

## East Lansing artist is honored

East Lansing artist **Susan Hensel** has been selected to participate in *The Artist Book II*, the 1998 National Juried Exhibition at the Fine Art Center in Taos, N.M. The art work, titled "My House," was chosen from an impressive group of bookmakers' submissions from all over the country.

The exhibit opens Aug. 29 and runs through Oct. 9, overlapping with the Taos Fall Arts Festival. The work may be seen on the Web at [www.facetnow.com](http://www.facetnow.com) the night of the opening.

The book is an original work; it is house-shaped with original photography, and it comes in a sculptured box that resembles an old clapboard house.

According to Susan, "The text was inspired during the time I had very serious back surgery that put me in a body cast for eight or nine months. It was an imaginary tour that took people through my childhood home in Ithaca, New York." *Lansing State Journal 8/13/98*

## Artist displays book

East Lansing artist **Susan Hensel** was invited to show her nontraditional book "Bloodlines" at the Minnesota Center for Book Arts in Minneapolis.

The show, "Storytelling: Untold Translations of the Book," includes traditional and nontraditional book formats that investigate the ways in which storytelling is expressed through verbal and visual narrative, dialogue and memory. "Bloodlines" is a narrative printed on a very long strip of handmade paper, wound on a weaver's boat shuttle, held aloft by a wooden hand. The show runs Dec. 4 through Feb. 20.

Susan's journals can be seen locally at Trillium Gallery, Lansing Art Gallery, Conifer Gallery and Todd Mack Gallery. *11/23/98 Lansing State Journal*

## Gallery will feature East Lansing artist

East Lansing artist **Susan Hensel** will have her literary sculptures and handmade books featured at Trillium Gallery in East Lansing during October and November.

Her sculptures explore the works and personalities of such writers as **Sylvia Plath, Anne Sexton, Emily Dickinson and D.H. Lawrence.**

Susan uses her background in drawing, painting, sculpture, writing, literary research, sewing, cutting, papermaking, computer work, collage, rubber-stamping and printing to create her multimedia, handmade books.

Susan's former student, **Matt Addonizio**, will join her in the show, exhibiting his handmade books and large pieces of papier-mache sculpture. Matt is an East Lansing High School graduate who attends Kalamazoo College.

"Sculpture As Book: The Unique Vision of Susan Hensel and Matt Addonizio" debuts at a wine and cheese reception from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday. The formal opening is from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday as part of the First Sunday Gallery Walk.

The Trillium Gallery is located at 327 Abbott Road in East Lansing.

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