

Southern Vermont Arts Center
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Sabra Field - Vermont Artist, World Vision at Southern Vermont Arts Center

Manchester – The Southern Vermont Arts Center opens its eleventh season of the Elizabeth de C. Wilson Museum on Saturday, July 23, with an exciting exhibition of works from the Vermont artist of distinction, Sabra Field. The show, entitled *Sabra Field – Vermont Artist, World Vision* contains over forty works from the nationally known printmaker.

Field's works are identified rather iconically with Vermont scenes, but her travels abroad have infused her work with both an element of exoticism as well as familiarity. Works such as "Lake Champlain from Burlington" and "Equinox Interior" are shown in SVAC's exhibition alongside works like "Val Tiberina" (a Tuscan scene) and "Atelier on the Rue Cassini" (in Paris, France.)

Several new works from the artist will be unveiled at the Arts Center's opening champagne reception from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., which is free and open to the public. The Museum shop will have copies of two of her books available as well as note cards and calendars containing images of her work.

The artist works in the ancient art of wood block printing, and is considered one of the foremost printmakers of the day. She meticulously plans and cuts the multiple blocks needed to produce a hand-pulled print. That print then becomes the prototype for transfer to a digital press, where archival inks are sprayed precisely by inkjet in the process known as "giclee," resulting in a fine art print.

An alumna of Middlebury College, Field has lived and worked in East Barnard, Vermont since 1969, and she has been recognized with many awards. She was named an Extraordinary Vermonter by Governor Kunin in 1991 and received the 1999 Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts from Governor Dean.

In 2000, Field was named a "Living Treasure" by the Shelburne Crafts School in Vermont and was one of two, including poet Galway Kinnell, to receive the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum Medal for the Arts in 2001. Vermont's bicentennial stamp for the USPS was designed by Field.

At the Arts Center opening, the artist herself will draw the winning ticket for SVAC's raffle of "Cloud Light," a framed print of one of her works. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the opening or by calling the Center at (802) 362-1405. The exhibition *Sabra Field – Vermont Artist, World Vision* is on view through October 16, 2011.

The Southern Vermont Arts Center is a non-profit educational institution whose mission is to make the visual and performing arts an integral part of the life of the community and region. Admission to the 100-acre SVAC grounds encompassing a nature trail and sculpture garden and Yester House Galleries is free. Guests can dine on Chef Mariah Macfarlane's locally-sourced fare at Café Mamie, which is open for lunch Tuesday – Saturday (11:30 am – 2:30 pm), and for dinner Thursday – Saturday (5:30 pm – 8:30 pm). Reservations are suggested and can be made by calling (802) 366-8298. Further information about the Arts center is available by calling (802) 362-1405, or visit the website at www.svac.org.

