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**Linda Cross exhibit “Reflections on the River” at Beacon Institute Gallery**

***Exhibit opens Saturday, November 14 with reception 5-7 pm***

**Beacon, NY** –Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries is proud to showcase Columbia County artist Linda Cross in an exhibit of mixed media art and drawings at the Institute’s gallery at 199 Main Street in Beacon, New York. *Reflections on the River* will run from November 14, 2009 through March 7, 2010. The exhibit opens with a **free public reception for the artist on Saturday, November 14, from 5:00–7:00 p.m.**

Exhibit curator Linda Stewart observes that Cross’ work “delivers an interpretation of more than *river*, more than that which lies below the water or between its shores.” Stewart suggests that as an artist, Cross “translates its language along with its joy, its turbulence and its anger. Her work is a mirror for its moods.” Stewart further explains that Cross’ relief landscapes, made from paper pulp formed around shapes, are tactile abstractions of temporal reflections in the river that reflect both the debris and detritus of the river and the natural surface tensions of the water. Although Cross’ work does not depict specific places, the new reliefs found in this exhibit transition from geographical imagery to a more personal vision. Dark mounds protruding from the surface combined with bold outcroppings are turned on end in a dizzying perspective, creating a visceral dialogue between illusion and reality.

“Working in relief allows me to combine aspects of both painting and sculpture, deliberately creating an ambiguous nature in which the physicality of the sculptural objects is combined with hints of illusionistic painting and shifting viewpoints,” Linda Cross explains. Her recent work reflects an intensity that builds upon more reality-driven pieces of the early 1990s.

Cross’ work for this exhibition has been funded, in part, by a grant from The New York Foundation of the Arts.

Beacon Institute gallery hours: Weekdays 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Saturdays 11 a.m.–5 p.m. (second Saturdays until 8 p.m.); and Sundays 12 p.m.–5 p.m. For more information call (845) 838-1600 ext 16 or visit [www.bire.org](http://www.bire.org).

***About Linda Cross:***

Linda Cross, a resident of Columbia County, NY, studied Fine Art at the Art Institute of Chicago and Syracuse University and received her M.F.A. from the University of New Mexico. Since her first solo exhibition in 1961, she has shown in galleries and national exhibitions, including the National Institute of Arts and Letters, The Butler Institute of American Art, the Allan Stone Gallery and the Schick Gallery at Skidmore College. She has had many solo exhibitions, including the Art Museum at the State University of Plattsburg, Lemmerman Gallery at New Jersey City University, Tribes Gallery and John Davis Gallery in New York City.

***About Beacon Institute:***

Beacon Institute for Rivers and Estuaries, with offices in Beacon and Troy, New York, is a not-for-profit environmental research organization engaging scientists, engineers, educators and policy experts in collaborative work focusing on real-time monitoring of river ecosystems. It aims to make the Hudson Valley a global center for scientific and technological innovation that advances research, education and public policy regarding rivers and estuaries. [www.bire.org](http://www.bire.org)

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