



The Humboldt Arts Council
in the Morris Graves Museum of Art

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Headline: Small Works Artist Presentation: Peggy Jane Murray

Date: Friday, July 6th from 6 to 7 p.m.

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

The Humboldt Arts Council is pleased to host a presentation by local artist Peggy Jane Murray on Friday, July 20th from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Morris Graves Museum of Art. As part of the 5th Annual Small Works Benefit Drawing, Peggy Jane Murray's "Dog in Kimono" will be on view in the Rotunda through December 7th.

Peggy Jane Murray began using her dog as subject matter when she was studying Art at Humboldt State in the 1970's. Her dog, Bazooka, had saved her from an intruder and the artist began to paint dog monument pieces in homage to the dog. She continued to use her dog as a model while she pursued a Master's degree in Printmaking at CSU at Chico. Soon the imagery evolved to the point where the artist realized the dog represented the artist herself. Ms. Murray states that using the anthropomorphic animal imagery allows her to explore and express her most intimate feelings about her relationships with the people in her life. Often times, the narrative work invites the viewer to formulate his or her own story to relate to the work. The artist uses serigraphy to create most of her work. Serigraphy is a hand print process in which the artist squeezes ink through a stencil onto paper. The stencil is mounted on a fabric mesh, which is mounted on a wooden frame. Each successive color requires its own stencil and is printed separately. The process may take weeks or months to complete. In addition, the artist sketches in watercolor & gouache.

The Fifth Annual Small Works Exhibition and Drawing is currently on view in the Rotunda of the Morris Graves Museum of Art. Twelve of Humboldt County's most generous artists have each donated a small painting, drawing, print or a 3-dimensional work for this fundraiser to benefit the Humboldt Arts Council. The lucky winners will be drawn at a reception December 7, 2007 from 5 to 7 p.m. Drawing tickets will sell for \$10 each, 3 for \$25, 10 for \$50 and 25 for \$100. Tickets are available in the Museum store. Each ticket purchaser can deposit their tickets in the box under the artwork of their choice. On the first and third Fridays through the duration of the exhibition each participating artist will be offering a public presentation and discussion about their work. Please visit www.humboldtarts.org or call 707-442-0278 for the complete schedule.

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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