

NEWS

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KQED Education Network and di Rosa Present Lecture Series with SPARK* Artists

NAPA, CA – July 15 2010. KQED and di Rosa come together again to celebrate the art and artists of the Bay Area. This summer they'll present lectures in July and September with artists from the di Rosa collection who have also been featured on KQED's popular art series *Spark*. The lectures are free for educators and di Rosa docents; \$5 for di Rosa Members; \$10 General. RSVP to Cynthia@dirosaart.org or call 707.226.5991 x27.

NED KAHN

Wednesday, July 28 at 7:00 PM

[Ned Kahn](#) is an environmental artist and sculptor, famous in particular for museum exhibits he has built for the Exploratorium in San Francisco. His works usually involve capturing an invisible aspect of nature and making it visible; examples include building facades that move in waves in response to wind and indoor tornadoes and vortices made of fog, steam, or fire. Kahn won a MacArthur Foundation "genius grant" fellowship in 2003 and the National Design Award for environmental design in 2005.



Ned Kahn, *Wind House*, 2003

In November, 2003, Ned Kahn created a site-specific sculpture for di Rosa. Entitled *Wind House*, the shimmering sculpture consists of four walls composed of thousands of small, anodized aluminum panels hinged to move freely in the wind. The piece creates the gossamer suggestion of a building, changing moment to moment. More of Kahn's weather-related works such as *Cloud Rings* are on view in the Gatehouse Gallery.

CATHERINE WAGNER

Wednesday, September 15 at 7:00 PM

[Catherine Wagner](#) is an artist who photographs the backdrop of our lives, from detailed black and white images of microscopic cell structures to our architectural environment. Most recently, Wagner has concentrated her work on ideas relating to the intersection of Art and Science. She has received many major awards, including the inaugural Visual Arts Fellowship from the San Jose Museum of Art, a Guggenheim Fellowship, NEA Fellowships, and the Ferguson Award.

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Wagner's photographs have served to record the world around us in ways that make the ordinary suddenly appear infused with mystery and wonder. Among her photographs in the di Rosa collection is an image of a 7th grade science classroom devoid of human figures, that focuses instead on the conscious and unconscious details of public spaces that most reveal aspects of those who dwell within them.



Catherine Wagner, 7th Grade Science Classroom
Moss Landing Elementary School, 1984

ABOUT THE DI ROSA

Located on 217 extraordinarily beautiful acres in the Carneros Region of southern Napa Valley, di Rosa is a place that provokes the imagination and artistic spirit of our time in an extraordinary landscape through celebration of the art and artists of the Bay Area. The renowned di Rosa collection covers more than half a century of work from many noted and distinguished artists, attracting thousands of visitors annually for exhibitions, tours, lectures, and family events. Learn more at www.dirosaart.org.

ABOUT KQED EDUCATION NETWORK

KQED Education Network engages with community and educational organizations to broaden and deepen the impact of KQED media to effect positive change. Through parent education and professional development workshops, public screenings, multimedia resources, and special events, Education Network reaches more than 200,000 Bay Area residents a year and serves people of all ages, with a particular emphasis on reaching underserved communities. Learn more about its three unique services, Early Learning, Educational Services, and Community Engagement, at www.kqed.org/ednet.

CURRENT EXHIBITION:

Deborah Oropallo: POMP

June 26th to September 18th, 2010

GATEHOUSE GALLERY HOURS: *Wednesday – Friday, 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Call 707-226-5991 x 25 or visit www.dirosaart.org for information about tours at di Rosa.*

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