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TIDEWATER ART GALLERY

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Fragmentation and Abstract Expression
Art exhibition by Helen Betz

The Tidewater Art Gallery will be presenting, *Fragmentation and Abstract Expression*, a new exhibition from January 13th through February 29th. The exhibition will feature monoprint paintings by local artist Helen Betz. Each monoprint is a singly produced original and printed on one hundred percent Cotton Rag with vivid chromatic pigments.

“I want my work to represent more than to repeat what I see. My work has to reach above that; it has to create images that become symbols for meaning and are therefore provocative. The work is either serious or whimsical.”

“I work in acrylic, prisma color, pen and ink, collage, photography, mixed media, balsa, plexiglas and stainless steel.”

Helen’s intention through these fragmented works is to communicate a person in multiple images. I use the term Fragmentation which is quite the opposite of Cubism which is the study of an image dissected and reorganized on the surface so as to see the images’ parts in an orderly fashion.

An artist reception will be held Friday, January 13, 2012 from 5:30-7:30. The exhibition will be open for free to the public on the 1st and 2nd floors at the San Joaquin County Administration Building, 44 North San Joaquin Street from January through February 2012.

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The Tidewater Art Center & Gallery, is an artists' collaborative. For further information about the upcoming exhibits, the upcoming Souper Supper event, artists, or special events, contact tidewaterartgallery@yahoo.com or call 209-986-0979 or contact the Gallery's Manager, Patricia Jordan Rutan, at 209-684-2199. Please visit our website at www.tidewaterart.com

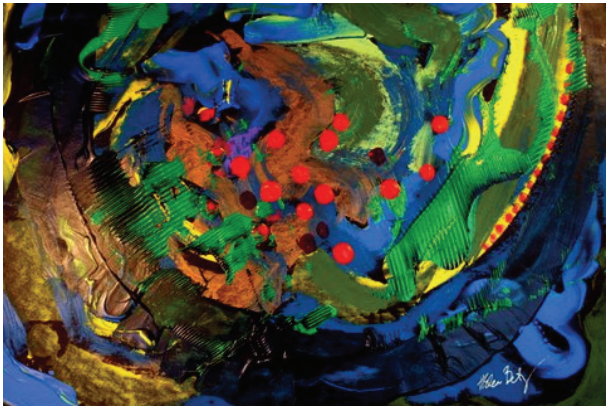
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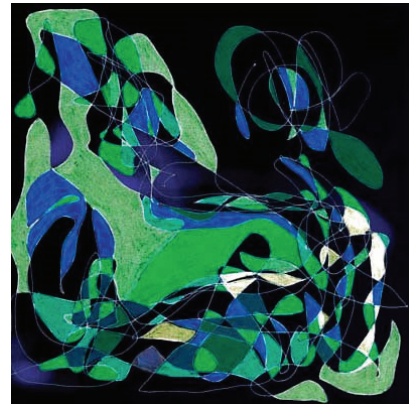
Sweet Blue #2



Welcome to My Heart



Bowl of Cherries



Reclining Clown