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ART ABOUNDS IN BOOKS AND FIGURES
CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP EXHIBITION FEATURES
NEW ENGLAND GUILD OF BOOK WORKERS AND SHIRLEY BININ

New Haven, CT – Creative Arts Workshop presents two exhibitions by the New England Guild of Book Workers and solo artist Shirley Binin in the Hilles Gallery at 80 Audubon St., New Haven from September 18th through October 30th. A dual opening reception will be held Friday September 25th from 6 - 8pm. The Hilles Gallery is free and open to the public Monday-Friday from 9am to 7pm and Saturdays from 9am to noon. WSHU Public Radio Group is the 2015-2016 media sponsor for the Hilles Gallery.

The first floor of the Hilles Gallery plays host to The New England Guild of Book Workers' traveling show entitled, *Geographies*. Daniel Fitzmaurice, Executive Director, remarks, "We are thrilled to be the last stop for this exhibition, which began last March at the Rhode Island School of Design and visited all six New England states. Twenty-six book artisans offer their unique interpretation of the theme *New England*, and the results are entrancing, witty, and just beautiful!" Representatives from the organization--Todd Pattison, Chair, and Erin Fletcher, Program Co-Coordinator--as well as Paulette Rosen, Head of CAW's Book Arts Department, will speak briefly at 7pm.

On the second floor visitors will be surrounded by the vibrant works of Stamford artist Shirley Binin in an exhibition called *Figures and Paper*. Binin, a charter member of the Stamford Art Association, has been producing art in various media for over 50 years. "I'm very excited to be showing a retrospective of my work at Creative Arts Workshop," says Binin of her first New Haven gallery show. "The pieces [here] are mostly comprised of hand-made paper and gouache, and the subjects are mostly human figures, along with several abstract compositions."

The opening reception follows CAW's Annual Meeting from 5 - 6pm and will also feature the artwork for their online only Pop-Up Auction, which starts that morning at 8am and concludes on Monday, September 28 at 8pm.

For more information visit CreativeArtsWorkshop.org.

ABOUT CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP

Creative Arts Workshop is a non-profit community art center and the largest community arts school in Connecticut. Devoted to fostering creativity through participation in and appreciation of the visual arts, CAW has been serving the Greater New Haven area and beyond since 1961. CAW is supported by its membership, tuition fees, donors, sponsors, arts-related fundraising events, and a dedicated group of

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