

John Bowman, Royale With Cheese, oil on canvas.

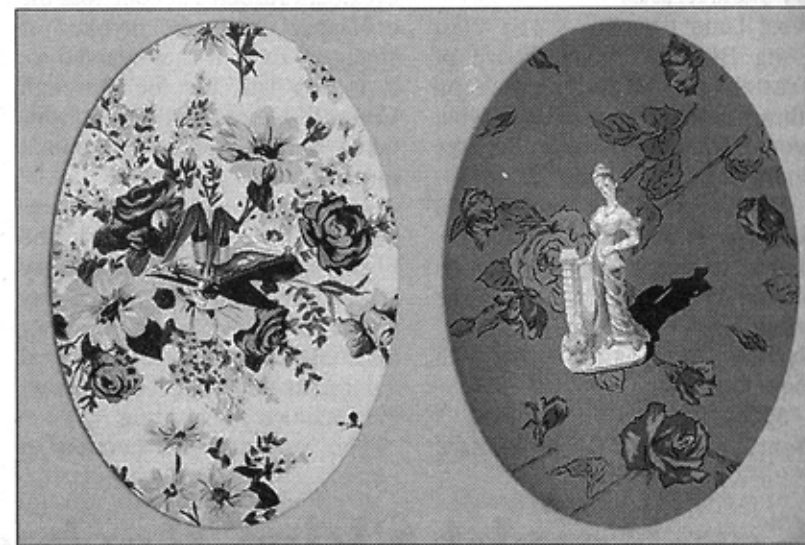
The NeoRococo Show at SICA

Long Branch — SICA, the Shore Institute of the Contemporary Arts, 20 Third Ave., is hosting a new exhibition, "The NeoRococo Show," which will be open to the public from now through October 9. A reception for the artists will be on Sunday, September 13, 3 - 6 p.m.

Those artists whose work will be in this exhibition are David Ambrose, Laura Bell, Nancy Blum, John Bowman, Tiffany Calvert, Lisa Ficarelli-Halpern, Julie Heffernan, Susan Homer, Jill Kerwick, Isabella Kirkland, Katherine Kuharic, Margaret Murphy, and Gae Savannah.

Rococo is an 18th century style characterized by intricate ornamentation; free and graceful movements; a playful use of line; and delicate colors, and portrayed the care-free life of the aristocracy.

It is curious that many artists today, during this time of economic crisis, seem to be exploring similar visual elements. Is this merely coincidental? Are they deliberately exploring



Margaret Murphy Ballerina in Oval Flowers, Acrylic, watercolor on paper.

Rococo artistic styles? Are they inadvertently (or perhaps vicariously) embracing today's aristocracy? Or is this a deliberate identification with the elite? These questions are some of the issues that this exhibition hopes to investigate.

The show and reception are

free and open to the public. SICA is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m., and on Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. On Monday and Tuesday the gallery is open by appointment only.

For more information on SICA, visit www.sica.org.