

CONCEPTUALLY

An Exhibition of Artists' Books

Coyote Gallery

Conceptually Bound 2, An Exhibition of Artists' Books

September 19 - October 24, 2002

Dear *Conceptually Bound 2* Artists,

Thanks very much for participating in *Conceptually Bound 2*. The exhibition was well received by the Chico/Butte College community. I heard countless stories of how wonderful it was to be able to engage one-on-one with your works. This is a rare treat for art audiences and a true gift from you.

I was very impressed with the diversity and quality of your books. It is so difficult to jury artists' books from images and descriptions...It was a great pleasure to experience how wonderfully your works are realized. Lots of very positive surprises and lots of poignant moments, my nose in a book...

There were two reviews of the exhibition, copies enclosed. Although he wrote a mostly positive article, the reviewer from the Chico News and Review was obviously not getting the concept of the exhibition or using his eyes very well. I found it interesting that after he so obviously misread Robin McCauley's book, it was the image selected for the article, and it is so clearly a book. Life in small towns....

Alan Carrier, the Director of Coyote Gallery, was also very pleased with your works. In addition to the exposure to such a diverse range of books each with particular exhibition needs, he said it was a great learning experience for his gallery production class, just in the unpacking, as they saw how differently each artist tended to this task.

The community was so engaged with your works that the College in conjunction with Coyote Gallery invited Judith Serebrin to conduct a bookmaking workshop, and are considering developing a book arts program.

I hope your books have returned to you safely with minimal wear. They were greatly enjoyed.

Until *Conceptually Bound 3*, Conceptually yours,
Nanette Wylde