



Art Gallery

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Helen Murdock-Prep **"Shrinking Violet"** *A Comic Strip of Feelings*

February 27 – March 28, 2010

Reception: Saturday, March 6, 2:00-4:30 pm

"Comedy is simply a funny way of being serious."

-Peter Ustinov

A native Long Islander, Huntington resident Helen Murdock-Prep was graduated from Adelphi University with a BFA in Theatre. She worked on the soap opera "All My Children", but going against stereotype, found more work as a Graphic Artist. Beginning as the calligrapher for "Terrace on the Park" in Queens, she later opened her own business, HAM/KAP Creations, whose clients include Cablevision's Charles Dolan, SPLIA, Broadway show openings, restaurants, schools, and hundreds of brides.

While keeping her "day job" as a calligrapher these past 25 years, she began writing "Shrinking Violet", a comic strip about a bright young woman who keeps panic and depression literally stuffed in her pockets. Named Pepper and Smudge, they pop in and out of Violet's pockets to unsettle her world.

Her love of children inspired her to write her children's books: "Rainbow Hair", "Everyone Except Me", "The Sprinkles Snatcher", and "The Day My Mom Returned Me to the Library". She also enjoys running the Drama Club at Cold Spring Harbor High School.

Helen Murdock-Prep loves spending time with her family and friends, as well as with her pals from the "Berndt Toast Gang", the Long Island Chapter of the National Cartoonists Society.

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See the artist's web site at www.shrinkingvioletcomics.com

