



Village Library Art Gallery

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Jeanette Martone

“Faces From The Mountains”

June 29 to July 27, 2009

Reception: Saturday, July 11, 2:00-4:30 pm

Jeanette has visited and volunteered in developing areas, most often the Dominican Republic. Projects to assist the local community in which she has participated, have included house, school, and church building, and the refurbishment of a health clinic. Experiences there have contributed to the evolution of her art.

Humanity's common linkage, the fragility of our cultures, and the vulnerability of those living the barest existence, teetering on the edge of life combine to inspire the foundation of her work. As she depicts her subjects, they are captured in a moment of time, revealing their inner grace and the beauty that can be found in the infinite details of their environment; the sun cracked earth, the drape of tired fabric, and the detritus of struggle.

By limiting color and emphasizing texture in her pencil drawings, the viewer's attention is focused on the essential elements. Complex images are formed that are reminiscent of the protoplasmic origins of life we share. The simplicity and purity of pencil and paper lend an immediacy and intimacy to the work. By creating an interconnectedness between subject and viewer, it opens up unfamiliar emotions, introspective questioning, and the search for answers.

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