

## Mid Atlantic Art News

Art news, information, gallery openings, commentary, criticism, happenings, opportunities, and everything associated with helping to spread the word about the visual arts scene in and all around the Mid Atlantic region from Philadelphia to the great metropolitan capital of the United States of America.

Monday, December 18, 2006

### **Rosetta DeBerardinis on "Aging" at Pyramid Atlantic**

Well-known DC area artist and writer [Rosetta DeBerardinis](#) makes her debut today and will start covering the Greater DC area art galleries and museums on a regular basis for *Mid Atlantic Art News*. Rosetta is not only an accomplished [artist](#), but also a well-known presence in the DC area art scene, and a widely published writer.

### **Gail Rebhan's "Aging" at Pyramid Atlantic**

By [Rosetta DeBerardinis](#)

It is rare that I want to see an exhibit twice, especially one on view outside of a major museum. But, local conceptual artist Gail Rebhan's photo exhibit "Aging" currently on view at [Pyramid Atlantic](#) is so compelling that I crawled back to Georgia Avenue yesterday to see it again. It was well worth the trip.

Timing is everything, even in death. Using both her lenses and text, Rebhan chronicles her father's mental and physical deterioration from 1994 to 2004. One of my favorites, "Why is it so hard?" is an image of a bespectacled elderly gentleman laying flat on his bed staring towards the heavens. Dressed in khaki pants, striped shirt, and a leather belt the text on the photo reads:

"I feel lonely and isolated.

I had a bad night.

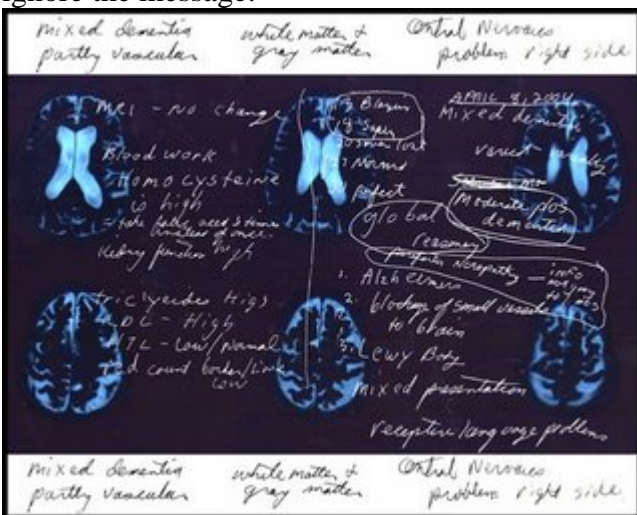
Why does it take so long to die?

Am I being punished for what I did wrong?

Why is it so hard.....

Sorry for being such a burden to you."

Rebhan uses everything: his medical records, prescription labels, his words, and a few of her own. This exhibit demonstrates her talent as a conceptual artist. Here, the idea is so captivating that you cannot ignore the message.



Remember when you discovered that first gray hair? Well, this exhibit is sure to evoke dialogue about getting old and may even make you feel young.

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*Aging* by Gail Rebhan - A critical graphic portrayal of the mental and physical deterioration that often accompanies the end of life. Dec. 2, 2006 through Jan. 13, 2007 at [Pyramid Atlantic](#), 8230 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. 301-608-9101.

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**Monday, January 15, 2007**

### **Rosetta deBerardinis Top 10 DC Area Art Shows**

DC area writer and artist [Rosetta DeBerardinis](#) is not only a talented artist and writer, but as every gallerist and curator in the DC area knows, she gets around to a lot of shows! Here's her top 10 DC area list (with one NYC show):

1. Anselm Kiefer: *Heaven and Earth*, Hirshhorn.
2. *No Limits, Just Edges: Jackson Pollock on Paper*, the Guggenheim.
3. Kelly Towles at Adamson Gallery.
4. Doug Hall at Numark Gallery.
5. Renee Butler at Osuna Gallery.
6. *Aging*, Gail Rebhan at Pyramid Atlantic.
7. *Other Than Art*, G Fine Art.
8. Blanka Sperkova at Quirk, Richmond.
9. *Mixed Media*, Curated by Kathryn Cornelius, the WPA/Corcoran.
10. Chawky Frenn at Fraser Gallery.

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