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Artist shows 'Gratitude'





“Green Yellow” by Joan Gold (Black Faun Gallery — Submitted)

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The Black Faun Gallery will present “Gratitude,” featuring mixed media works by Joan Gold, from Nov. 3 to 24.

An Arts Alive! opening takes place Nov. 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. Music will be provided by violinist Holly MacDonnell and cellist Mark Creaghe. An artist talk with Gold will be held on Nov. 10 at 4 p.m.

Excited patterns, intricate details and, most importantly, the expression of color are striking elements of Gold's work. In the tradition of Abstract-Expressionists such as Mark Rothko, broad swatches of color draw on the emotions and experiences of a long life. At first a somber retrospective, "Gratitude" evolved into a celebration. As this show developed, so too did Gold's concept.

"I had originally thought of this exhibition as a memorial to my life. I am edging towards my 85th birthday and am well aware that this is the last chapter, however long it may last," she said. "There have been many ups and many downs and I am thankful for it all. So, instead of 'Memorial,' the title I chose at first, I have named this exhibition 'Gratitude.'"

Gold's reputation spans continents. In 1955, she was awarded a U. S. State Department fellowship to paint and study in Venezuela where she remained for 24 years. She has received multiple awards for her work as an educator as well as an artist. In 1990, Joan received a Yaddo Fellowship in Saratoga Springs, New York. Other honors have included two Victor Jacoby Awards, the Beverly Faben Artist Grant, the Ingrid Nickelsen Trust: Grant for Women Artists and, most recently, a grant from the Pollock-Krasner Foundation.

Gold's work is represented in public, corporate and private collections, including those of G.E. Corporation, Continental Cablevision, Massachusetts General Hospital, U.S. Air, the U.S. Embassy in Uganda, the Morris Graves Museum of Art and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Two of her paintings are included in the private collection of Bill and Melinda Gates. She has lived and worked in Humboldt County since 1979.

The Black Faun Gallery is located at the corner of 2nd and G streets in Eureka. More information about Black Faun exhibits and artists is available at <http://blackfaunart.com> or by contacting the gallery at contact@blackfaunart.com or 707-798-6207.



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