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Women's Work: Laura Kimpton, Lisa Kokin and Nancy Youdelman, at Donna Seager Gallery

Women's Work, an exhibition of sculpture, assemblage and altered books by Laura Kimpton, Lisa Kokin and Nancy Youdelman will be on display at Donna Seager Gallery in San Rafael from September 3 –September 30, 2007. There will be a reception for the artists on Saturday, September 15 from 6 to 8pm. The public is invited to attend.

The show is aptly named, *Women's Work*, not just because the artists involved are women, but because their use of materials and media incorporates things often associated with “feminine” arts. They stitch, sew and piece their work together, using the stuff of memories, both their own and the collected mementos of others. Although they differ aesthetically, each of the artists uses materials and images in such a way as to trigger a chain reaction of associations and meanings on the part of the viewer. The works are eerily engaging and have an element of being intensely personal. Each artist uses images and associations from the past to make a poignant discourse about the present.

Laura Kimpton's work concerns itself most of all with issues of freedom. She challenges stereotypes and any efforts to constrain or pass judgment. Kimpton recycles images and memorabilia from the past in encaustic and collage to communicate to and about her culture. By using recycled materials in her work, Kimpton says she is able to start with a history and personality that helps guide where the work is going. Laura Kimpton investigates the personal and universal aspects of the self. Often employing encaustic wax to mold, paint, and encase ideas and things, Kimpton's paintings and assemblages are packed with historical markers and language. Words like "me", "you", "we" embedded in the works act not only as wordplay but also as a mantra to encourage the viewer to experience the self and its subsequent dissolution.

Donna Seager Gallery is located at 851 Fourth Street in San Rafael between Lincoln and Loutens. The gallery is open from 11 to 6, Tuesday through Saturday.