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Julia Shepley: OUT / IN October 6-November 7, 2010

Artist talk: Friday, October 8, 7-8 pm
Opening Reception: Saturday, October 16, 4-7 pm
First Friday Closing Reception: November 5, 5-8pm
Gallery hours: Wednesday – Sunday, 12–6 pm

Boston, MA: "OUT / IN" new sculptural works by Julia Shepley, will open at the Boston Sculptors Gallery on Wednesday October 6, and continue through Sunday November 7, 2010. There will be an artist talk on Friday, October 8, from 7-8 pm, an opening reception on October 16, from 4-7 pm, and a First Friday closing reception on November 5, from 5-8 pm. The receptions are free and open to the public.

Suspended in a defined area of the front gallery, a large-scale installation entitled *Sky Habitation* slowly revolves casting shadows. Furniture parts dissolve into carved sticks woven through transparent and wooden discs. The parts interact, overlap and cast shadows on the floor and walls to suggest a fusion of sky, trees and human presence.

A series of framed relief drawings, included in the exhibition, are working drawings made in conjunction with the installation, *Sky Habitation*. Constructed of Mylar, wood and paper they illustrate the artist's playful and complex process of working.

Also included is a wall of new untitled thread and glass drawings. Curved glass panels carved with marks are punctured with luminescent threaded lines that connect to a billowed sheet of drawing and shadows behind. The play of object and shadow is an extension of a similar interplay in *Sky Habitation*. The abstract imagery is inspired by collaborative work the artist is doing currently with Swedish scientist Tina Trollmo.

Shepley's exhibit will be concurrent with the exhibit "House of Words" by Caroline Bagenal. Installation images for both exhibits will be available digitally on Thursday October 7th.

Recent Exhibits of Shepley's sculpture, drawings and prints include: Tufts University Art Gallery, Medford, MA; The Danforth Museum of Art, Framingham, MA; The Gallery, Mt Ida College, Newton, MA; GASP Gallery, Brookline MA; The Bristol Art Museum A.I. R. Gallery, NYC, NY; The De Cordova Museum, Lincoln, MA; The Berkshire Museum, Pittsfield, MA; The Fitchburg Art Museum Fitchburg, MA; I.C.A. at MCA, Portland, ME; among others. Public collections include: Simmons College, Boston MA; The De Cordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, MA; Rose Art Museum, Waltham, MA; Fidelity Investments, Boston, MA; Bank of Boston, Boston, MA; Boston Public Library, Boston, MA.

Shepley is represented by the Boston Sculptors Gallery, Boston, MA; is a member of the Textile Study Group, NYC and an Alumni member of A.I.R. Gallery, NYC. Julia Shepley works out of her studio in Brickbottom Artist Studios, Somerville, MA.

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