



# Art Gallery

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## Robert Mielenhausen

### URBAN ARCHAEOLOGY

April 24 – May 21, 2007

Reception: Saturday April 28, 2:00-4:00 PM

Robert Mielenhausen was born in Brooklyn in 1952. He attended New York Institute of Technology and Adelphi University. A retired teacher of Art and Art History at Southampton High School, he makes his home in Oakdale, Long Island.

“My work depicts the street life and residential architecture of lower Manhattan. Although trained as a painter, I have always maintained a respect and interest in photography. During 2003, I began photographing bicycles, exterior doorways, and windows. I sought to combine the two disciplines of painting and photography into one compelling visual experience.

When photographing, I do not have a preconceived notion as to how the final image will appear. In my studio, I respond to the photo by extending, and, in some cases, abstracting elements of the photograph through the use of mixed media. Various building materials and acrylic paint, along with glue, polyurethane and organic materials are used to produce dramatic contrasts of light-filled textural surfaces. Occasionally a found object is incorporated into the piece.

The doorway images represent hope and expectation. I see the doors as dividers between the present and future. The architectural elements surrounding the doors suggest strength of character.

The bicycles are architectural forms of an organic nature. Bicycles symbolize motion and freedom. They are primal transporters. Some bicycles have been forgotten. However, they still maintain their inherent design. With some minor repair, these once forgotten bicycles can be as good as new.”

Mr. Mielenhausen has exhibited widely on Long Island and is currently affiliated with Gallery North in Setauket. He has an upcoming show at the O.K. Harris Gallery in Manhattan.

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