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MBAG exhibits feature faculty paintings

Oakland University's **Meadow Brook Art Gallery** will host two exhibitions of paintings by OU faculty members. "Transitions in Time" by Lynn Galbreath, lecturer in art and art history, and "Rituals" by Sally Schluter Tardella, lecturer in art and art history, will run from November 17 to December 23. Admission to the gallery is free and open to OU students, faculty, staff and the public.

Galbreath's disquieting paintings reveal, in frenetic layers, the juxtaposition of disparate, unsettling images. Her chief preoccupation is with the reconciliation of the sacred and profane. However, her work traverses a line between veneration and mockery. At times her phobic working of form and space intimates at travesty rather than reverence, revealing an ambivalent, perplexed regard and disdain for the familiar and ritualistic objects that comprise her work.

Schluter Tardella's paintings are variations. Her dominant fixation lies in the formal enactment implicit in the rendering of emblematic object/ground relationships, but this is possibly a diversion, because the subversive relation of her work, which lies underneath the aesthetics of drawing and surface, is a sense of trepidation about the transient nature of life. Her figures are substantive and corporeal; they may face us with physical assurance but they are betrayed by palpable susceptibility, emitting a suspicion that the fleeting rituals of the living are brief and tenuous.

An opening reception for both exhibitions will be held on November 17 from 6-9 p.m. The artists will also speak about their works – Galbreath on Tuesday, November 27, 2001 at 5 p.m. and Schluter Tardella on Tuesday, December 4, 2001 at 5 p.m.

For more information, visit the **Meadow Brook Art Galley** Web site, or contact them at (248) 370-3005/3006.

SUMMARY

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