

Artist enters book in exhibit

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"My House," an artist's book by East Lansing artist **Susan Hensel**, will be included in the show "Bound to Happen," opening at West Virginia University on Thursday.

Susan joins a wide-ranging group of 27 artists who work in the field of artists' books.

"My House," an original text by Susan, is a sentimental journey through a house, through a childhood that she says "may even be my own." They are memories sweetened by distance.

"My House" has been knocking around in my computer, in one form or another, for several years," Susan said. "While in a body cast, recovering from surgery, I spent a lot of creative time writing. I had decided to take an imaginary tour back to my childhood home to see what I might discover. What I wrote was so sweet it is amazing that my hard drive did not freeze up or attract ants in the ensuing years! About once a year, I would return to the piece, edit a bit, and throw my hands up in the air and give up. Finally in the winter of 1998, I received an invitation to create a work involving architecture. . . . 'My House' sprang to life again, lost about 1,000 words and found its form, layout and presentation."

The house-shaped book, printed in black on sepia toned paper, is housed in a house-shaped box, with old, cracked siding and a heavy, textured roof line.

Locally, Susan will teach in the Gate Program, Saturday School at Lansing Community College. This book and others can be seen at Todd Mack Custom Framing Gallery for the month of March.

E. Lansing artist displays work

East Lansing artist **Susan Hensel** was invited to show her book/sculpture "Bloodlines" at the ARC Gallery in Chicago. The sculpture uses Susan's handmade paper and original text. The show runs through July 31.

Susan has, in the past year, shown her work in nine states and one foreign country. Locally she continues to show at Trillium Gallery, Todd Mack Custom Framing Gallery, Conifer Gallery and on the Internet at www.artinspace.com.

Trillium Gallery is handling her newest limited-edition books, "Creation" and "Brush Your Teeth." Trillium also has "Making Memory Books by Hand," by **Kristina Feliciano**, featuring a six-page spread on making Susan's limited-edition artists book, "My House." The original artist's book also is on display at Trillium. *LSJ 7/15/99*

East Lansing artist exhibits

East Lansing artist Susan Hensel has been invited to show two works at the tenth annual juried competition "Art and Social Justice" in South Bend, Ind.

This is a show that presents "a visual statement reflecting concerns for a socially just world."

She is exhibiting the one of a kind artists books entitled

Shoah: No Reprieve, a response to the Holocaust of world War II and *No Matter What Prophet*, a response to the ongoing worldwide crisis of refugees. The show runs June 4 through July 6.

Locally Susan's newest limited edition artist books, *Creation and Brush Your Teeth* may be seen at Trillium Gallery in downtown East

Lansing, next to the Evergreen Grill.

Later this month, a six page spread on making the limited edition *My House*, will be available in the new book by Kristina Feliciano called *Making Memory Books by Hand*.

According to Rockport Publishers, this book should be in stores by mid-June.

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