

October 12, 2009

Special Announcement: MTS Gallery Third Friday Show!

VIRTUAL SUBSISTENCE

A thematic group exhibition of Alaska Native artists that addresses personal 'resource development' in all media.

October 16th – November 14th

MTS Gallery

Mountain View, Alaska

Mts.wordpress.com

Curated by Gretchen Sagan

Literary Art curated by Joan Kane

Performance Art by Allison Warden

**Opening Reception: Friday, October 16, 2009
from 5:30 – 7:30pm**

Catering by Tap Root Café

Music by Reverse Retro

On view October 16th – Nov 14th, 2009

Gallery Hours: Saturdays and Sundays, noon – 4pm

First Friday Performance/Heritage Month Kickoff:

November 6th, 7-9pm

MTS Gallery and the curators are proud to usher in the fall with the group show **Virtual Subsistence**. It features the work of the most diverse and talented selection of Alaska Native artists working in traditional and contemporary media.

Theme: Virtual Subsistence provides a forum for contemporary Alaska Native artists, writers and performers to articulate and exchange ideas about modern-day subsistence – the issue of remaining in existence – and its role in the context of our lives, work, and identities.

Our attitudes towards subsistence reflect our diversity of experience, multiplicity of voices and our chosen forms of expression. Subsistence in general is a means of surviving; traditional subsistence remains an intrinsic part of life for many Alaska Native people and is an essential characteristic of our existence. In recent literal terms, *virtual* is defined as that which is 'not real' but displays the full qualities of the real, in a plainly actual way. An example may be a reflection in a pool of water. The reflection is there, whether or not one can see it. It is not waiting for any kind of actualization.

This definition allows one to understand that real effects may be issued from a virtual object, so that our perception of it and our whole relation to it are fully real, even if it is not.

Participating Artists:

Aakatchaq

Lena Amason-Berns

Fred Anderson

Kathleen Carlo

Francine Chiklak

Perry Eaton

Priscilla Hensley

Holly Nordlum

Sonya Kelliher-Combs

Elizabeth Medicine-Crow

Ryan Olson

Larry McNeil

Paula Rasmus-Dede

Gretchen Sagan

Joe Senungetuk

Tanis S'eiltin

Susie Silook

And others...

Literary Artists

Donna Elliott Bach

Diane Benson

Rainey Higbee

Torin Jacobs/River Flowz

Joan Kane

Trina Landlord

Princess Lucaj

Rita Marshall

Buffy McKay

dg okpik

Ryan Olson

Cathy Rexford

Susie Silook

**For more information
virtualsubsistence.com and
mtsgallery.wordpress.com**