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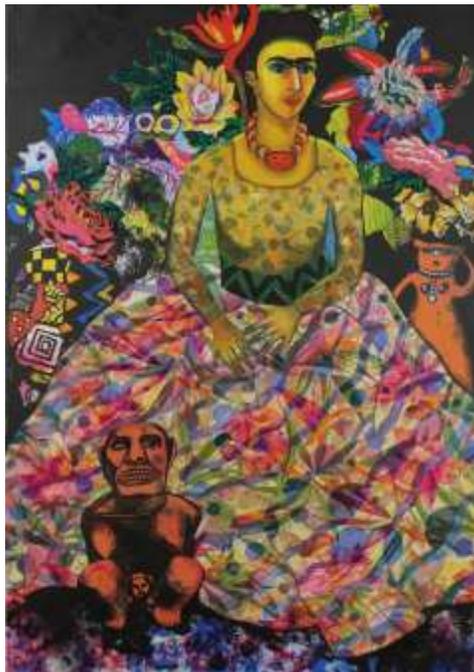
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## **Exhibition of Art from Private Collections Opens at Art Gallery, University of Saint Joseph**



Miriam Schapiro (b. 1923) *Frida and Me*, 1990. Lithograph, photolithograph, chine collé. Lent by Sonja Hansard-Weiner and Andrew D. Weiner, Spaightwood Galleries, Upton, MA. Art Gallery, University of Saint Joseph, West Hartford, Connecticut.

WEST HARTFORD, CONN. – On Thursday, September 19, 2013 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., the Art Gallery at the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) will host an opening reception for the exhibition *Objects of Our Affection II: Art from Private Collections of the University of Saint Joseph Community*. Admission is free of charge. The Art Gallery, located in The Bruyette Athenaeum on USJ's West Hartford campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue, is open Tuesday - Saturday: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Thursday: 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; and Sunday: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.; closed Monday. The exhibition will run through December 13, 2013.

Like the first exhibition of this name presented in 2004, *Objects of Our Affection* features a wide variety of works owned by University friends, alumni, faculty, participants in the Gallery's membership organization, and artists who have exhibited at the Gallery. The current exhibition features works ranging from the second half of the 19th century to the present, with a primary focus on American art.

From the delicate portrait miniatures on ivory painted by Elsie Dodge Pattee to the monumental watercolor on paper by Richard Yarde, works in the exhibition not only span a range of sizes, but also of techniques and styles. Connecticut Impressionist and Tonalist oil paintings include works by John Henry Twachtman and Bruce Crane; among the etchings and lithographs exhibited are landscapes by James Abbott McNeill Whistler and Louis Lozowick as well as contemporary artist Miriam Schapiro's homage to Frida Kahlo, who is also represented in the exhibition with a striking surrealist drawing. Among the works by contemporary artists (who have been featured in past exhibitions at the Gallery) are large works on paper by Ann McCoy and new sculptures by Robert Kirschbaum based on his *Devarim* drawings.

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