

Dream Repeater: Toys Falling Ila Sahai Prouty and Company

Don't miss Flatrocks Gallery's show *Dream Repeater: Toys Falling*, a group show curated by Ila Sahai Prouty in its final week.

In her on-going project *Dream Repeater*, Prouty creates artworks in various media based on bits of collected dream narratives. For this show, she has invited other artists to join her.

Prouty's work deals with the ways repetition can intensify and expand meaning. "I'm exploring how a short snippet of a dream, essentially a shorts tory, can grow to become something larger and more mythic."

Last summer, Prouty's *Dream Repeater* work, "Goldilocks, Save the World," was installed at the Cape Ann Museum's White Ellery House. This year, she returns to her home town to present a collection of works based on a dream called *Toys Falling*. "I have been working with these dreams myself, and I wanted to expand the project - to see where others might take the dreams, and how they look through other peoples' eyes."

Each artist in this show agreed to create work in response to the dream text. The show will include sculpture, painting, encaustic, illustration, mixed media, poetry, video, printmaking, quilting, and storytelling.

Participating Artists are: Ila Sahai Prouty, Caroline Bagenal, Rocky Delforge, Adriane Herman, Bo Hyung Lee, Vicki Paret, Doris Prouty, Hans Pundt, Sarah Slifer Swift, Stephanie Williams, Heather Atwood, Emily Wheeler, Tim Averill, and Peter Hickman.

Ila Sahai Prouty grew up in Lanesville, Massachusetts. She is a former chair of the Art Department at the Waring School in Beverly, Mass., and considers herself an artist with Cape Ann roots. She has an MFA from the California College of Art in San Francisco, California, and is currently Resident Artist at the Penland School of Crafts in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. Prouty is also an Assistant Professor at nearby Appalachian State University.

Flatrocks Gallery is located at 77 Langsford Street/Route 127 in Gloucester, MA. Hours are 12-5pm, Thursday through Sunday, and by appointment. The gallery is focused on continuing the long tradition of artists in Lanesville, and is committed to offering works of art to the community that challenge and engage.