

DEREK ELLER GALLERY

Randy Wray

May 21 - June 22, 2002

Opening Reception: Saturday, June 1, 6 - 8 pm

Derek Eller Gallery is pleased to present new work by Randy Wray.

Randy Wray's paintings and drawings capture ambiguous sculptural masses caught between representational and abstract worlds. His suggestive forms hover in unfamiliar territory simultaneously evoking landscapes, still-lives, and figures.

Beginning with figurine-like objects that he creates using materials such as ceramic, papier-mâché, popsicle sticks, sea urchin shells, and string, Wray sets up tableaux to be photographed. Using computer diagrams generated from his photos, he recombines disparate elements to create new elaborate conglomerations.

With each progression from one medium to another, Wray distills ideas and refines his images. Whether they ultimately end up as drawings, paintings, or sculptures, these complex works develop from a unique lexicon and are all closely related. Through his experimentation with and meshing of mediums, unusual color combinations, and inscrutable forms, he explores and expands the traditions of abstraction.

This will be Wray's second solo exhibition with the gallery. Concurrent with this show, Feature Inc. will exhibit selected sculptures from the past 15 years.

Wray is the recipient of a 2002 Guggenheim Fellowship. His work has appeared in numerous shows throughout the United States and South America.

Derek Eller Gallery is located at 526 West 25th Street, 2nd floor. Hours are Tuesday - Saturday from 11am - 6pm. For further information or visuals, please contact the gallery at 212.206.6411 or derekeller@aol.com.