

For Immediate Release

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Re: **Two Summer Shows at the Museum of Friends in Walsenburg**, opening July 4, 4 to 8 pm:
Mary Frances Judge's One-Person Exhibition ***Spiritual Light***
Richard Mock's One-Person Exhibition ***Spiritual Life***

Please join us on July 4th to bring in the summer months with art, music, food and conversation from 4 to 8 pm at the Museum of Friends in Downtown, Walsenburg.

Mary Frances Judge's exhibit ***Spiritual Light*** will be on view in the main 1st floor galleries. She is an artist who has created many paintings over the last fifty years. Born in Minneapolis, MN, Mary Frances Judge became an Ursuline nun in 1958. As a nun, Mary Frances Judge gained qualities that were essential to being an artist: the capacity to live minimally; the ability to make a commitment and stick to it; and the capacity to devote herself to larger issues bigger than herself. She found inspiration while traveling Italy and lived for over thirty year in New York City as a practicing artist. Mary Frances Judge will be in attendance for the opening on July 4th from 4 to 8 pm, please come out and welcome her.

Richard Mock's exhibit ***Spiritual Life*** will be on view at MoF on the 2nd floor. Richard Mock (1944 to July 28, 2006) was a printmaker, painter, sculptor, muralist and editorial cartoonist. Mock was best known for his linocut illustrations that appeared on the Op-Ed page of the New York Times and from 1980 through 1996. The works on view at MoF have been donated by his sister Bonnie Mock and husband Anthony Turr and represent the later part of Richard's life.

Richard Mock was born in Long Beach, California in 1944. Mock earned his bachelor's degree, studying lithography and block printing at the University of Michigan. Settling in New York City in 1968, Mock had exhibitions at 112 Greene Street, the Whitney Museum, Exit Art and before his death at the Sideshow Gallery in RedHook, Brooklyn. Mock's paintings, prints, drawings and small sculptures are on view at the Museum of Friends as he was a dear friend to both founders. Mock was named the official portrait painter of the 1980 Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, New York.

Public Programs in July:

Saturday July 6th, *Artist Talk on Art* Mary Frances Judge will lead a discussion and tour of her paintings on view *Spiritual Light*. The program will be introduced by Steven Montgomery her longtime friend and colleague. He is an award-winning documentary filmmaker shown at the Museum of Modern Art in NY and many venues. (light refreshments will be served)

Saturday July 27, Mary Frances Judge in films. A variety of films that explore the art of Mary Frances Judge will be shown, followed by a tour of the exhibit and a discussion.

Public Programs in August:

August 2nd Friday beginning at 2 pm (RMST) (Richard Mock's Birthday)

Reminiscences of Friendship online panel discussion from Red Hook Brooklyn a discussion of Richard Mock's friendships and his contributions to the development of community with Scott Pfaffman, The Wall Gallery, Florence Neal, Kentler International Drawing Space with Brendt Berger, in Walsenburg at MoF.

August 17th Saturday beginning at 2 pm (refreshments will be served)

Does Art Heal? Art Making and Mental Health panel discussion, led by Maria Cocchiarelli with Mental Health Practitioners and Experts

Dr. William Beverly, Terry Patrick and practicing artists and mental health professionals.

September 7, Saturday beginning at 2 pm (refreshments will be served)

Art and Politics a walking tour of Richard Mock's Political illustrations in the Museum of Friends Permanent Collection. A group discussion follows to discuss current scenarios that would make good political illustrations and get Mock's fancy.

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Williamsburg Brooklyn direct line to Walsenburg Colorado - Artists on the Fringe a virtual discussion with Williamsburg artists Tata and Thua and Walsenburg's Lika Shubitdize and Archil Greghechkori casually discuss the struggles and benefits of being an artist in today's society in the USA. All four are from the Country of Georgia and practice visual and music disciplines that explore issues of identity and sexuality.

School Tour Program September through the school year:

Discipline-based child centered art education, K-12, Tuesdays and Thursdays,

Call for pre-visit info and suggested fees.