

SCULPTURE IN *motion*

art choreographed by nature

Brigitte Micmacker

Brigitte Micmacker is Guest Curator of *Sculpture in Motion* at the Atlanta Botanical Garden, the most extensive survey of outdoor kinetic sculpture ever held.

Born and raised in France, Brigitte Micmacker studied art, ecology and botany and settled in the San Francisco Bay Area in 1978. In 1980, she partnered with her artist husband to launch A New Leaf Landscaping, a successful landscape design and installation company, which created innovative, artful gardens in the entire Bay Area for nearly twenty years. They opened A New Leaf Gallery in Berkeley in 1990, with the unique vision of combining an all outdoor fine art sculpture gallery with a delightful demonstration garden featuring expansive stone patios, a running stream, curving stone walls and rare plants. From 1992 to 1994, the couple concurrently ran New Ground Gallery in Oakland, CA.

During the gallery's fifteen years in Berkeley, Micmacker curated from six to nine exhibitions per year, including artist solo shows, group shows and an annual Water Visions show. In 2000, she curated Wind Dance, a kinetic sculpture exhibition showcasing California artists dedicated to kinetic sculpture.

In 2005, Micmacker and Denning moved A New Leaf Gallery to Sonoma County and opened Sculpturesite Gallery in the heart of the San Francisco Museum district –just one block from SFMOMA. The beautifully designed indoor gallery is complemented by an adjacent public plaza where large scale works, including kinetics, are displayed in an urban outdoor setting. The Sonoma gallery also offers outdoor space with a more rural backdrop, in addition to the spacious indoor gallery, where the constant windy conditions are perfect for exhibiting kinetic sculptures.

Throughout her career as a gallerist focusing on sculpture, Micmacker's extensive knowledge of contemporary and modern sculpture has been widely recognized and she is frequently called upon to jury shows and exhibitions and to award prizes in her field.

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