

PRESENTATION HOUSE

A CENTRE FOR THE PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS

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PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY

The complexities of personal, ancestral, collective memories, and how we employ these to cope with the seemingly unfathomable notions of time and space, are of concern to many artists. Six of them have been brought together in an exhibition called PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY, opening at PRESENTATION HOUSE GALLERY on the evening of January 12th and running to February 26th.

The exhibition was originally organized by Rod Slemmons at the Seattle Art Museum. It includes the work of MARIAN PENNER BANCROFT, Vancouver; JAKE SENIUK, LEWIS DESOTO and RANDY GRAGG from Seattle, Washington; and CHRISTOPHER RAUSCHENBERG and CYNTHIA GANO from Portland, Oregon. In quite divergent ways, all six artists are using photographic retrieval systems as a way of understanding why things are as they seem.

Lewis deSoto's "Tahualtapa Project", for instance, documents a sacred mountain in southern California which was mined for cement. His large cross configuration of images records the cement's use in sidewalks and roads within a 20 mile radius of the mountain. His interest is in how, if at all, this previously site-specific ancestral power has altered. And in the nature of that original abstraction. In contrast, Penner Bancroft's search has more to do with an internal inquiry through personal history.

The exhibition is accompanied by a folder catalogue produced by the Seattle Art Museum, with reproductions and an essay by Rod Slemmons. It will open on the evening of January 12th (8 to 10pm), with a number of the artists present. This is open to the public and free of charge.

The project is supported in Vancouver by the Canada Council.

Exhibition dates: January 13 - February 26

Opening Reception: January 12, 8 - 10pm

Music in the Gallery: February 12, 8 pm. With the Pro

(tickets: Nova String Quartet, and soloist

call 986-1351) Brian G'Ffroer, french horn.

Music by Bartok, Mozart, Westerkamp.

Gallery Hours: Wed-Sun, 12-5pm; Thurs, 12-9pm.