

About Susan Hensel Gallery

Opened September 10th, 2004 Susan Hensel Gallery is a gallery, workspace and artist resource center presenting 5 to 7 shows per year devoted to the concept of **narrative art** presented in an intimate space, with hardwood floors and high tin ceilings. It is the belief of Susan Hensel that humans are a "storymaking species" who will always seek, find or provide a story for any experience.

It is the intent of Susan Hensel Gallery to provide art that is engaging, thought-provoking and of a quality that is often reserved for larger exhibition spaces in the comfort of a casual and community-oriented format.



The gallery is open to the public during receptions and by generous appointments. You are welcome to drop by this gallery/workspace at anytime, but a call ahead prevents frustration.

About Susan Hensel

Susan Hensel came to the Minneapolis community in 2004 with a depth of national experience. Her personal artwork is known and collected nationwide, represented in libraries and museums as disparate as the Museum of Modern Art in New York and Duke University Special Collections. She gained valuable experience through her work with Wyrd Sisters Arts, an independent teaching facility and The Art Apartment, an experimental art space formed to introduce installation, performance, video, and sound art to mid-Michigan. During it's brief life, the Art Apartment gained regional and national attention for its locally-inspired installations, a national video show and the now venerable national artists books show, Reader's Art. Susan is currently a member of the 406 Artist's Co-Op at the Northrop King Building and continues to explore new methods and media in her work.



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art · story · activism

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This unconventional gallery will take you by surprise as it offers high quality and thought-provoking art in a friendly format.

What Sets Susan Hensel Gallery Apart?



Art

Susan Hensel Gallery shows collection-caliber art in a friendly South Minneapolis location. Challenging content. Accessible presentation. Thoughtful. Political. Personal. With an emphasis on story-driven content, the gallery showcases work in many media, ranging from painting and sculpture to performance art and installation.



Story

Susan Hensel Gallery provides opportunities to experience the implicit or explicit stories embedded in art, and is committed to showing artists who tell stories that address contemporary issues affecting the community.



Activism

Susan Hensel Gallery does not shy away from challenging subject matter: war vs. peace, politics, religious diversity; queer. This is a place where important art can be seen. This is art for the discerning collector, who is bold enough to put their opinions on their walls, yet accessible enough for the first-time gallery-goer to enjoy.



Unique Events & Partnerships

- ◆ **The Art of Conversation**—Meetings open to all artists/arts supporters. Sip wine while discussing current art news/events, or offer feedback to artists on their work.
- ◆ **One Night Stands**—An ongoing call for talented student and emerging artists to host a reception and hang their work for one night only.
- ◆ **Window Installations**—An ongoing call for artists working in installation to fill one of the gallery's prime window spaces facing Cedar Avenue for up to a month.
- ◆ **Spoken Word**—Readings in the gallery in response to the exhibitions. Performed by local writer's groups such as *Talking Image Connection* and *Northfield Womens Poets*.
- ◆ **MCBA**—An ongoing partnership with *Minnesota Center for Book Arts*, ranging from hosting guest artists, book arts workshops, community potlucks & more.

You May Have Seen Us In...

Susan Hensel Gallery has been featured in both local and national press, promoting both its unique vision and subject matter as well as the compelling stories behind the artwork.

Susan Hensel Gallery has appeared in:

Art on Paper
Bound & Lettered
Corcoran News
Des Moines Register
Fiber Arts
Lavender Magazine
METRO Magazine

Minnesota Women's Press
Minneapolis Star Tribune
OUT Magazine
Pulse of the Twin Cities
Southwest Journal
St. Paul Pioneer Press
& more...

Don't Just Take Our Word...

"People live here thoughtfully, and on purpose. They unite daily to safeguard and celebrate this neighborhood; our people are its greatest asset, and attraction. Uptowners move here in search of something more authentic.

I guess it's hard to put into words. Check out an exhibit at Susan Hensel Gallery and you'll get the idea."

—**Eric Gustafson**

Corcoran Neighborhood Association

"Susan Hensel's Gallery is where art meets the pavement. It's traction creates enough sound and heat to awaken an entire community. Art that is of the people, for the people, and by the people. What an ideal!"

—**Jim Walsh & Marie Eff**