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Pat Lenz: Nobody's Poodle

June 19 – September 11, 2011

Member Opening June 18, 11-1 PM

The large scale sculpture *Nobody's Poodle* by Healdsburg artist Pat Lenz will be on exhibit from June 18 to September 11, 2011. Lenz describes *Nobody's Poodle* as an idol who embraces her femininity while exuding power and control; a force for peace and non-violence whose weapon is perfume emitted from a grenade-shaped atomizer. Lenz says, "When I began this project there were wars and genocides raging all over the globe fueled by testosterone-filled, power-hungry despots without compassion for people or nature. The world has not changed. I envisioned a new icon: a goddess, a heroine, the embodiment everything positive, life giving, and life sustaining." There is also a video documenting the creation of the sculpture, the mold, and the casts.

Concurrently, there is a multimedia installation of the 7' x 8' x 3' fiberglass and stainless steel sculpture at SlaughterhouseSpace in Healdsburg. This installation also includes: the 5-minute single-channel video *Untitled*, the perfume F*I*F*I* named after the alias for *Nobody's Poodle*, and five smaller sculptures, each representing one of the elements of the perfume: the Milk of Human Kindness, the Rose of Peace, the Sea of Tranquility, Mother Earth, Mother Nature.

Lenz studied art at Sarah Lawrence Academy and did her graduate work at Columbia University. She is designer and co-owner of Duchamp Hotel in Healdsburg and co-owner of Duchamp Estate Winery in Healdsburg. Lenz also runs SlaughterhouseSpace, an exhibition and program space for art annexed to Duchamp Winery.

Additional Programs:

Saturday, June 25, 4-7 PM

Special Opening Reception at SlaughterhouseSpace with sound artist Hugh Livingston.

www.slaughterhousespace.com located at 280 Chiquita Road, Healdsburg

Tel: 707.431.1514

Thursday, July 28, 6 PM

Meet the Artist: Pat Lenz Gallery Talk at Sonoma County Museum.

Also at SlaughterhouseSpace June 19 – September 11:

Hugh Livingston's interactive installations of sound and video drawn from the Russian River. Livingston was the 2010/2011 inaugural resident at the Chalk Hill Artists Residency program located in Healdsburg on the Russian River.

About Sonoma County Museum:

Founded in 1985, the Sonoma County Museum is the region's only art and history museum with a collection of over 20,000 objects.

Through the preservation of collections and the presentation of exhibitions and programs, the Museum attracts more than 28,000 people annually. As its flagship program, the Museum & Schools Program is ongoing throughout the school calendar year and provides students and teachers with free/subsidized bussing, guided tours of the museum, hands-on materials for additional learning, and free Educator Guides for teachers – following CA State Content Standards.

Hours:

Tuesday – Sunday, 11am -5pm, Closed Major Holidays

Admission:

\$5 general, \$2 for students & seniors

Location:

425 7th Street
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Website:

www.sonomacountymuseum.org

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