

New art at North Shore galleries

The Open Studio Project, Gallery 901, 901 Sherman Ave., Evanston, is exhibiting Evanston psychotherapist/artist Janice

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Fleckman's tribute to her late mother — and other mothers.

"I created art that celebrated her and told a story of her early life as a lieutenant nurse in the Army during World War II," Fleckman says. "Because she was a quiet, private woman who had Alzheimer's later in her life, I felt I didn't know her well enough. In the process of creating the art, I learned more about her and felt a greater connection with her, healing some of the loss."

With a grant from the Evanston Arts Council, Fleckman created the program "Honoring Our Lost Mothers: Connecting and Reconnecting," including a workshop to help people who have lost their mothers create art about them.

"In the second part of the project, I capture and combine the stories of the participants into paintings that show the inspiration and connection, the diversity and universality of the stories," Fleckman says.

The show opens with a reception 6-9 p.m. Friday and runs through July 30. (847) 328-1688.

Street Level Gallery, 9 Highwood Ave., Highwood, is showcasing Scott Okin of Highland Park, who gets wordy in his familiar grid paintings, and Tracy Taylor of Chicago, whose new paintings were inspired by Super 8 rodeo videos. Through Aug. 3. (847) 432-8340

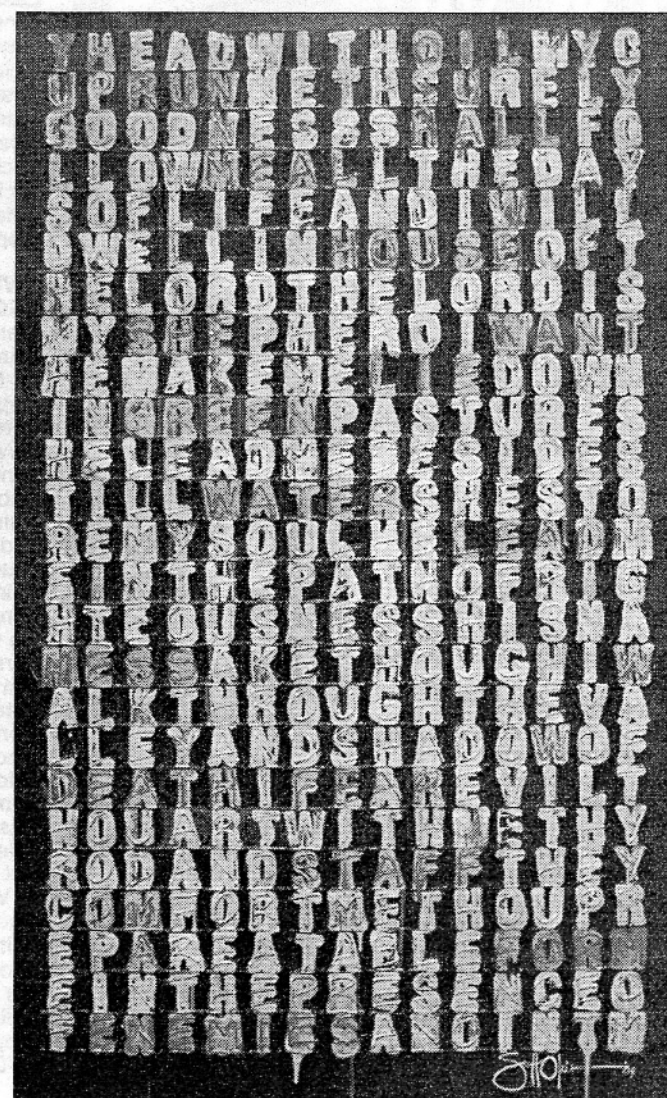
landscapes of Highland Park artist Yelena Klairmont, inspired by the love of nature she discovered in the Russian forests of her childhood.

An opening reception is 1-5 p.m. Sunday, part of City Gallery, Highland Park's four-day, citywide art party. (847) 331-7910. Linda Doyle's work is also on display.

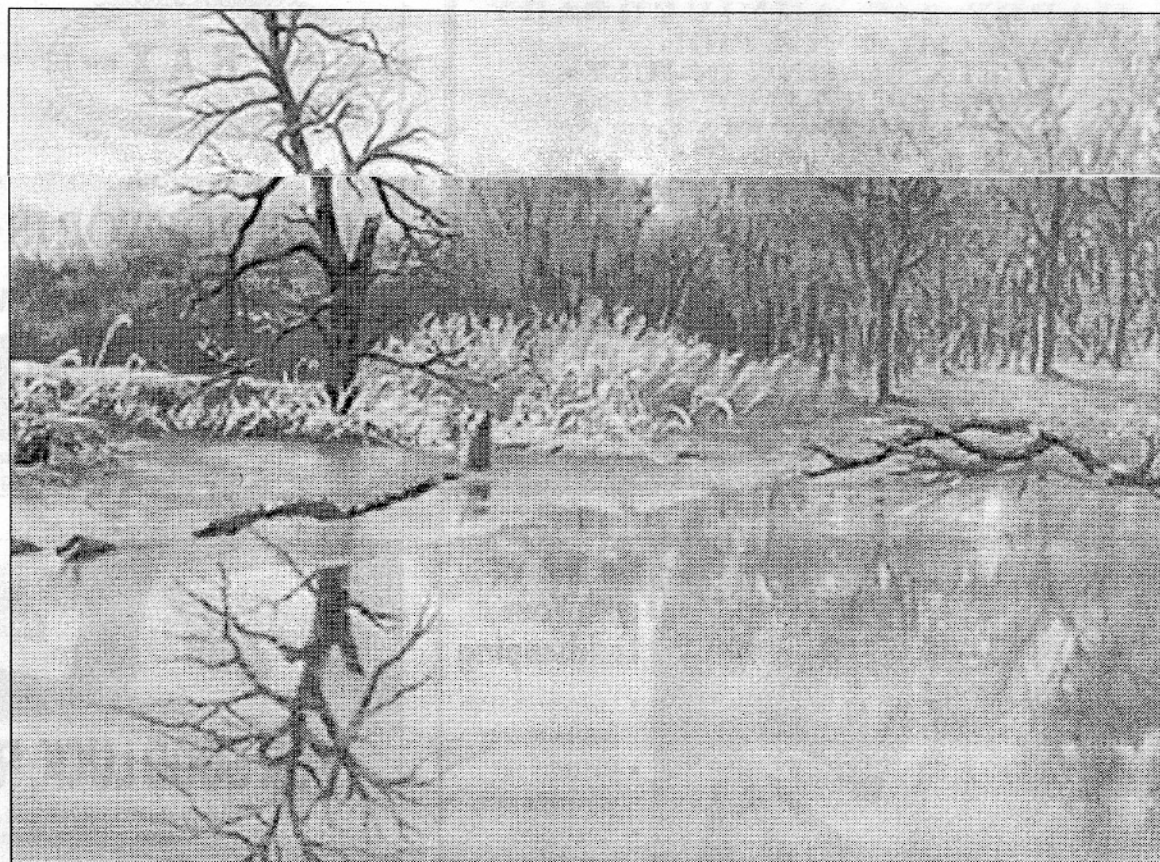
Gillock Gallery, 930 Ridge Ave., Evanston, shows the work of Marion Kryczka through July 15. According to curator Matthew Ballo, "Kryczka constructs tense tableaus that refer to a number of themes, from the persistence of time and the transience of life to the tension between mankind and nature." (847) 864-3799.



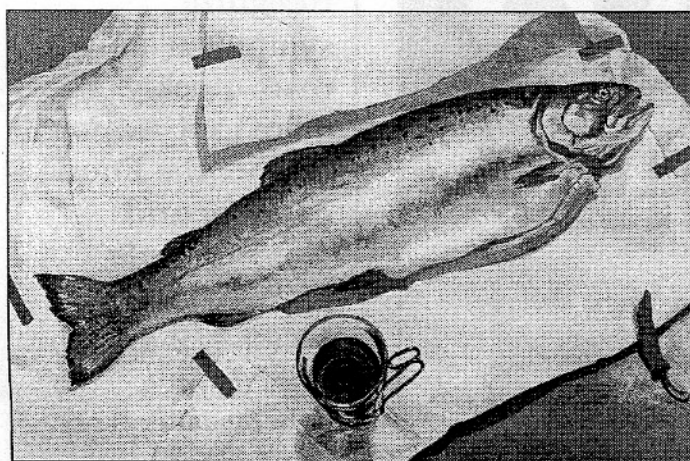
"Mexican Wedding Cookies" by Janice Fleckman at the Open Studio Project.



Scott Okin's "Psalm 23" at Street Level Gallery.



"Prairie Grass, Portage Woods" by Yelena Klairmont at Gallery 60035.



"Salmon and Tea" by Marion Kryczka at Gillock Gallery.