

## ART by the BAY WEEKEND GALLERY

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## Earth Connections MARCH 6 through APRIL 12, 2015 PRESENTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GEOGRAPHY OF HOPE CONFERENCE

Marshall, CA: "Earth Connections", an exhibition of the work of 4 local women artists at Art by the Bay Weekend Gallery in Marshall, is inspired by the literary conference, "Mapping a New Geography of Hope: Women and the Land" presented by Point Reyes Books and Black Mountain Circle. For more information about the conference, go to: http://ptreyesbooks.com/goh

"Earth Connections" will be the first exhibition of 2015 for Art by the Bay Weekend Gallery. Lorraine Almeida, exhibition curator, said, "This exhibit brings together a group of expressive abstract painters who are strong in their individuality. All four have come from different parts of the world. The focus of the exhibit will be on Hope, Women and the Land. The images manifest the artists' feelings about hope and the earth".

The artists include Susan Brayton (originally from England), Wen Shen (grew up in Taiwan), Pam Fabry (of Bolinas), and Ayumi Weissbuch (Japanese/Hawaiian). This group of artists meets regularly to paint together and deepen their creative expression in Toni Littlejohn's Wild Carrots studio. The group describes their work for this exhibition as follows, "In the belief that art conveys a sense of connection, our personal "wild excavation process" involves investigating our inner experiences through making art. We are giving expression, using mostly abstract forms, to our interior landscapes and our response to the landscapes that surround us".

"Earth Connections" will be on display from March 6 through April 12. The opening reception for the artists will be held on Sunday, March 8 from 3-5pm. The gallery will also be open on Friday, March 13, 11am-4pm, to be available for Geography of Hope conference attendees.

ART by the BAY WEEKEND GALLERY is at 18856 Highway One, in Marshall, across from Tony's Seafood. For more information, contact the gallery at (415) 663-8246 or (415) 663-1006.

-Please contact Shelley Rugg (shelleyruggarts@gmail.com) for photos of the artists and their work.-

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