



The Drawers - Headbones Gallery

Contemporary Drawings and Works on Paper

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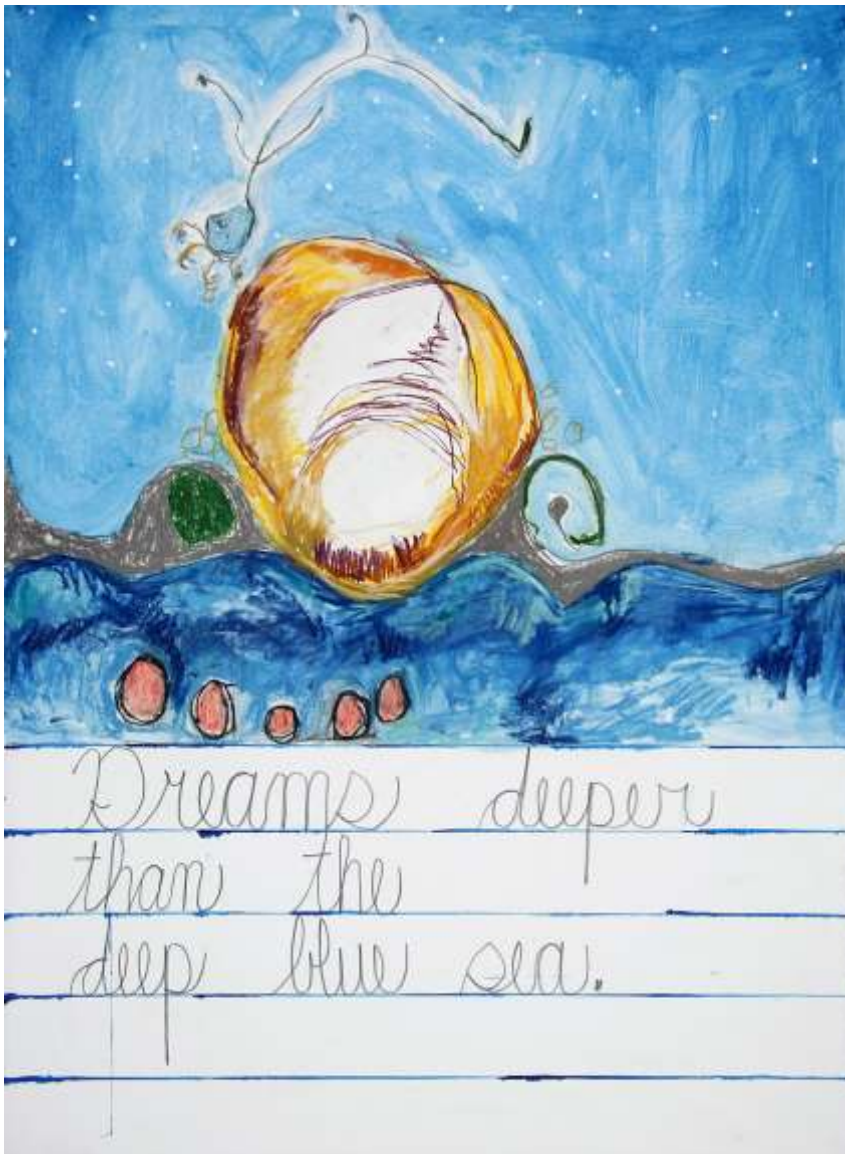
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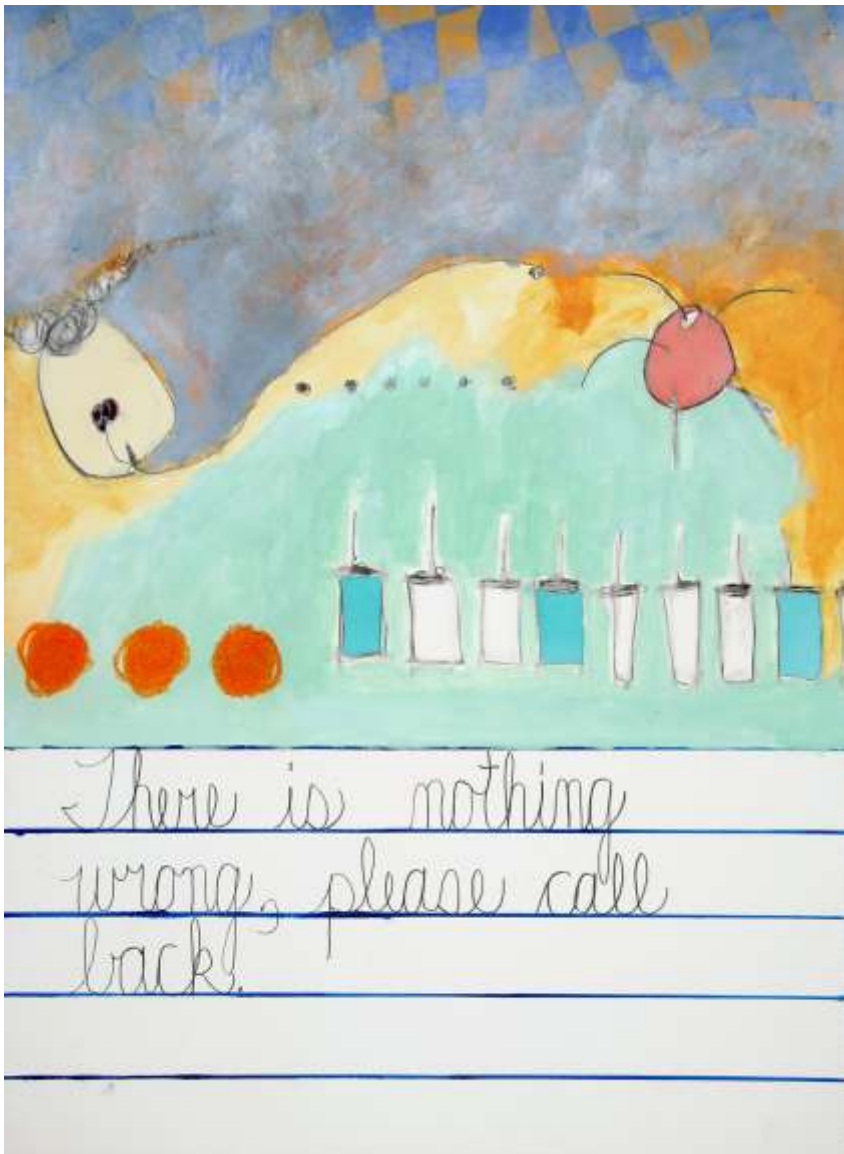
Wanda Lock's work is ethereal yet grounded, playful and lively but contained. The work is whimsical with associations to the joy of pure abstraction but there is an underlying reference. It is a feminism that is inescapable and Lock seals the hints of a maternal perspective within a determined, firm association with the realm of children when she rules half of her page as if it was a school book and writes in the cursive hand of a child. The work is associative and she has forced the association with this addition of wobbly writing. The text, with the exaggerated curves of a nascent scribe, reveal the wonder of the act of writing while at the same time demonstrating the task of having to communicate with such a laborious method. Perhaps that is why the message is more evocative than precise. The voice is difficult to pin down. Is it a child who is telling us something or is it an adult clothing more sophisticated emotions?

Interpreting the visuals is influenced by the text and with the writing being so large, it is impossible to look at the work without reading it. When "running up hill to the green green grass" is the written statement and there is a happily colored blue sky and four attempts at humanization at the bottom of what could be a hill; when there's a balloon floating and a bouncy story book expectancy - it's an abrupt detour to read the title *Searching for Casa Nova* and then realize that this is an adult who is putting out the messages.

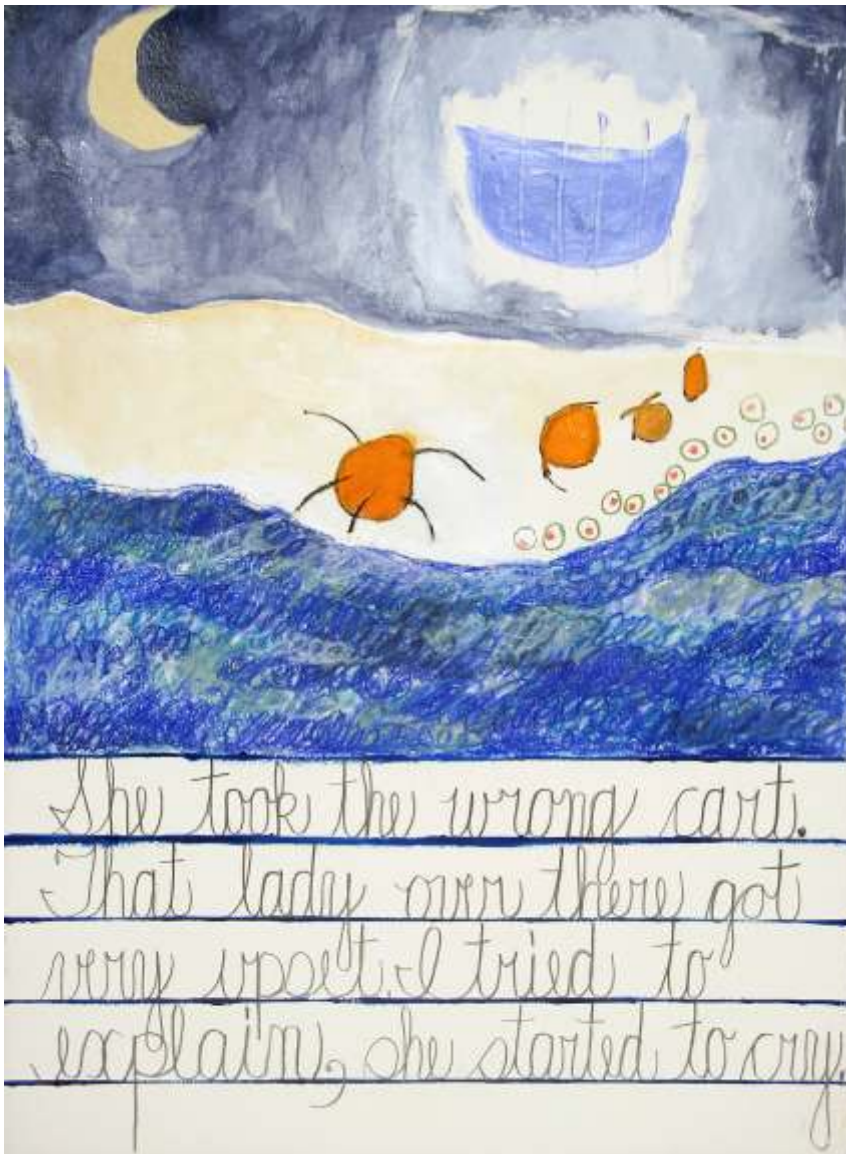
The visuals cannot be interpreted as truly naïve for they rise above the inadequate abilities of a child who is trying to depict (striving to make drawings that 'look like . . .'). The sunny work enters the intellectually complex coding of pure abstraction. More 'Cy Twombly' than innocent, Wanda Lock's work challenges while enhancing - similar to the profound dynamics between the upkeep and the blessings of raising children.



Searching for Casa Nova: journal entry #1
mixed media on paper
22"x30", 38x56cm
1999



Searching for Casa Nova: journal entry #9
mixed media on paper
22"x30", 38x56cm
2002



Searching for Casa Nova: journal entry #12
mixed media on paper
22"x30", 38x56cm
2001



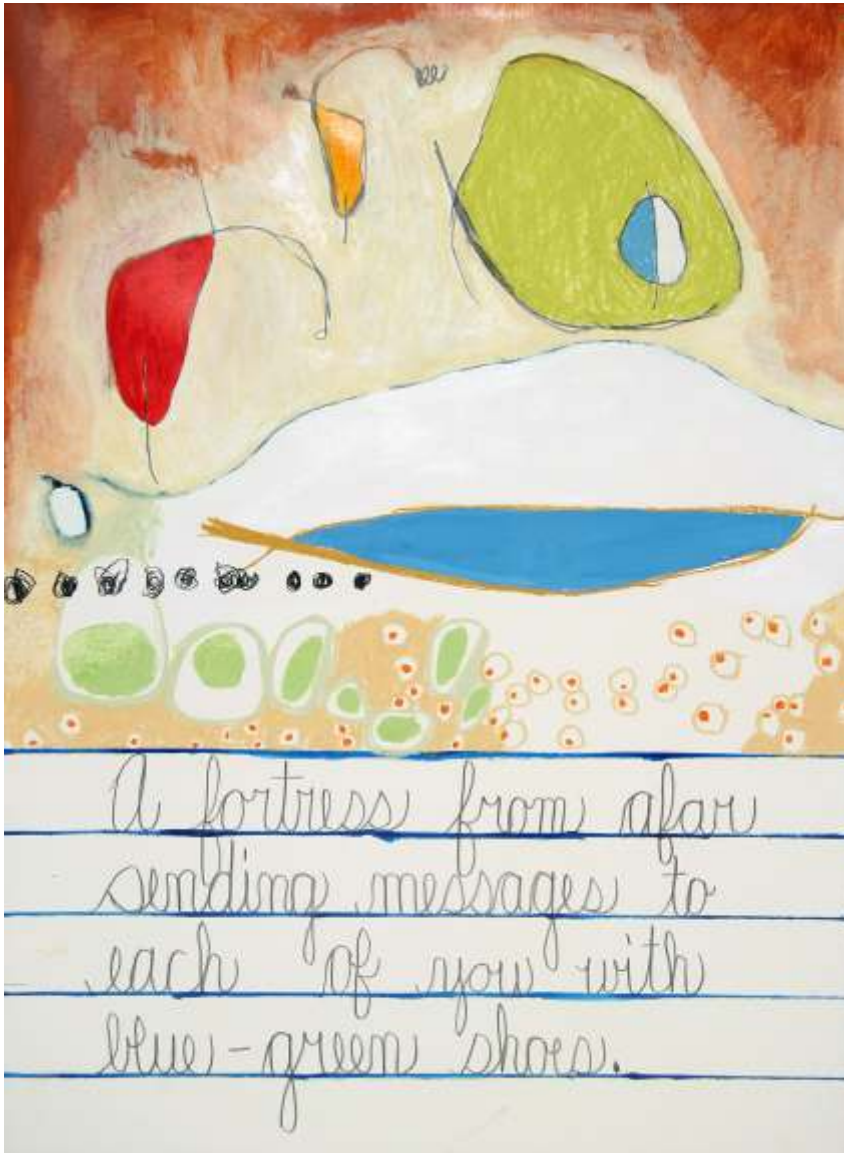
Searching for Casa Nova: journal entry #13
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2002



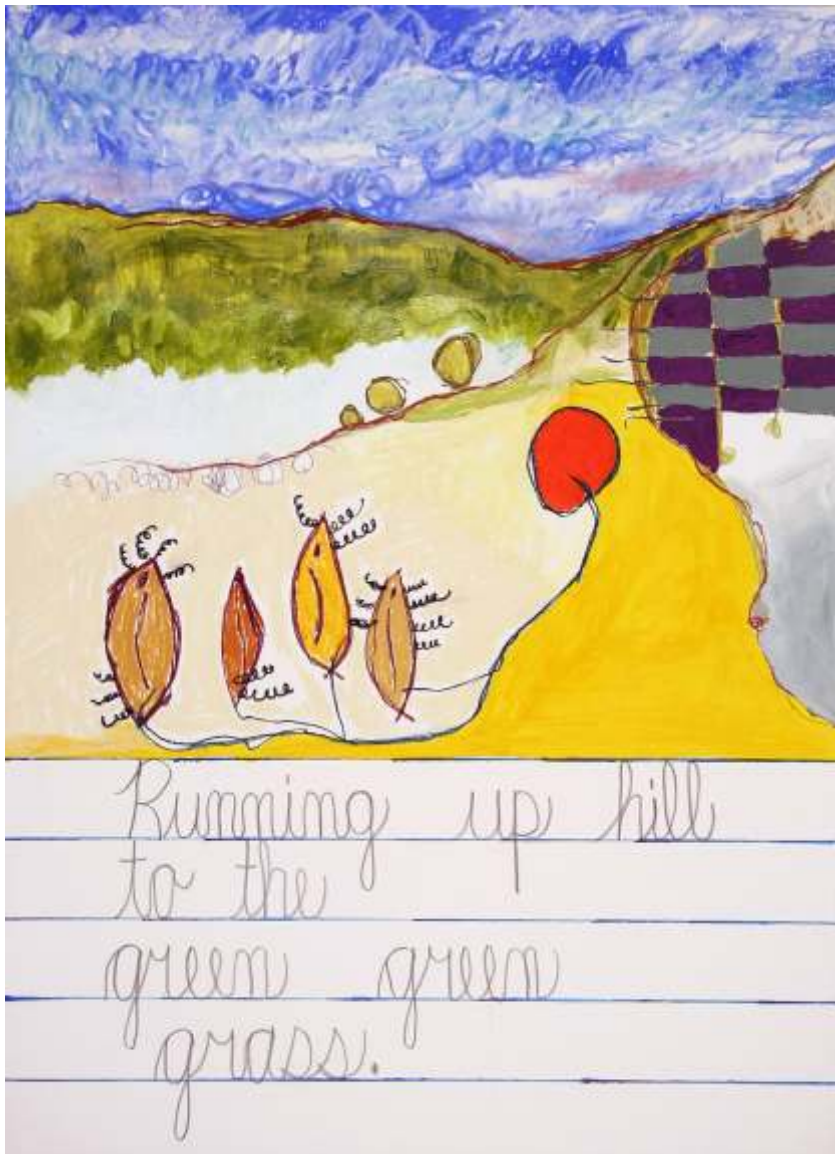
Searching for Casa Nova: journal entry #14
mixed media on paper
22"x30", 38x56cm
2000



Searching for Casa Nova: journal entry #15
mixed media on paper
22"x30", 38x56cm
2001



Searching for Casa Nova: journal entry #24
mixed media on paper
22"x30", 38x56cm
2001



Searching for Casa Nova: journal entry #25
mixed media on paper
22"x30", 38x56cm
2001



Who Were You With #1
mixed media on paper
22"x30", 38x56cm
2002



Where Did You Go #1
mixed media on paper
22"x30", 38x56cm
2002

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'Searching for Casa Nova Journal Entry Series'

The 'Searching for Casa Nova Journal Entry Series' takes on the format of an elementary school scribbler; a combination of image and text. Each piece begins with the recording of a habitual event of daily life and in turn is masked in a form of a riddle. There is a chance that the meaning of the text will be revealed through the image but that will depend on the viewer.

At first glance these drawings appear whimsical and childlike, but the series actually speaks about the somber aspects inherent in everyday life.

Education

- 1992 Emily Carr College of Art and Design, Vancouver BC
Cour year diploma - Studio Major (painting and drawing)
- 1989 Okanagan College, Kelowna BC - Studio Major (art history, painting, drawing and printmaking)

Selected Exhibitions

- 2005 'You told me once, but I forgot'. Gallery Vertigo, Vernon BC
solo exhibition
- 2004 'Crush', Art Gallery of the South Okanagan, Penticton BC
solo exhibition
- 2003 'Fresh', The Art Ark, Kelowna BC
group exhibition
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group exhibition
- 2001 'The Creative Voice: Life and Art in the Okanagan', Gallery 284,
Penticton BC
group exhibition
- 2001 Eugene Choo, Vancouver BC
solo exhibition

- 2001 Celebrating Contemporary BC Visual Art, Artropolis 2001
CBC Broadcast Centre, Vancouver BC
group exhibition
- 1997 'Strange Patterns', Richmond Art Gallery, Richmond BC
group exhibition
- 1997 'New Work', Alternator Gallery, Kelowna BC
solo exhibition
- 1996 Gallery XX, Kelowna BC
group exhibition
- 1995 Vancouver Community Arts Council Gallery, Vancouver BC
solo exhibition
- 1993 Gallery XX, Kelowna BC
group exhibition
- 1993 Vancouver Community Arts Council Gallery, Vancouver BC
group exhibition

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