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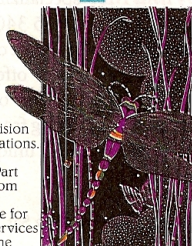
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ABOUT BARBARA

Barbara Bickel has a BFA in Painting from the University of Calgary and a BA in Sociology and Art History from the University of Alberta. She has studied Art History at the School of Dante Alighieri in Rome, Italy and the Banff School of Fine Arts.

Barbara's art can be found in the collections of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Medicine Hat College and numerous private collections in Western Canada and the United States.

Reclaiming the female images as sacred in our society is a frontier that cannot be forged enough. Through collaboration with other people in her community, Barbara's art expands beyond her own personal experience to the collective social ritual that honors all aspects of the creative process. Each creation is a relational journey between artist, the subject/co-creator, the surface/landscape/mindscape and the drawing medium. She continually works toward freeing the human form from the colonizing effects of the artist's ego.

Barbara is the Co-founder of The Centre Gallery, a non-profit women's focus gallery and Centre in Calgary.

The Centre Gallery, 2nd floor, 924 6th Avenue SW, will feature an exhibition of Barbara's work in the 'Etc. Room' from September 6th to October 3rd, 1999. Barbara will be present at the gallery during Art Walk from September 17th to 19th, 1999.

Barbara is currently living in Vancouver, working on her next collaborative art project with musician/writer Pauline Le Bel, which will be coming to The Centre Gallery in April 2000.

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