



Cynthia J. Coulter

January 16, 1951 - April 20, 2013

Cynthia J. Coulter, an accomplished artist whose work with found objects has been widely exhibited and acclaimed throughout the United States, died on April 20 at the Columbia Memorial Hospital in Hudson. Influenced by American folk art objects, outsider art, and ancient scrollwork, Ms. Coulter explored materials with "past lives." She is perhaps best known for her work with Indian canoe skins, which she transformed into large horizontal or vertical murals that were collaged with provocative, visually narrative elements. Coulter said she first discovered the canvas canoe skins in 1984 when she attended an old wooden boat show in Chicago and asked a canoe skin worker to send her those he no longer could use. Her origins in Oklahoma and living in New York's Chinatown and Hong Kong also offered her sources of inspiration.

Coulter exhibited widely throughout the United States and has been reviewed by the New York Times and other major publications. She was the recipient of grants from the New York Foundation for the Arts, the Eben Demarest Trust, and the Pollock-Krasner Foundation, to name a few, and she also received numerous awards, including the New York Foundation for the Arts "Featured Artist" and the 2000 Artist of the Mohawk-Hudson Region Juried Exhibition. She lived in Columbia County for many years, and she was currently represented by BCB Art in Hudson.

Ms. Coulter is survived by her father, George W. Coulter of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; her brother, Timothy G. Coulter of Los Angeles, California, and her childhood friend, Phyllis Montavon of Las Vegas, Nevada. Memorial services for Ms. Coulter will be announced at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ I was so sad to see this notice in the Daily Oklahoman. I was Cindy's teacher when she was on the yearbook staff at John Marshall High School in 1968 & 1969. She always had a smile and was a joy to teach. My deepest sympathy to her friends and family.
Louanne (Ward) Trueblood

Louanne Trueblood - May 13, 2013 at 08:40 PM

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“ We showed Cindy's work at TSL/Time & Space Limited here in Hudson, NY when Cindy first moved into the community. We were so impressed with the "canoes" they were in the TSL gallery and many many admired her work. We send our sympathy to her friends and family. We are sad to know of her passing.

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