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**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS  
VISUAL DIARIES, CURATED BY NANCY AZARA, ON THE MICHAEL J. GRANT  
CAMPUS FROM MARCH 17–APRIL 14, 2010**

Brentwood, NY, – The Gallery West, located in the Captree Commons building on the Michael J. Grant Campus of Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood, will present *Visual Diaries* curated by Nancy Azara from March 17 through April 14, 2010.

*Visual diaries* is a powerful exhibition of feminist artwork from participants at the New York Feminist Art Institute (1979-1990) that uses drawings as a personal diary to express the inner life or landscape of the artists. The diaries are from 1979 to the present as many artists have continued contributing to their diaries over the years.

Nancy Azara is a sculptor and book artist who has displayed her work in New York City, throughout the United States and abroad. She was a founder of the New York Feminist Art Institute (NYFAI) in 1979, where she served on the board and taught a workshop called "Consciousness Raising, Visual Diaries, Art Making" for many years. The drawings that came out of this workshop proved that shapes and forms unique to each participant were repeatedly found in the artists' work. These images were an emotional expression of the dialogue taking place in the workshop and within each artist's true inner nature. These pieces now comprise the *Visual Diaries* exhibition.

Ms. Azara is also the author of the book, *Spirit Taking Form: Making a Spiritual Practice of Making Art*, and an essay, "In Pursuit of the Divine" for *The Kensington and Winchester Papers: Painting, Sculpture and the Spiritual Dimension*.

A reception, open to the public, will be held on Wednesday, March 17, at 11:00 a.m. with light refreshments served.

Hours of operation for Gallery West are Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Directions to the Michael J. Grant Campus: Take the Long Island Expressway to Exit 53. Follow signs to Wicks Road. Go south ½ mile on Wicks Road to campus entrance on right-hand side.

For additional information, please call 548-2559.



**Photo Caption:** Nancy Azara’s “Red Rhododendron with Leaves” is one of the pieces that will be exhibited in *Visual Diaries*, on the Michael J. Grant Campus of Suffolk County Community College from March 17–April 14, 2010.

### **About Suffolk County Community College**

Suffolk County Community College (SCCC) is the largest community college in the State University of New York (SUNY) system, enrolling approximately 25,000 students at its three campuses in Selden, Brentwood and Riverhead. SCCC offers the Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degrees, as well as a variety of certificate programs. Offering the lowest college tuition on Long Island, a highly respected Honors program, extensive extracurricular activities, championship athletic teams, and numerous unified transfer programs, SCCC is a first-choice college for Long Island students. Visit us online at [sunysuffolk.edu](http://sunysuffolk.edu).

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