

***TWIXT TWO: LANDSCAPES BY BRUCE AND GERALDINE KIEFER***

Shenandoah Arts Council  
Kalbian-Harris Gallery  
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“Twixt Two: Landscapes by Bruce and Geraldine Kiefer,” will be on view in the Kalbian-Harris Gallery at the Shenandoah Arts Council from November 4 through December 3, 2005. Along with “Exploring Portraiture” in the Dave Holliday Gallery, “Twixt Two” will open on First Friday, November 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. However, the artists will host a special reception on Friday, November 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. Musical interludes will be provided by Shenandoah University Conservatory students Craig Schenker, flute, and Kazuma Sone, guitar.

Bruce Kiefer is a fine art photographer who, in the course of his travels, has worked with both “heroic” and intimate landscapes, from the slopes of the Swiss Alps to the mountains of Western Canada and Utah. Fluent in black-and-white, color and digital photography, he composes scenes, views and fleeting subjects with an eye for simple, yet telling detail and harmonious, restful relationships. At SAC he will be exhibiting landscapes from a June 2005 sojourn in rural Bath County, Virginia, where he participated in the Nimrod Hall Artists Program. Taken in the early morning hours when dew, mist and fog compose landscapes simple in design and dense in atmosphere, they entice the viewer to view nature as both haven and heaven.

Geraldine Kiefer’s mixed-media works are not only thematically and visually interrelated with Bruce’s photographs; they are literally drawn and mounted over them. Digital photographs by Bruce, with whom she worked at Nimrod, are the starting point for her meditations. These meditations, in turn, enrich the original scenes, bringing their latent qualities and multi-dimensionality to fruition. Gerry arranges the photographs as titled units in titled series. Transmuting meditation and arrangement into art making, she selects colored pencils that complement and heighten the palettes of the photographs. She may request that Bruce make one or more prints of a particularly striking set of images. Then, she begins to draw. The completed work is one in which fugitive lines exist in tandem with delicate shapes and trceries--in short, an ephemeral dream, betwixt the real and the imaginary, and ‘twixt two sensitive spirits

This is the Kiefers’ first joint show and they are delighted to be sharing it at SAC. The Shenandoah Arts Council is located at 811 South Loudoun Street, Winchester. Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, 11-3 on Friday and Saturday, and 1-3 on Sunday.

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