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## SICA PRESENTS STUFF IT!

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(LONG BRANCH, NJ) -- SICA presents their first exhibition to kick off the new season - STUFF IT! This exhibition begins September 1, 2006 and runs through October 6, 2006. Everyone is invited to a free Wine 7 Cheese reception on Sunday September 10th from 3:00 - 6:00 pm. Many of the exhibiting artists will be present. The artists exhibiting are Matt Barton, Suzanne Brady, Audrey Chibbaro, Orly Cogan, Bethany Jean Fancher, Tracey Featherstone, German Pitre, Rebeca Raney, Ethel Shipton, Shinique Smith, Joan Wheeler, and a selection of

Sock Monkeys from the collection of Ron Warren. The gallery hours are 1-5 pm on Wednesday & Thursday, 11 am - 8 pm on Friday, 11 am - 6 pm on Saturday, and 1-5 pm on Sunday (the gallery is closed on Monday & Tuesday).

Ceramics, sewing, needlepoint and practically all processes formally labeled as "crafts" have gradually infiltrated the ranks of "acceptable" fine art over the past 30 - 40 years. The shift to postmodernist thinking, and more particularly the feminist art movement, can be seen as major catalysts in bringing about the acceptance of these "new" art forms. Combine this new acceptance of art-making processes with generations of artists raised on Sheri Lewis & Lambchop; Kookla, Fran & Ollie; the sock monkeys of the '50's and you get an abundance of art that is embroidered, upholstered, sewn, and of course - STUFFED! This exhibition seeks to provide a sampling of these artist; those who utilize the stuffed object in their work.

SICA is a non-profit corporation whose purpose is to establish a uniquely stimulating and creative environment in which to experience the contemporary arts. The primary goal of the center is to increase the general public's accessibility, awareness and appreciation of the contemporary arts in central New Jersey. For more information on SICA, visit [www.sica.org](http://www.sica.org) .

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