

Fantasy Or Reality?

Tuesday, Apr. 14, from 6 to 8 p.m., Trade Street Gallery, Inc. will host the opening reception for "Fantasy or Reality?" an exhibition of original paintings, sculpture and altered/embellished photographs. The exhibit will be held at the Upstairs Contemporary Art Space located at 409 N. Trade Street in Tryon.

Featured in this exciting exhibit will be new work by Tryon artists, Philip Dusenbury and Elaine Kerby, and a new series of oils by Lynne Tanner of Rutherfordton.

New on the scene will be large scale oil paintings by Monika Teal and Tom Hope. Monika Teal, formerly of Asheville, now resides in Solothurn, Switzerland. She was a recipient of a Visual Arts Fellowship from the N.C. Arts Council in 1991. This mythological series is based on the monumental female involved in various struggles with animal imagery and the self.

Tom Hope of Kingston, N.Y., blends the spirit and physical worlds to create powerful large-scale, super-real oil paintings depicting the human struggle in the different dimensions of reality.

Ceramic sculptor, Keith Scott Mitchell of Pelham, AL, will exhibit 10 large-scale stone-ware sculptures depicting ecological and moral injustices inflicted on the animal kingdom. Underlying the powerful visual statement one must ask, what are we doing to ourselves and our world?

This provocative exhibition exemplifies the philosophy of Swiss painter, Monika Teal. She said, "I believe in art that speaks. The artist has the task to communicate a higher consciousness to the public. What

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matters is that they go beyond the obvious and the easy to search. An answer is not necessary, but the question absolutely is."

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