



NEVA MIKULICZ

ARTIST STATEMENT

When looking through old photographs I notice that they fall into categories: people and their cars, people and their dogs, etc. One of the more popular categories is that of pretty girls and sometimes not so pretty girls. I feel that these woman stare longingly back at me as if wishing to not be forgotten in time. Therefore, in order to prevent them from disappearing altogether, I bring them to life again through my art.

With a little retouching, some spotlighting and a lot of story-telling, these women are reanimated from the Americana past world they once lived in. As these women can now come alive in the present, I portray myself in the past as the inanimate babe. A World War II B-17 bomber, *Neva, The Silver Lady*, caught my eye in the midst of my "nose art" research. Immediately identifying with this plane, I couldn't help but to include her in *They All Wore Pearls*.

EDUCATION

- 1979 M.F.A. Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
- 1976 B.F.A. Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus Ohio

COLLECTIONS

Martin Museum of Art, Baylor University, Houston, Texas Norman R. Eppind Art Gallery, Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas Visual Arts Center Gallery, Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 1994 *Mid-America Arts Alliance/National Endowment of the Arts Fellowship Award*, Mid-America Arts Alliance, Kansas City, Missouri
- 1994 *37th Annual Chautaugua National Exhibition of American Art*, Chautaugua, New York-Cash Award
- 1992 *35th Annual Chautaugua National Exhibition of American Art*, Chautaugua, New York-Cash Award
- 1987 *Kansas 12th National Small Painting, Drawing and Print Exhibition*, Hays, Kansas-Purchase Award
- 1987 *Texas Realism 1987*, Austin, Texas-Touring Citation
- 1987 21st Bradley National Print and Drawing Exhibition, Peoria, Illinois-Purchase Award
- 1984 30th Annual Ball State Drawing and Small Sculpture Show, Muncie, Indiana-Purchase Award
- 1982 *6th Annual National Drawing Exhibition*, Emporia, Kansas-Purchase Award
- 1982 *28th Annual Ball State Drawing and Small Sculpture Show*, Muncie, Indiana-Cash Award
- 1981 *27th Annual Ball State Drawing and Small Sculpture Show*, Muncie, Indiana-Purchase Award

EXHIBITIONS

- 2012 *They All Wore Pearls*, Anya Tish Gallery, Houston, TX

- 2011 *Summer Vacation*, Group Show, Williams Tower, Houston, TX
- 2011 *Texas Drops Off Some Cloth*, Group show of Texas artists, Modern Art Museum of Trujillo - Peru
- 2009 *Texas Twang*, Group show of Texas artist, Shift Studio, Seattle, WA
- 2009 *Retro Ride*, Anya Tish Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 2008 *Assistance League of Houston – Celebrates Texas Art*, Williams Tower, Houston, Texas
- 2007 *Camp Marfa*, Fort Russell, Marfa, Texas
- 2006 *A Blast from the Past and other Drawings*, Anya Tish Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 2006 *Houston Contemporary*, Shanghai Art Museum, Shanghai, China
- 2006 *Clean Slate*, G gallery, Houston, Texas
- 2005 *Toy Story*, Anya Tish Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 2005 *By Any Means: Works from the National Drawing Invitational*, Mid-American Arts Alliance, Kansas City, Missouri 2005 *eleven @ forty-four eleven*, Anya Tish Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 2005 *About Face*, William's Tower, Houston, Texas
- 2004 *Line –up: A Drawing Show*, 101 Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 2003 *Texas National 2003 Exhibition*, Nacogdoches, Texas
- 2003 *Happy Nude Year*, Anya Tish Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 2002 *ABC*, (Solo), Anya Tish Gallery, Houston, Texas (drawings and animation, catalog)
- 2001 *Happy Nude Year*, Anya Tish Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1998 *Dark Shadows*, Anya Tish Gallery, Houston, Texas (solo)
- 1997 *Drawings*, Angelina College, Lufkin, Texas (solo)
- 1996 *Recent Drawings*, University of Houston-Clear Lake, Houston, Texas (solo)
- 1995 *Drawings*, Charleston Heights Arts Center Gallery, Las Vegas, Nevada (solo)
- 1995 *Recent Drawings*, University of Houston-Downtown, Houston, Texas (solo)
- 1995 *Recent Drawings*, Baylor University, Waco, Texas (solo)
- 1990 *Two-Person Exhibition*, Baylor University, Waco, Texas
- 1989 *Contemporary American Drawing*, Traveling Exhibition, Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas
- 1988 *Three Person Show*, Goethe Institute Houston German Cultural Center, Houston, Texas
- 1983 *Synergy 83*, the Glassell School of Art, Houston, Texas
- 1982 *Drawings*, University of Houston-Clear Lake, Houston, Texas (solo)