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Fresh A.I.R. Gallery

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Happy, Joyous, & Free!

By Ann Lemon

Columbus, Ohio (43215) – Fresh A.I.R. Gallery presents Happy, Joyous, & Free! This exhibition by Pennsylvania artist Ann Lemon features letterpress prints, paintings, photographs, and other graphic media.

Please join us for an opening reception on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Happy, Joyous, & Free! will be on view at Fresh A.I.R. Gallery from March 29, 2017 through May 5, 2017. Ann will deliver an artist's talk on the final day of the exhibition from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the gallery.

Ann Lemon is interested in the intersection of word and picture. Lemon's "Alcoholic Animals" series explores fear, guilt, humor, grief, regret, hope, and other common human conditions related to alcoholism and drug addiction. This body of work combines ambiguous and/or illuminating phrases from the 1939 book *Alcoholics Anonymous* with graphic illustrations of anthropomorphic animals, creating visual and verbal synergy.

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Her stylistic influences include early modernists such as Charley Harper and Alvin Lustig; vintage cartoons; and contemporary book artists.

This exhibition also includes several large, sculptural-typographic pieces that re-interpret common slogans in mediums including string, nails, wood, pen, ink, fabric, wood, rocks, and feathers. Lemon renders a smaller series of typographic compositions in delicate watercolor. The theme of recovery and typography is carried out in a one-of-a-kind surface print on digital fabric. These prints combine altered photographs and type in a grid-like design inspired by Swiss Modernism.

Ann is a recovering alcoholic, addict, and codependent, and has been continuously clean and sober since 1998.

Ann holds a Bachelor's degree in visual communications from the University of Delaware; a Master's degree in English from Kutztown University; and a Master of Fine Arts degree in graphic design from Marywood University. She is currently an Assistant Professor in the Communication Design Department at Kutztown University.

Fresh A.I.R. Gallery (Artists in Recovery) is a project of Southeast Healthcare Services. Fresh A.I.R. Gallery's mission is to exhibit the work by individuals affected by mental illness and/or substance use disorder. Through art, we educate the community and work to break down the stigma by bringing focus to the artist vision. Southeast is a comprehensive provider of mental health, chemical dependency, physical healthcare and homeless services that has been serving Columbus since 1978 and is in eight Ohio counties. Fresh A.I.R. Gallery is located downtown at 131 N. High Street in Columbus, Ohio. Our hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:30 pm. Fresh A.I.R. Gallery's hotline is 614-744-8110. www.southeastinc.com.

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