

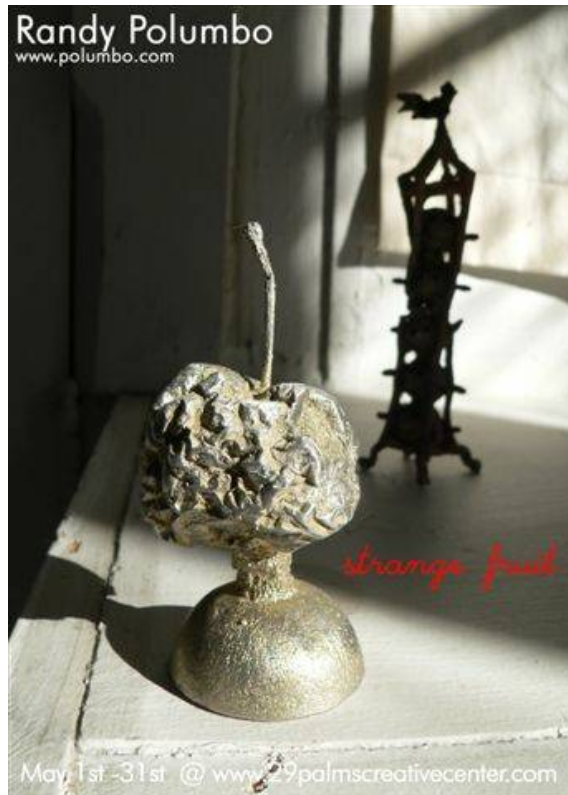
Hello Again,

Here is a quick update on some interesting developments this season. A lot of good stuff is going on. Thanks for having a look!

29 PALMS SOLO SHOW

On 5.1.08 my solo show at the wonderful 29 Palms Creative Center opened in California. <http://29palmscreativecenter.com/r.polumbo.html> There is an assortment of menacing mechanical work, and thoughtful metal and glass items, some solar powered. This is open until month end if you are in the neighborhood. Sorry I failed to invite people in time to catch Don and Gretchen's opening and excellent cooking!

HIGH DESERT TEST SITES



This year my 29 Palms show is part of High Desert Test Sites. <http://www.highdeserttestsites.com/artists.html> HDTs is quite remarkable. What seemed like a billion people visited Joshua Tree and the surrounding areas, seeing a panoply of site specific desert installations that it was physically impossible to get to all of. Thanks to Andrea Zittel for coming up with this idea, and making it happen now five times!

(Go see her amazing retrospective at the New Museum if you have not it is remarkable and is up until May 27th. http://www.newmuseum.org/now_current.php

My new friend Chris Veit was kind enough to invite me to install a piece in his cabin installation also. There must have been 50 pieces in this <500 sf cabin on an amazing hill in Wonder Valley. To get a taste of Wonder Valley, check out artist Thom Merrick's piece studying/riffing on his view there: <http://www.grnd0.com/>



Here is me & Chris Veit, trying to decide if the piece should be jabbing the light fixture or not.



This is a large Elrod, and the photos are McGinleys up on the right wall-let.

ART QUEEN (in the all American roadside tradition of Dairy Queen)

On 5.8.07, I opened with Shari Elf, the first gallery in Joshua Tree, California. This is mostly a fun project, showing the work of friends in NYC, desert geniuses and friends of Shari. There are two gallery buildings with art proper, and an old photomat converted to display Shari's CROCHET MUSEUM. The first show includes our work, a sampling of folks working in the desert including singer songwriter Victoria Williams, and NYC artists Suzanne Boatenreiter, Paul Villinski, and Peter Bellamy among others. (We will shortly be having a mini-show of rockstar/artist Daniel Johnston) We expect to change this a little at a time, more like a museum, or a great junk store, but with occasional focus on special events or artists in more depth.



Our excellent hand painted signage



The Crochet Museum



The gallery East, these are Victoria's & The gallery West



The Crochet Museum in progress

READING OF THE CENTURY WITH RICK MOODY and others, AND CONCERT BY THE WINGDALE COMMUNITY SINGERS at DODO

Thursday June 29th is the reading of the century, I mean of the year, at DODO, my café at South Street Seaport. It features Rich Moody, Joseph McElroy, Lou Rowan reading, and myself as the emcee. This is to celebrate the new issue of Golden Handcuffs Review which is an excellent literary journal if you are not familiar. I am interviewed at length on all manner of embarrassing and probing topics by Theorist and amateur/budding psychoanalyst "Professor" Catherine MacGillivray. (Please see the enclosed invitation and save the date! There will be free food and libations!) There will be a limited edition of the journal signed by all of us, and with a one of a kind art product tipped into the back cover by me.

""Seeing this band, the Wingdales, is something special. Their live shows are RARE to date and there have only been a couple. Their CD is a rich weaving of sad/pretty and silly/smart folk music featuring Rick Moody, Hannah Marcus (the one who has issued many amazing solo albums, go get BLACK HOLE HEAVEN if you don't have it.) and Dave Grubb. This will be the first live music event at DODO, and will have a full PA, so come early to beat the police. (kidding it will be a comfortable not too loud evening)

IT IS GETTING HOT, DO YOU FEEL HOT?

Last of all you might want to check this out. It is a little fictional peace showing a possible solution to global warming, and has a list of stuff, some of which even works in NYC, to mitigate the warming effect of humans on the planet.

<http://renewus.org/index.html>

COOL SHOW

My favorite new show up in NYC is the painter Sarah Hinkley at <http://www.searspeyton.com/> Check it out. Usually striped paintings are not my thing, but these kind of glow in a spooky beautiful manner and have this gesture to them that really makes me want ten of them.

Thank You

Randy

PS If I failed to mention it, DODO at 45 Peck Slip on South Street is serving dinner now. In a couple weeks the sidewalk café will be open and you can bring your dog! If you want to see today's special, or what kind of cookies just came out of the oven, check <http://dodocafe.blogspot.com/2006/03/dodo-cafe.html> Breakfast at DODO also rocks. You know that oatmeal, the steel cut kind, that takes too long to make yourself? We have that, home made granola, some egg products, and nearly everything is home made and organic. (and there is beer and wine to sip and watch the boats go by)