



STUART MCCALL
Fantasy Gardens 4107, 2010,
Archival Inkjet print,
18" x 58"

Stuart McCall & Neil Wedman
FANTASY GARDENS

RICHMOND ART GALLERY

January 27 – April 1, 2012

Opening: Thursday January 29, 7–9pm

This exhibition by Stuart McCall and Neil Wedman is comprised of two separate bodies of work made years apart but linked by an indelible subject of local history, William Vander Zalm's Fantasy Garden World. Wedman attended the proceedings of the Vander Zalm trial in 1991 and made numerous pencil portraits of those who participated, primarily witnesses as they testified. Years later, McCall documented the neglected gardens just prior to demolition by its new land development owners. In spite of their different approach to recording history, their works share an irony in their documentation of the public spectacle of a premier on trial. An exhibition essay, *Converging Narratives*, by Gallery Curator, Nan Capogna, will be available. Both artists will be in attendance at the opening reception and an Artist Talk will be held on Saturday, February 4 at 1pm.

The Richmond Art Gallery gratefully acknowledges the support of the City of Richmond, the British Columbia Arts Council, and the Province of British Columbia.

For more information about the exhibition, contact Curator Nan Capogna at ncapogna@richmond.ca or 604.247.8311

ARTIST BIOGRAPHIES

Vancouver artist, **Stuart McCall** is an artist creating primarily photo-based works. He began his career as a commercial photographer in 1982. His images have been published widely, featured in publications that include Time Magazine, Fortune Magazine, Saturday Night, Photography Monthly, Boston Globe, Times of London, as well as in books by National Geographic and Douglas & McIntyre. His work has been recognized by Communication Arts, the Lotus Awards, and International Photography awards. Living in Vancouver, BC since 1968, he has been making images for over 25 years.

Since the 1990s he has worked with Vancouver artist Neil Wedman on various photo based projects including "Every Bus Stop from My Place to the Racetrack" (1997), and "Movies 'til Dawn" (2009). Represented in Vancouver by the Vancouver Art Gallery Art Rentals and Sales and in Calgary at the Axis Contemporary Art Gallery, his work has also been shown at the Surrey Art Gallery, Port Moody Arts Centre and Canvas Gallery in Vancouver.

www.stuartmccall.ca



Neil Wedman is an artist with a thirty-year studio practice. Painting stands at the core of his practice but he has devoted equal attention to producing drawings and works on paper including print editions, book-works and photographs. He has also made a number of short films, media pieces and musical works. He is currently completing a cycle of work for two upcoming exhibitions in 2012 and 2013: *Selected Monochromatic Paintings and Works on paper Parts 1 & 2*. Wedman lives and works in Vancouver and is represented by the Equinox Gallery. He teaches at Emily Carr University of Art & Design and Simon Fraser University.

NEIL WEDMAN
Wilburt Hopper, Chairman,
Petro Canada (detail),
1992-94, pencil on paper,
18" x 24"

PUBLIC PROGRAMMING

Art for Lunch

Thursday, February 2, 12–1pm

Great food, great art and great conversation! Join us for tours of the current exhibition with the Art Gallery Curator, followed by a lunch in the Gallery. These social lunches are a great lunch-hour escape to chat about art and meet other people. Pre-registration required, \$10 per person includes tour and tasty lunch. Vegetarian and meat options available.

Register through the City of Richmond Call Centre at 604.276.4300
or online at www.richmond.ca/guide

Book early! Registration closes on January 30.
Ask for Course #236652.

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Gallery Hours

Monday to Friday, 10am to 6pm
Open late Thursdays till 9pm
Weekends, 10am to 5pm
Closed for statutory holidays

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