

Announcing the upcoming solo exhibition at Republic Gallery:

**Marian Penner Bancroft**  
**HUMAN NATURE (Alberta, Friesland, Suffolk)**



*Abraham Lake (artificial lake formed by the Big Horn Dam on the North Saskatchewan River, Alberta), 2004, C-print, 28" x 28"*

Lands and waterways used for the fur trade, oil retrieval, hydro electricity, agriculture, religion and war are the subjects of *Human Nature (Alberta, Friesland, Suffolk)*, a series of colour photographs made at sites of historically intense human interaction with the landscape.

The photographs were made along the North Saskatchewan River in Alberta where the Canadian fur trade took place in the early nineteenth century; along dikes constructed hundreds of years ago in the highly altered lands and waterways of Friesland in northern Holland; and at Bulcamp Drift in the Suffolk countryside of England, where craters were formed by the dropping of excess bombs during the Second World War. Visible evidence of these activities varies greatly, and in some cases is hardly so, rendering the depictions somewhat innocent of the content that can be attached to them by knowledge retrieved from accompanying texts.

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Marian Penner Bancroft's work has been exhibited nationally and internationally and can be found in a number of collections including those of the Vancouver Art Gallery and the Canadian Museum of Contemporary Photography in Ottawa. Her most recent exhibition took place at the Canadian Cultural Centre in Paris. Current interests include the intersections and overlaps amongst issues related to history and its objects and the uses and representations of landscape. Marian is an Associate Professor in Visual Arts (Photography) at the Emily Carr Institute in Vancouver.

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*Human Nature (Alberta, Friesland, Suffolk)* will be showing at Republic Gallery from March 14<sup>th</sup> to April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008, with an artist reception on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2 - 5 pm. Gallery hours are 11 am - 4 pm, Wednesday through Saturday or by appointment.

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