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The Island Gallery
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EVENT:

Continuing Exhibition

PROTEST

September 7 – 28, 2018

Andrea K. Lawson, Karna McKinney, Jay Taylor
Earnest Thomas, Carletta Carrington Wilson

First Friday Artwalk, September 7th, 6-8 pm

In Concert on the Plaza:

Ranger and the Re-Arrangers
About the Show:

Throughout history Protest, in its various forms, has been a tool for expressing opinions, thoughts, and disagreements relating to specific events or policies of governments or societal groups. The great protests of the 1960s are distant memories for some and badges of honor for others, but the twenty-first century has produced a climate that calls up voices to be heard once again. In this regard, artists and other free-thinking individuals can lead movements and offer their influence to enact change in peaceful but highly visible ways: through their music, verse, and art.

Presented on these gallery walls are powerful pieces addressing historical social issues that remain unresolved, and are too often quickly forgotten by the larger society. They offer a stark reminder that while progress is often the province of the activist, in one way or another, at one time or another, we are all called upon to be activists in our own world.

In this continuing exhibition we feature the work of artists Andrea K. Lawson (Port Hadlock), Karna McKinney (Bainbridge Island), Jay Taylor (Seattle), Earnest Thomas (Seattle), and Carletta Carrington Wilson (Seattle).

Audience Participation: Of note are two very special interactive installations: First, Carletta Carrington Wilson’s Chain Letter to Debtors, wherein the audience is invited to write notes to our slave ancestors (the ancestors of us all) and attach them as links to form “chains” or “chain letters” as we thank them for their sacrifices; and secondly, the Gallery’s own Protest board, where the audience has written out their personal protests or issues they would like to draw attention to as part of the exhibition.
Carletta Carrington Wilson, *Chain Letter of Debtors*

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Visit the Gallery in person, as well as our extensive Website and Online Shop.

Protest Board, First Friday Artwalk, August 3, 2018

**About the Artists:**
For full biographical or other artist information please contact the Gallery, or click from the press release email to go directly online for bios on either our [Exhibition Blog Post](#) and/or [Web Site Artists’ Page](#). Additional images may also be found here.

**LINKS:**
To Contact the Gallery:
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To go to our Exhibition Blog Post (for expanded artist bios and images):


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http://www.theislandgallery.net/artists.php

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**About The Island Gallery**

Established in 2002, The Island Gallery features internationally recognized artists whose work takes traditional art forms in exciting new directions: studio furniture and sculpture; museum quality textile art and wearables; wood fired ceramics from the finest potters in America; paintings and prints; and unique jewelry creations. Monthly exhibitions include live musical concerts, featuring such genres as jazz, rock, folk, chamber music and performance art. This, along with its reputation for excellence, makes The Island Gallery a destination spot on beautiful Bainbridge Island, a short ferry ride from Seattle, and steps from the new Bainbridge Island Museum of Art. In 2017 we celebrated 15 years of collaboration with unique and talented artists from near and far.

**Event Location/Contacts/Visit:**

The Island Gallery, 400 Winslow Way E, #120, Bainbridge Island, Washington.

Underground parking is available at The Winslow off Ericksen Avenue.

**Web site:** www.theislandgallery.net  
Shop: www.theislandgallery.net/shop  
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Tuesdays - Saturdays 11:00 – 6:00 pm
Sundays Noon – 5:00 pm
Closed Mondays