



The Humboldt Arts Council
in the Morris Graves Museum of Art

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Exhibition Headline: Sherry Karver *Surveillance*

Exhibition Dates: February 3 to March 25, 2007

Museum Hours: Wednesday - Sunday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

The Humboldt Arts Council is pleased to feature the newest project *Surveillance*, by Oakland artist Sherry Karver. Sherry Karver, a critically acclaimed artist well known for her photo-based oil paintings, explores in her art a variety of themes connected to the human experience. They generally revolve around the understanding that to be human is to be “collectively alone.” Quite the opposite of posing a hopeless or resigned response to this condition, however, Karver offers the viewer a glimpse of the possibility for a spiritual awakening. Through her works’ haunting sense of movement, and the spontaneous and random intersecting of strangers, the images convey our individual voyages and become a metaphor for life where everyone is together, yet alone. Her photo-based oil paintings feature moments caught in time on Internet Webcams, from across the world. Included in the exhibition are seven light-box works encased in vintage suitcases, illustrating the contents of traveller’s carry-ons screened during airport security. This exhibition is taking on one of the most frightening and dangerous facts of life today: we are currently under *Surveillance*.

The Morris Graves Museum of Art, located at 636 F Street, Eureka is open to the public noon-5p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Museum admission is by donation: \$4 for adults, \$1 for seniors age 55 and older; HAC Members and children age 12 and under are admitted free. Admission is always free for everyone during each First Saturday Arts Alive!, 6-9 p.m.

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