



## PANOPTICON GALLERY

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## *Miniatures* by Mara Brod

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Opening Reception: Thursday, October 30 5-7 PM

August 11, 2008, Boston, MA-Panopticon Gallery is pleased to present "Miniatures" which consists of quiet color photographs by Mara Brod. The images in the show are sized at 3 x 2 inches, and present an intimate view of the Boston suburban landscape.

Brod uses a toy camera called a Holga that uses medium-format film. The camera has a plastic lens that creates soft images with a vignette around the frame. These visual distortions enhance the sense that Brod's images are derived from a memory or a dream. The tree lined sidewalks and split-level houses in these images could be from any suburban neighborhood. "I often hear from viewers that they are sure they know the places pictured here," states Brod. "Perhaps they do. But more often than not, the places recalled and the places pictured here have a great physical distance between them. My hope is that my viewers will move easily from the picture to a symbolic or personal place, and be inclined to pause and linger."

Brod, a graduate of the New England School of Photography in Boston, has exhibited her work at the Soho Photo Gallery in New York City, New York, the Griffin Museum of Photography in Winchester, MA, the Photographic Resource Center in Boston, MA, and Fidelity Investments in Boston, MA. A resident of Somerville, MA, she works as a freelance commercial and wedding photographer.

"Miniatures" runs concurrently with "Later that Night...", a show consisting of nocturnal color images by Christian Waeber. From 5-7 PM on October 30th, Panopticon Gallery will host a reception for both shows.

### **About Panopticon Gallery**

Founded in 1971, Panopticon Gallery is one of the oldest galleries in the United States dedicated solely to photography. The gallery specializes in 20th Century American photography and emerging contemporary photography.

Panopticon Gallery is located in the Hotel Commonwealth at 502c Commonwealth Avenue in Boston. It is conveniently situated near the Kenmore Square T stop on the Green Line. Driving directions are on the gallery web site. The gallery is staffed Tuesday through Friday, 10 AM to 6 PM and Saturday, 11 AM to 5 PM.

### **Photo Captions**

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