by mixed-media artist Laura Chenicek.

WHEN:

Saturday, May 16 - June 6, 2009
The gallery is open Wednesday - Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Opening Reception: Saturday, May 16, 2009, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

WHERE:

Snow Gallery
1517 Dallas Avenue
Nashville, TN 37212
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Snow Gallery presents ***Locked and Shuttered***, featuring the work of mixed-media artist and painter Laura Chenicek, who offers both a lament for lost innocence and an assertion of the resilience of children. The exhibit runs from May 16 through June 6, 2009, with an opening reception Saturday, May 16, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Chenicek holds an M.F.A. in painting from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She is a mixed-media artist whose work is concerned with the physical, emotional and psychological wounds that can permeate families and the ways in which children cope with their feelings of anxiety, helplessness and hurt. She uses mixed-media in combination with painted landscape images to explore how the mind processes painful events.

In this exhibit, Chenicek features landscape paintings as a powerful and poignant metaphor for childhood. Peaceful images of lakes, mountains and forests belie the hidden dangers that can exist within their dark and hidden areas. Overlying the landscapes, artificial devices such as locks, latches, zippers, ties and cement point to family secrets and the hidden, selective scripts operating within family contexts. Band-aids and sutures, representing the healing process, can at the same time be seen as coverings used to hide wounds. Similarly, louvered shutters conceal or reveal hidden images and texts, which are woven together in the imagination as family stories.



*"There Are Some Things You
Just Can't..."*

11" x 14" x 3"

Acrylic on canvas with utility lock
2009

Chenicek, who has been an artist for more than thirty years, has had exhibitions throughout the Southeast.

Recent exhibitions include solo shows at the Tennessee Arts Commission Gallery, the Sarratt Center Gallery, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, and the Hite Gallery at the University of Louisville, Louisville, KY. She has also exhibited at the Centennial Art Center, Nashville, TN, the Customs House Museum, Clarksville, TN, the Museum of Fine Arts, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, and the Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, AL, among others. She was recently awarded a Kentucky Foundation for Women Artists Enrichment grant. Her work is in major corporate and private collections nationally.

Snow Gallery offers a unique mix of historical and contemporary art juxtaposed to bridge eras and cultures. Rotating current exhibits complement an outstanding collection of rare prints, textiles, and other arts and crafts from around the world.

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