

PATSY KREBS

Hibernal Dreams

May 1 - May 31st, 2008

Opening Reception: May 1st, 2008
5.30 - 7.30pm

San Francisco—Patsy Krebs exhibits wood panels on which she has built up slow color gradations in imperceptible layers of gesso-based mixed media in “Hibernal Dreams,” her seventh solo show at Haines Gallery. With minute differences of color, she creates sensuous, mystical paintings using multiples of that least-sensuous central form, the rectangle. She seems to paint air with air, yet Krebs’s air leaves a veil-like mark on the surface. By building up many layers of thin color to different depths, she maintains the approximation of an organic atmosphere in which strictly demarcated geometric shapes are seamlessly integrated into the whole. The effect is mesmerizing. In these paintings, Krebs’s interests lie in the idea of energy moving to the center and in the hidden processes of winter. The images evoke memories of snowed-around holes in the ice.



A Study of Trees in Winter, IV, 2006

In *A Study of Trees in Winter, IV, 2006*, Krebs uses one repeated shape and one toned, tinted, and shaded color with such skill that the contemplative viewer can find subtle echoes of the entire history of art from Greek columns through the landscape of the sublime to color field abstraction and op art to minimalism. That the resulting image is spare and ethereal is further testimony to the success of Krebs’s paradoxical vision.

A native of northern California, Patsy Krebs spent her formative years as an artist in New York. She later lived in Los Angeles, where she earned an MFA from Claremont College in 1976 and began an exhibiting career. She has taught extensively at art institutions throughout California, most recently at Dominican University, San Rafael. She presently divides her time between northern California and southern Colorado.

Patsy Krebs’s work can be found in The Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco; Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, Florida; and San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

For further information on the artist or the works included in the exhibition please see visit www.hainesgallery.com. Images available upon request.