

Painting by Petra Nimtz.

Nimtz at Barrett in Poughkeepsie

Woodstock painter Petra Nimtz is in the midst of a busy period, both in terms of her output and exhibiting it. She opens a solo show of paintings and pastels, *Visual Diaries Of My Inner World*, at The Barrett Art Center in Poughkeepsie on Saturday afternoon, March 22, is fresh from a successful showing as part of NYC Art Week at its Fountain Art Fair earlier this month, and is prepping for a show at Imogen Holloway in Saugerties later this year.

Last year, Nimtz — born and raised in Germany before moving to Canada 12 years ago, eventually coming here from a stint at the Arts Students League in the city — showed solo or in group settings in the city, Berlin, Italy, Kingston, and other sites around the Hudson Valley.

"My current body of work is about continuation of improvisation and accident. I'm a natural right-hander but I'm exploring the canvas with palette knives or brushes using only my left hand," reads her latest statement. "This practice allows the unconsciousness and imagination to take over and lead me through the process of painting and seeing without control by simply being in the present moment."++

The Barrett Art Center show opens with a 3 p.m. reception at 55 Noxon Street in downtown Poughkeepsie 845-797-7094 or www.barrettartcenter.org.

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