



Stellar drawings showcased at Shattuck this month

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Courtesy of the artist "Greenland #3," a pastel by Zaria Forman, is part of the May show at Dedee Shattuck Gallery.

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Dedee Shattuck Gallery is offering an exhibit of works by Huguette May, Sandra Allen and Zaria Forman.

This month's offering is a drawing exhibition of breathtaking proportions. Considerations of scale, detail and close attention to form unite the work of these three artists, but the variation in their choice of subject and individual rendering styles create the characteristic dialogue of the exhibit as a whole.

Huguette May is well known for her massive charcoal pencil drawings of knotted ropes. In this exhibition, she uses the same medium to muse over the intricacies of wasps' nests. Texture and form are brought into focus through May's delicate and thorough exploration, inviting the viewer to pore over the complexity of these structures that eludes the eye in everyday life. In addition, the gallery is exhibiting some of May's latest works that include experimentation with photography and collage.

Allen's focus is on natural elements including the bark of trees. The show includes one of her super-sized drawings, titled "Ballast," a high-contrast rendering of a portion of a tree trunk. The multiple levels of scale on which Allen is able to create intrigue are staggering, and engage the viewer in a complex network of detail.

Forman's work is illustrative of her observations in magnificent Greenland. She realizes atmosphere, ocean, land, and ice in terms of pastel. Highlights of her drawings include the integration of the elements effortlessly blending into one another and the emphasis on undulating forms that border on abstraction.

An artist reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, and the exhibition continues through May 28. All events are free and public.

Dedee Shattuck Gallery is at 1 Partners Lane, off 865 Main Road in Westport. The gallery is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit www.dedeeshattuckgallery.com.

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