

Examples of my work from around 1975 at the Kansas City Art Institute

The paintings and a drawing from around 1975 while I was a student at the Kansas City Art Institute A poto of the "Backstage Pass" exhibition at the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art pairing work from the permanent collection with work from private collections. Two of my large pen and ink drawings are on the right. 1967

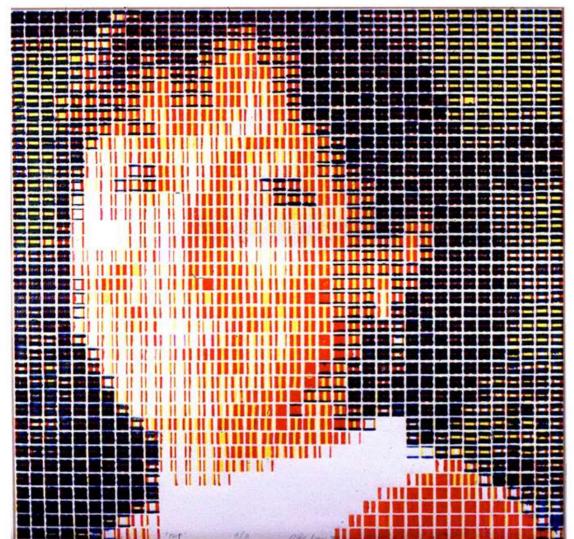
Two color, two block relief monoprint from 1967 when I was 15 or 16

Around 1980 to 1990 I led team which invented and manufactured Robo-Pic high volume automated split case order filling system shown here at Tupperware plant in Halls, Tennessee

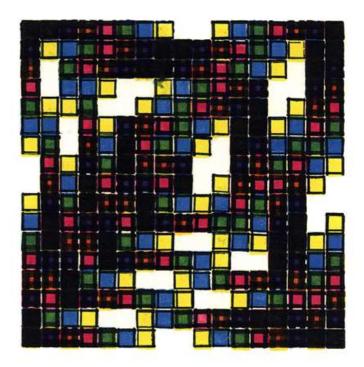
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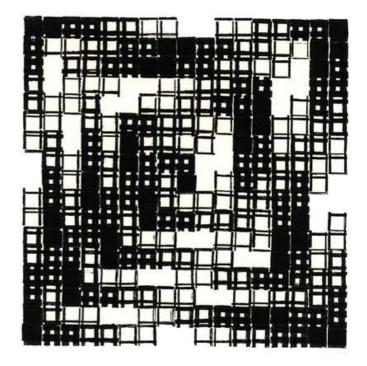
1994 Movable Type – made hundreds of acrylic cubes for typeset relief printing – each cube measured 1/2 by 1/2 inch on each face – faces were machined to print 0%, 25%, 50%, 75%, 100% and arranged in grids to be inked and printed – several example prints.







Traffic, plexi-block print on paper, 1995



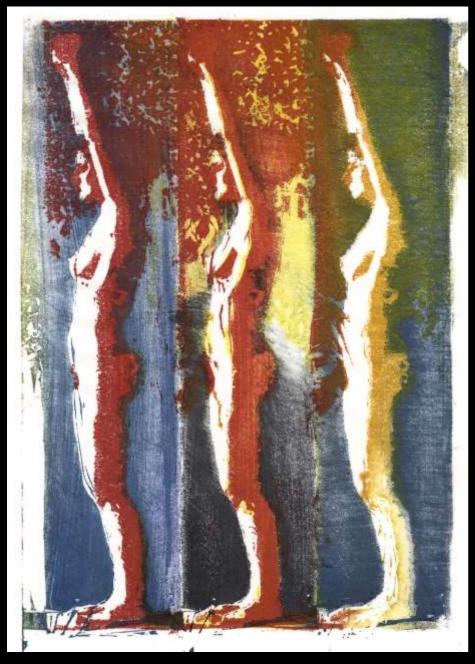
Mid 1990s I made a years long exploration into tile patterns – above illustrations are some of the experimental results – on top, each tile is divided on a diagonal into dark and light triangles which are arranged in 4x4 grids of 16 symmetrical patterns. Same arrangements on the bottom, but with a quarter-circle running between diagonals. I began to think deeply about aesthetics because I liked some arrangements and disliked others. Why? The answer probably lies in neurology.

Simple tile designs from 1996

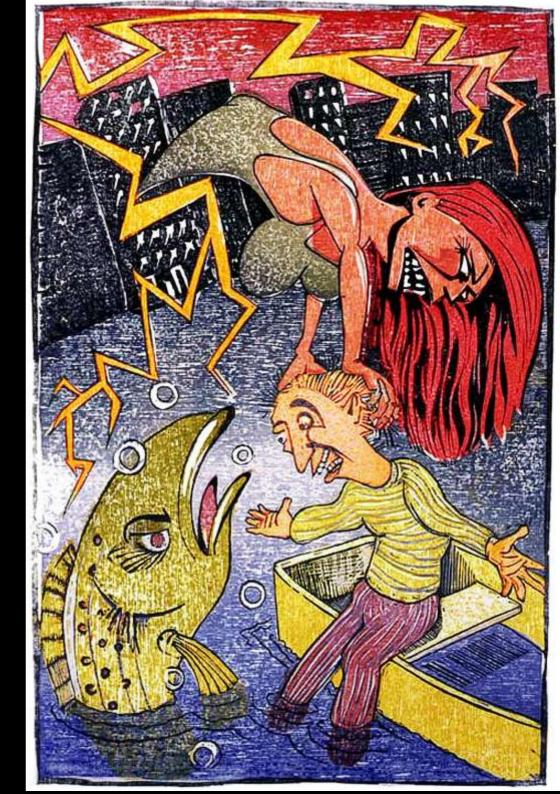


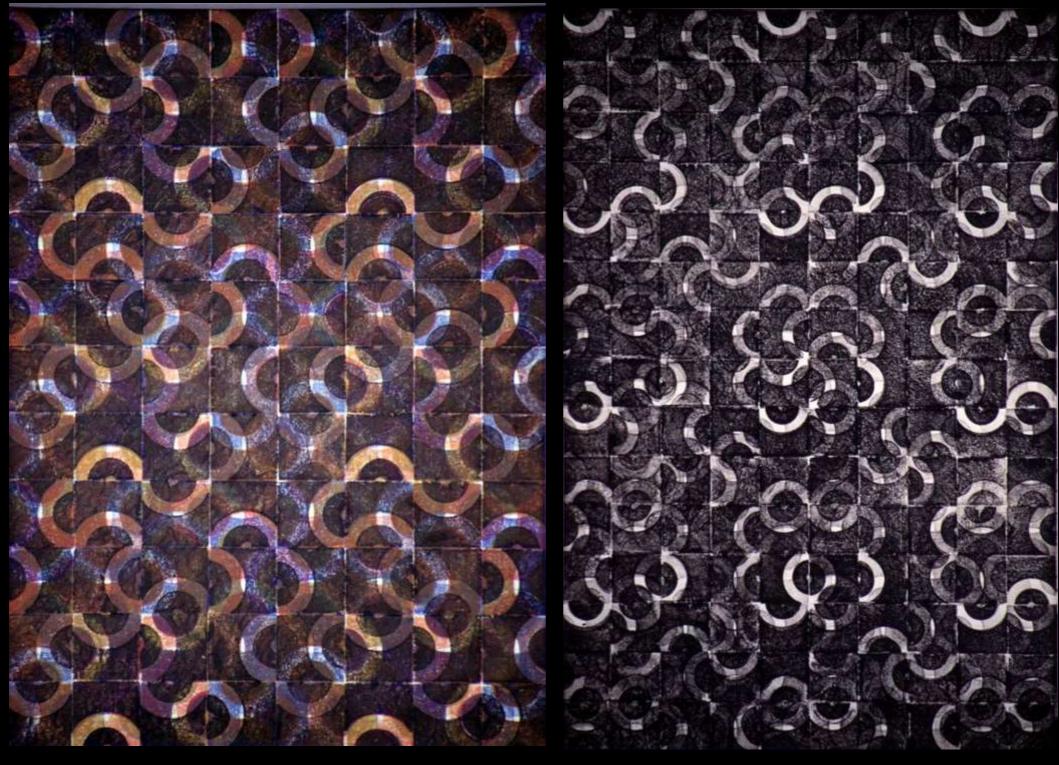


1996 – early attempts at four-block mokuhanga using brushes, watercolor, baren.



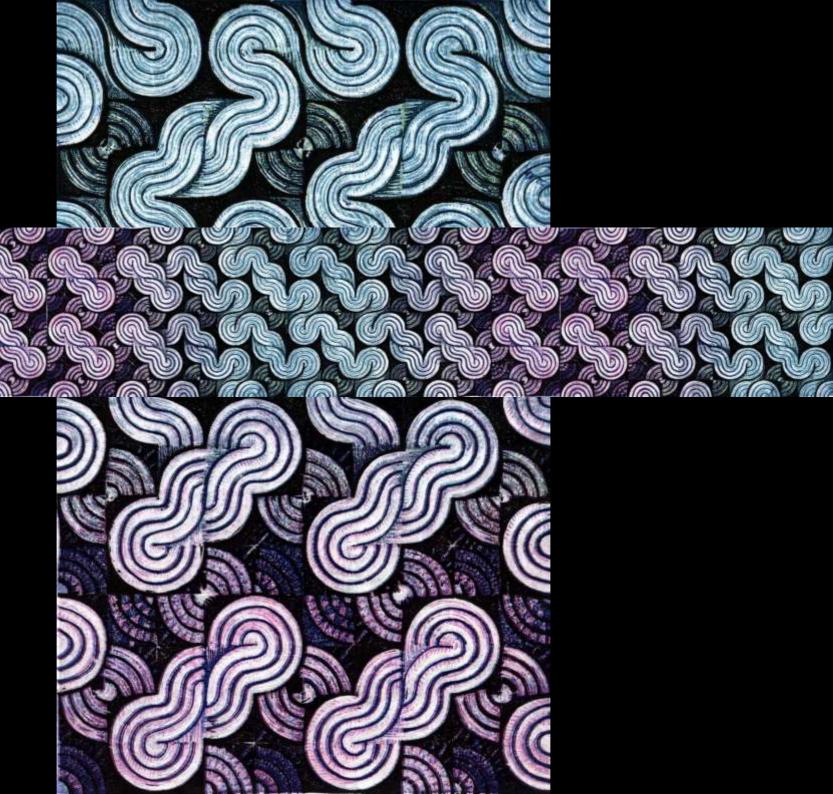
More mokuhanga from1996 – the right hand print was my first true mokuhanga – produced during a two-week intensive with Hiroki Morinoue in Snowmass, Colorado at Anderson Ranch Art Center

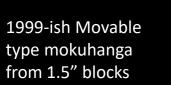




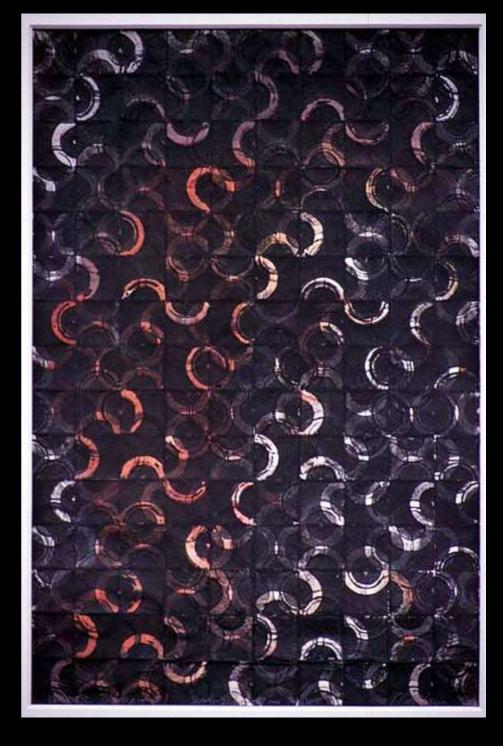
1998 - Movable type blocks printed mokuhanga style – two prints using 1.5" blocks

1998 mokuhanga – still exploring movable type patterns



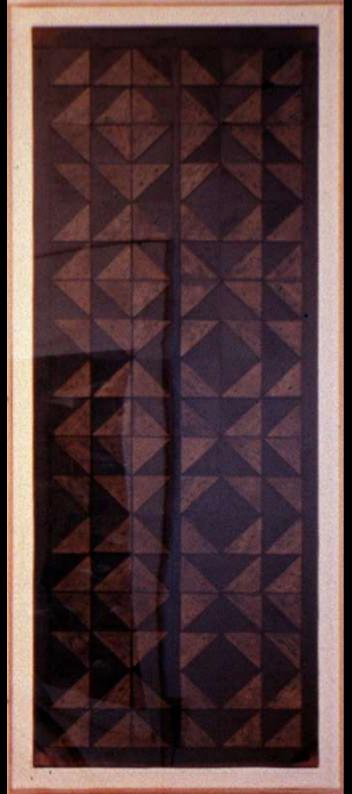




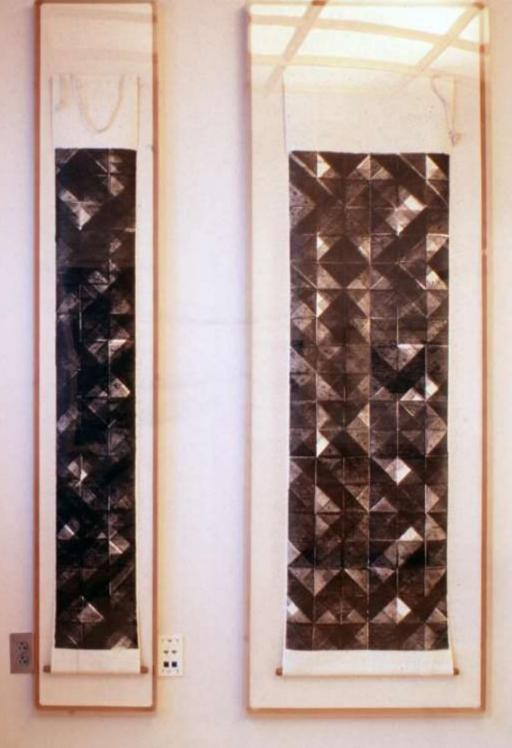


More movable type mokuhanga from 1998 or 1999

Movable type blocks in frame, moon window from similar tiles, furniture at UMB Bank Technical Center Meeting Room I designed and built – started 1999 and completed in 2000



Blocks and two mokuhanga sumizurie prints from the blocks mounted as scrolls in UMB room – completed 2000





December 5, 2000 – 6 x 4 inches, new year card – 15 block mokuhanga – variations printed – about 160 cards were printed.

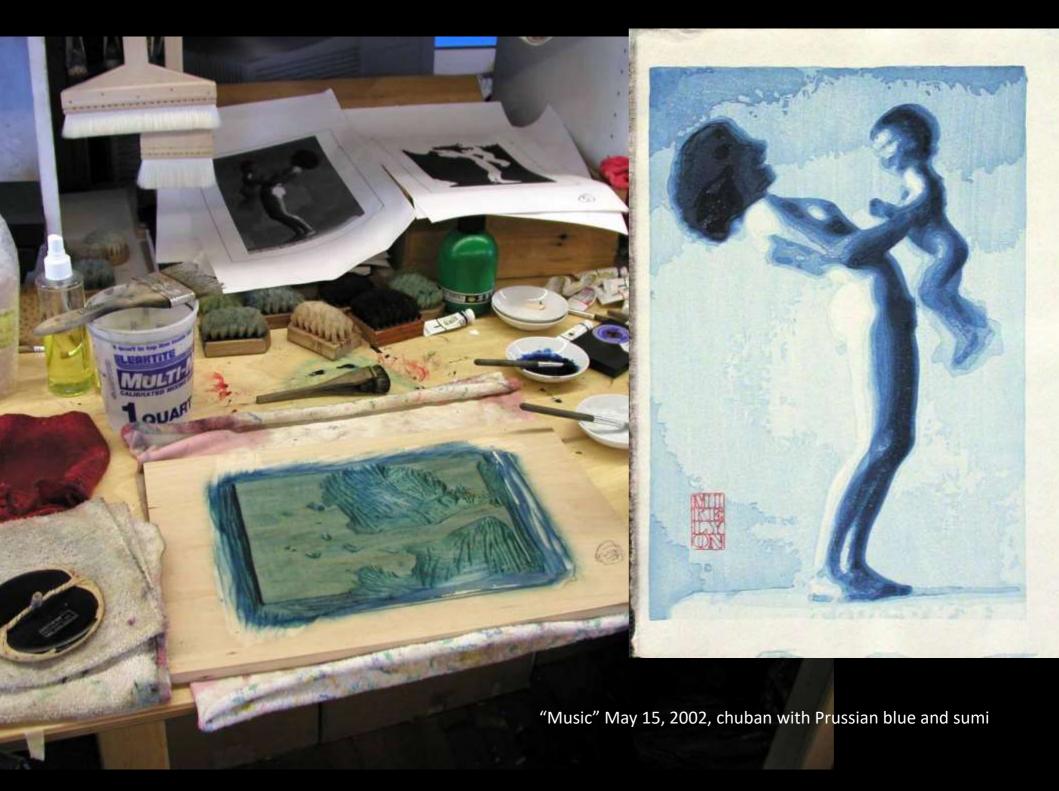
Mokuhanga from around October 27, 2000, "It's a Dog's Day"

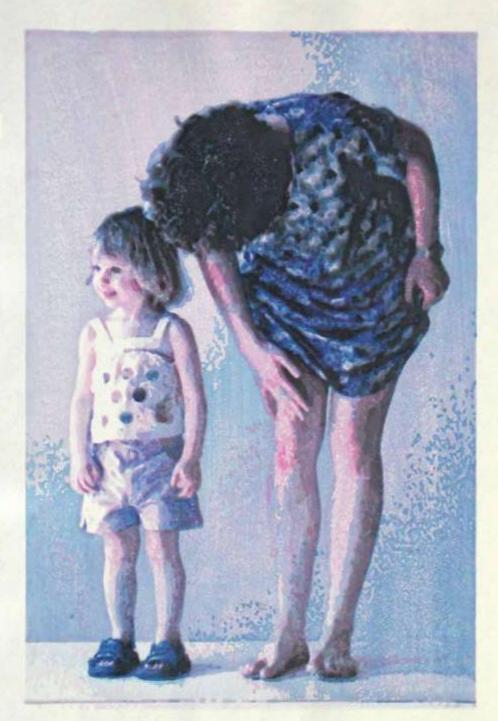




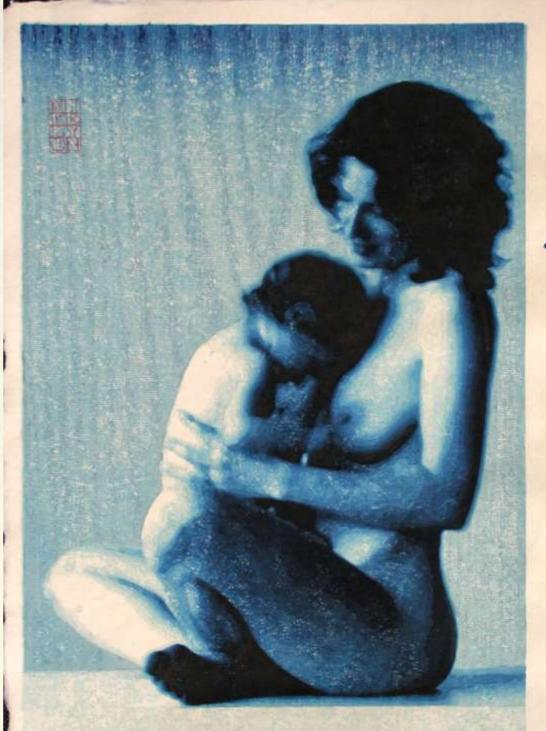
First aizurie attempt "Blue Robe" around January 23, 2002







August 2002 "Blue Shoes" oban mokuhanga from 17 blocks



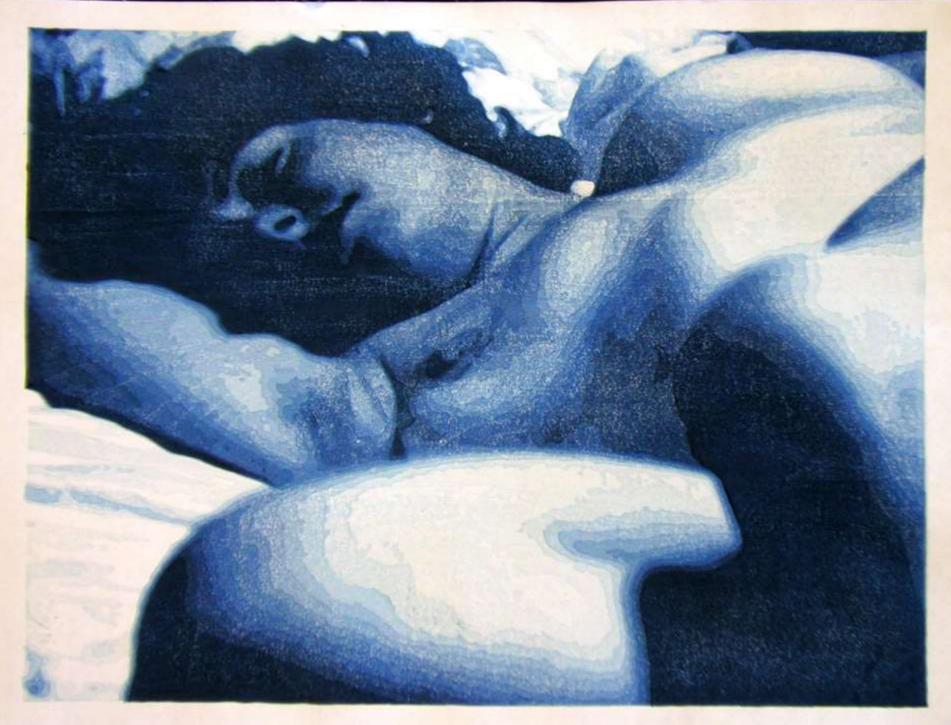
July 2002 "Mother and Child" oban mokuhanga from 26 blocks

August, 2003 larger (16 x 22 inches - double oban) reduction print from 18 blocks underway from 2003 – "Sarah Reclining" this one about block 5





A few states later...



And a few states later...



August 2003 - Completed print from 18 blocks





Teeny tiny mokuhanga from January 2003 – each less than four square inches from 8 blocks



2003 Baren Summit gathered in my studio for a week of mokuhanga. April Vollmer and Michael Schneider attended among many others. Here we're at the Spencer Museum of Art where there was an exhibit of our work "Inspired by Japan"

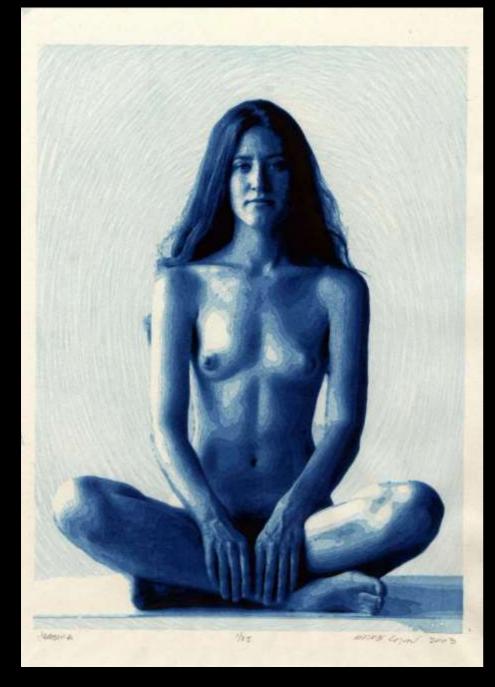


More photos from "Inspired by Japan" at the Spencer Museum of Art









September 19, 2003 "Jessica Seated, 19 state reduction mokuhanga hand carved from a single cherry plank



February, 2004 I assembled a 4x8 foot CNC machine from ShopBot Tools and began making larger blocks for mokuhanga with computer controlled router.

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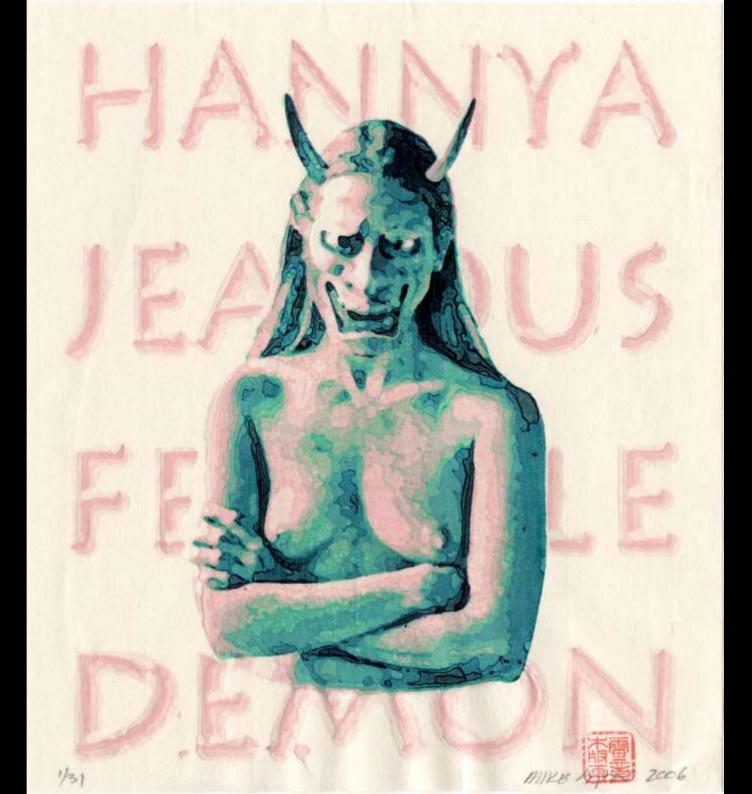
April 2004, "Anthony" "30 x 21 inches, woodblock print from 15 cherry plywood blocks, dry pigment and neri-zumi in paste of rice starch on Iwano Ichibei hosho Exhibited 2015, China Art Museum, Shanghai, PRC, Permanent collection of McNeese State University



<u>VIDEO</u> shows machine carving of the dozen blocks for 'Hannya' January 22, 2006, chuban (about 10x8 inches) mokuhanga – view the video youtube.com/watch?v=8z2NEUO1ISc

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'Hannya' January 22, 2006, chuban (about 10x8 inches) mokuhanga



Spring 2004 - Table for printing larger blocks - designed and cut on CNC – hook and slot construction – vacuum block hold-down, foot operated paper delivery humi-drawer

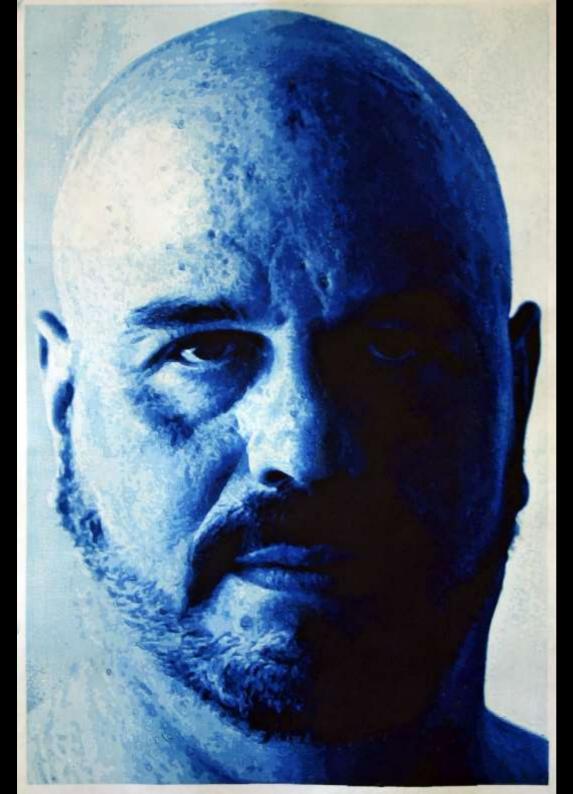
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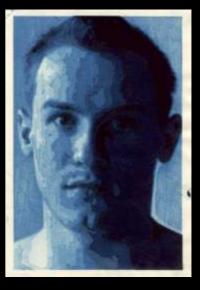
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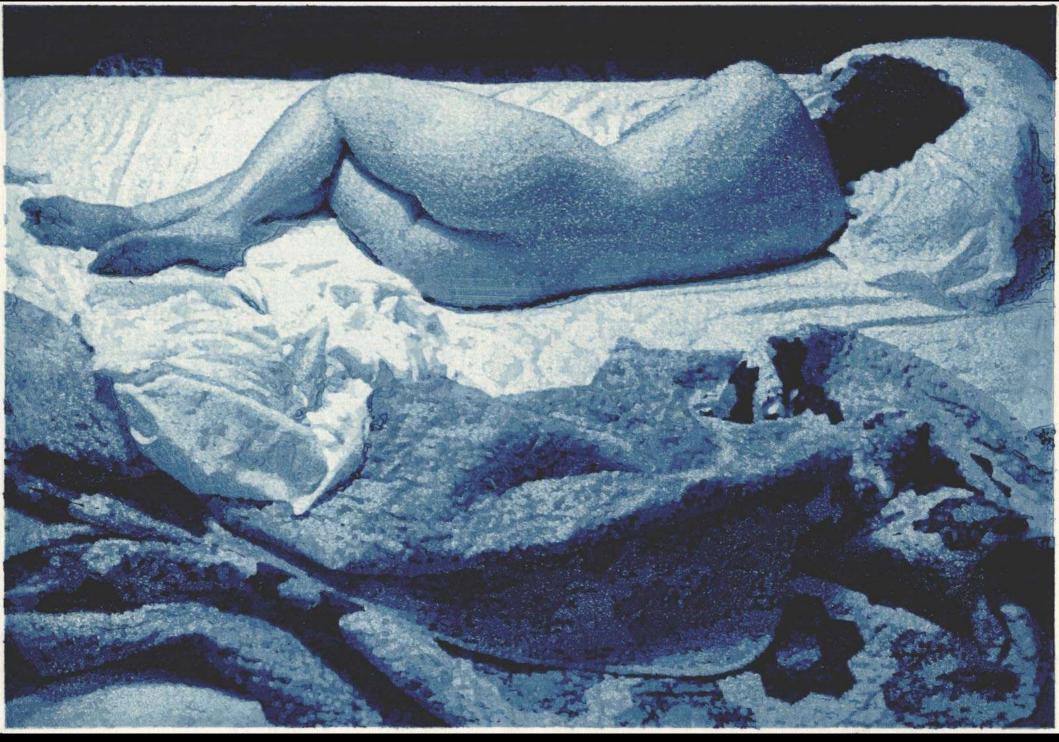
"Sarah", May 15, 2004, 30 x 21 inches, mokuhanga print from 19 cherry plywood blocks, dry pigment and neri-zumi in paste of rice starch on Iwano Ichibei hosho, 12 sheets





"untitled (Max)", March 26, 2004, 10 x 7.5 inches, mokuhanga print from 10 cherry plywood blocks, dry pigment and neri-zumi in paste of rice starch on Iwano Ichibei hosho, 24 sheets

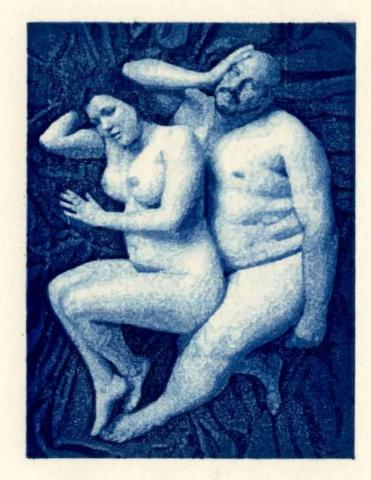
"Rod", August 5, 2004, 30 x 21 inches, mokuhanga print from 16 cherry plywood blocks dry pigment and neri-zumi in paste of rice starch on Iwano Ichibei hosho, 12 sheets printed Exhibited 2015, China Art Museum, Shanghai, PRC



"Sarah", May 26, 2004, 15 x 10 inches, mokuhanga from 22 cherry plywood blocks, dry pigment and neri-zumi in paste of rice starch on Iwano Ichibei hosho, 24 sheets printed

October 4, 2004 "Jessica", "Elizabeth & Rod", "Mia" woodblock prints -- this is what each 11 x 16 inch sheet looked like before the individual prints were cut out. This particular sheet was left uncut, but was signed and numbered 24/24 after the image was scanned.

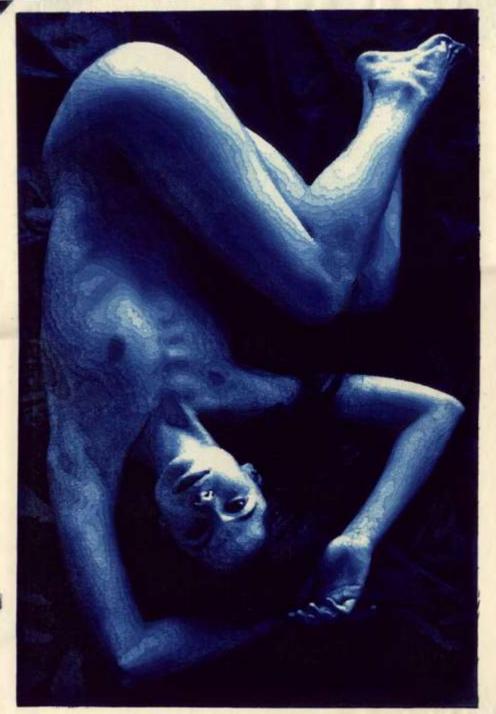












Mia, 19 state reduction from baltic birch plywood block, dry pigment and neri-zumi in paste of rice starch on Iwano Ichibei hosho, May 2004

October 2004 mokuhanga exhibition at Ezoshi in Kytoto

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October 2004 mokuhanga exhibition at Ezoshi in Kytoto – opening reception

"Lily & Sarah (Spring Becomes Summer)", August 17, 2004, 9 x 8 inches, woodblock print from 32 cherry plywood blocks, dry pigments in rice flour paste on Iwano Ichibei hosho, 48 sheets printed

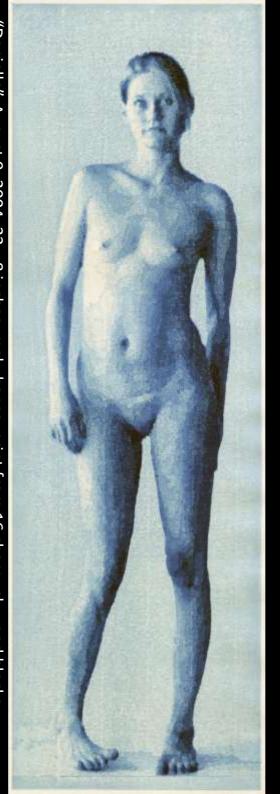
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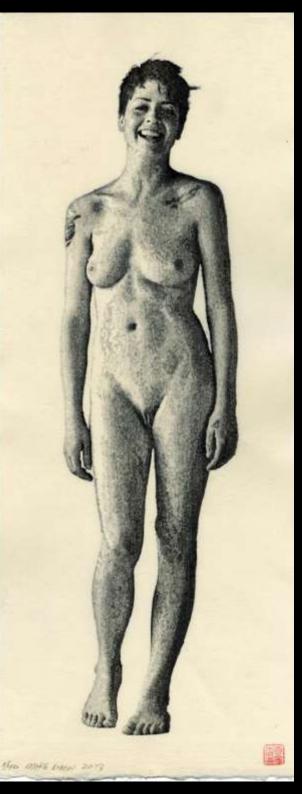
Prussian Blue and Sumi on Iwano Ichibei hosho, Edition of 20 (28 sheets printed) "Fixing Hair", January 5, 2004, 21.75 x 7.35 inches, mokuhanga print – 23 state reduction,



"Danielle", August 9, 2004, 22 x 8 inches, mokuhanga print from 16 cherry plywood blocks, dry pigment and charcoal in paste of rice starch on Iwano Ichibei hosho, 16 sheets printed.



"Carrie", July Bohemian Centerfold, 2013, 21.5 x 8.5 inches, woodcut from 16 blocks

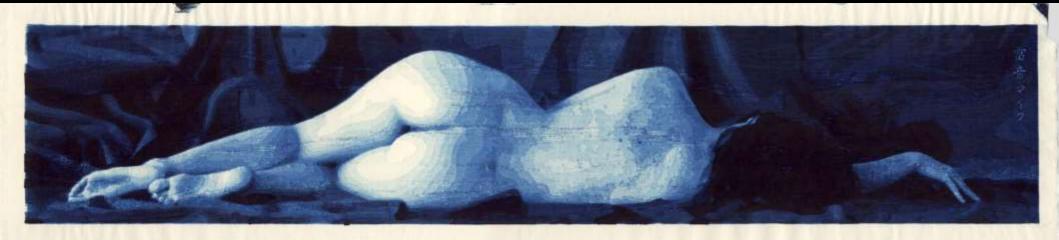




"Jessica on dark drapery", July 1, 2004, 10 x 15 inches, woodblock print from 16 cherry plywood blocks, dry pigment and neri-zumi in paste of rice starch on Iwano Ichibei hosho, 16 sheets printed.



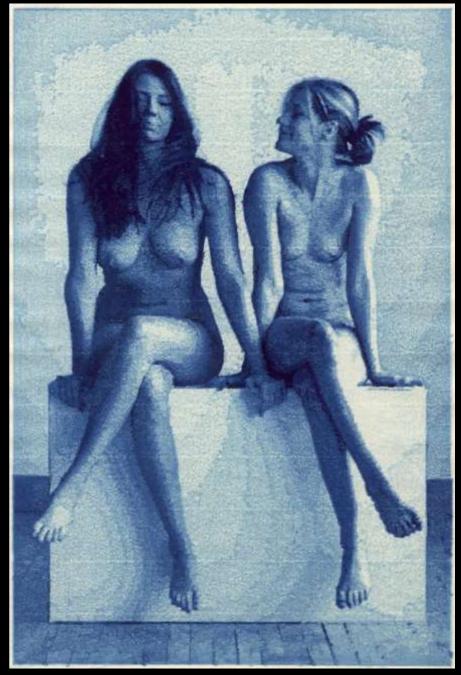
"Sarah (pink robe)", June 29, 2004, 7 x 22 inches, woodblock print from 16 cherry plywood blocks, dry pigment and neri-zumi in paste of rice starch on Iwano Ichibei hosho, 24 sheets printed.



"Jessica Reclining (rear)", February 29, 2004, woodblock print – 16 state reduction of Spanish cedar plank, dry pigment and neri-zumi in paste of rice starch on Iwano Ichibei hosho, 24 sheets printed. Partially printed with the wonderful new Korokoro Baren, and partially with my favorite hon-baren.



"Elizabeth and Rod", June 25, 2004, 15 x 10 inches, mokuhanga from 24 cherry plywood blocks, dry pigment and neri-zumi in paste of rice starch on Iwano Ichibei hosho, 24 sheets printed



"Shannon and Danielle seated", June 30, 2004, 15 x 10 inches, mokuhanga from 24 cherry plywood blocks, dry pigment and neri-zumi in paste of rice starch on Iwano Ichibei hosho, 24 sheets printed



October 2004 - Living National Treasure of Papermaking, Iwano Ichibei signed some paper for me with several of my prints on table and Emperor's certificate behind at upper left.

Mike Lyon and April Vollmer - 2005 Jan 10 – Feb 14 "Japanese Woodcuts including work by April Vollmer, Mike Lyon, Daniel Heyman, Yasu Shibata, Takuji Hamanaka, Keiji Shinohara, Bill Paden and Suezan Aikins", Burns Atrium Gallery, Union College, Schenectady, NY

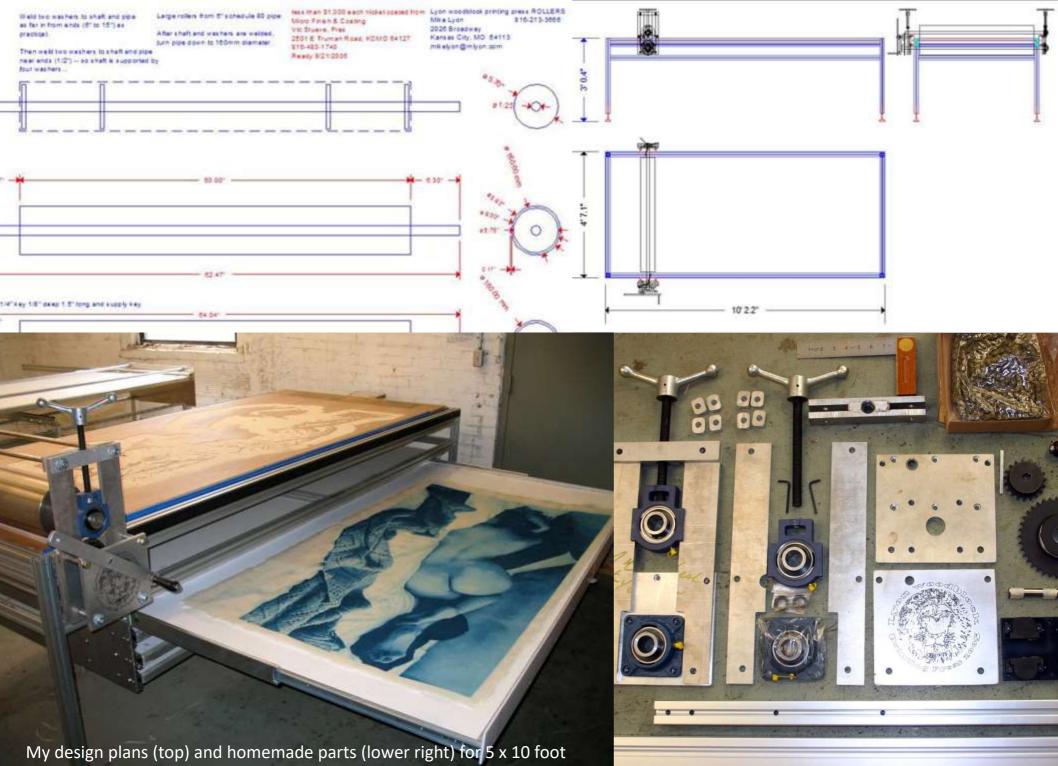




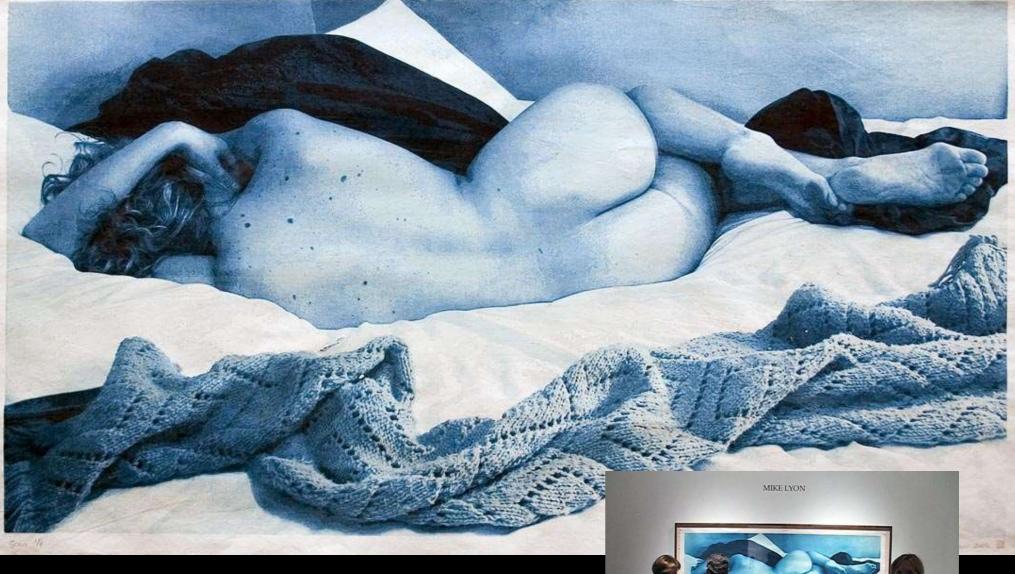
Madeline and Kit, 2012, woodblock print from 17 blocks, dry pigment, rice paste, and water on paper handmade by Iwano Ichibei, 1st edition of 12 plus Baren edition of 19

Video: printing Madeline and Kit mokuhanga from 17 blocks – illustrates on use of sliding humidrawer paper delivery – video on-line at <u>youtube.com/watch?v=i15kCRy6EVw</u>





stationary bed pinch roller press (lower left)



"Sara", 42 x 77 inch mokuhanga (17 blocks) Permanent Collection, Beach Museum of Art





'Leaves', Feb 2006, 77 x 42 inches, woodcut on handmade Japanese paper



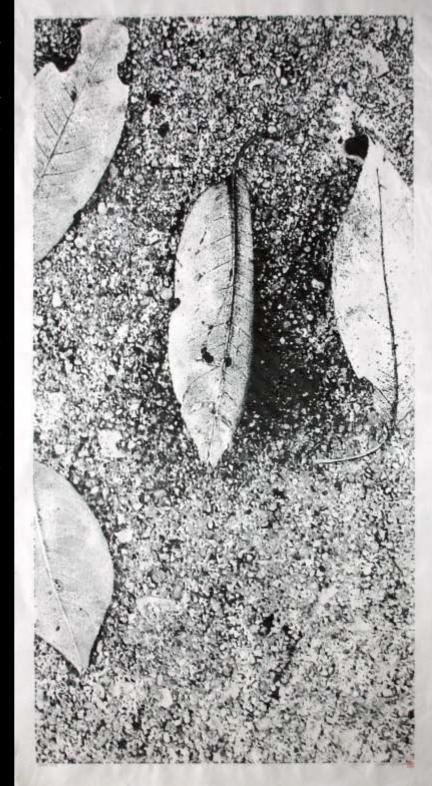
Carving reduction block for 'Aspen Grove', Feb 2006, 77 x 42 inches, mokuhanga on handmade Japanese paper

Aspen and Leaves 77 x42 inch mokuhanga prints hanging in studio (next to 4 x 8 foot blocks – press with vacuum hold-down in foreground



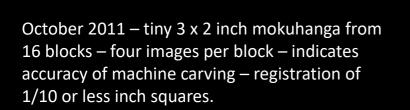


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2005 Machine carved block and print – mapping Z (vertical) axis for V-bit carving to lightness value of reference image – spiraling out from cat's eye – lighter values are deeper cuts





2010 press and garage door opener powered paper delivery humidrawer - clockwise from left – dampening block, inking block, registering sheet, printing

VIDEO: July 18, 2010 printing large woodblock print from 16 blocks – time-lapse at youtube.com/watch?time_continue=6&v=M1rqU-TUiBI

15th of 16 blocks rotation from 14th to 15th, dampening and printing





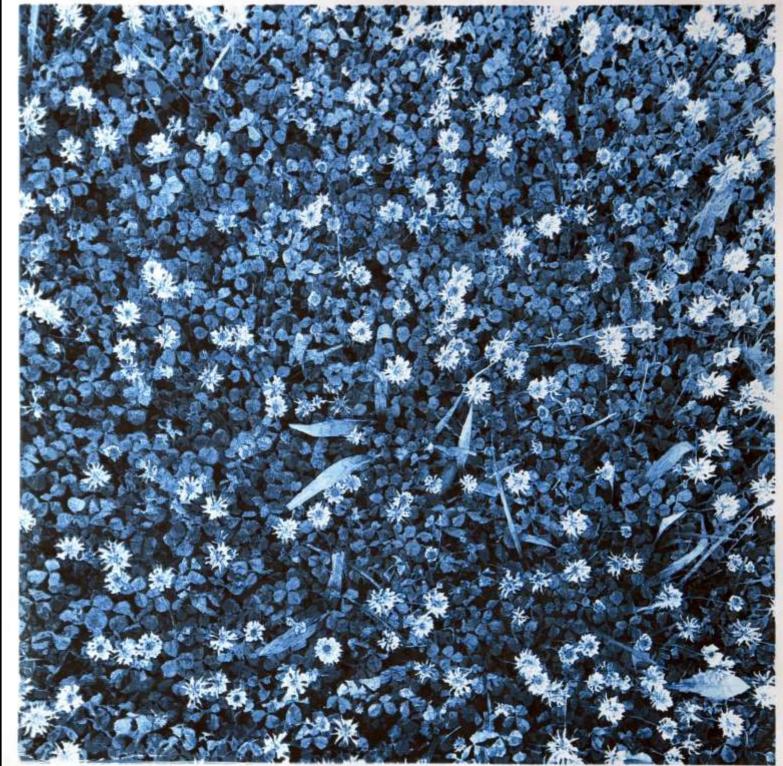
Detail of block for "Secret Garden"

VIDEO: August 2017 printing 34 x 34 inch mokuhanga "Secret Garden" from 12 blocks youtube.com/watch?v=uNDrsRsiJao



Detail: 2017 "Secret Garden"







2017 - Detail of block wedged into kento template (this way, block can't shift during inking or printing) VIDEO: Mike Lyon prints small mokuhanga woodblocks by hand with automated paper delivery and wedged kento template youtube.com/watch?v=Wi-vEZ7Zxhl



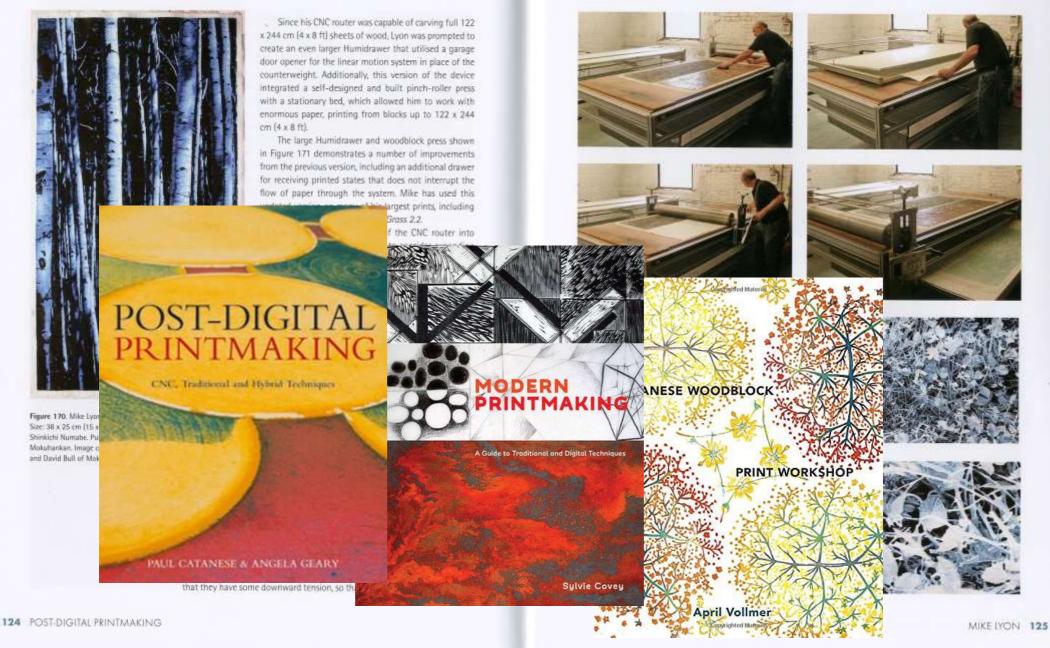
Machine carving block in wedged kento template (screwed to machine bed)

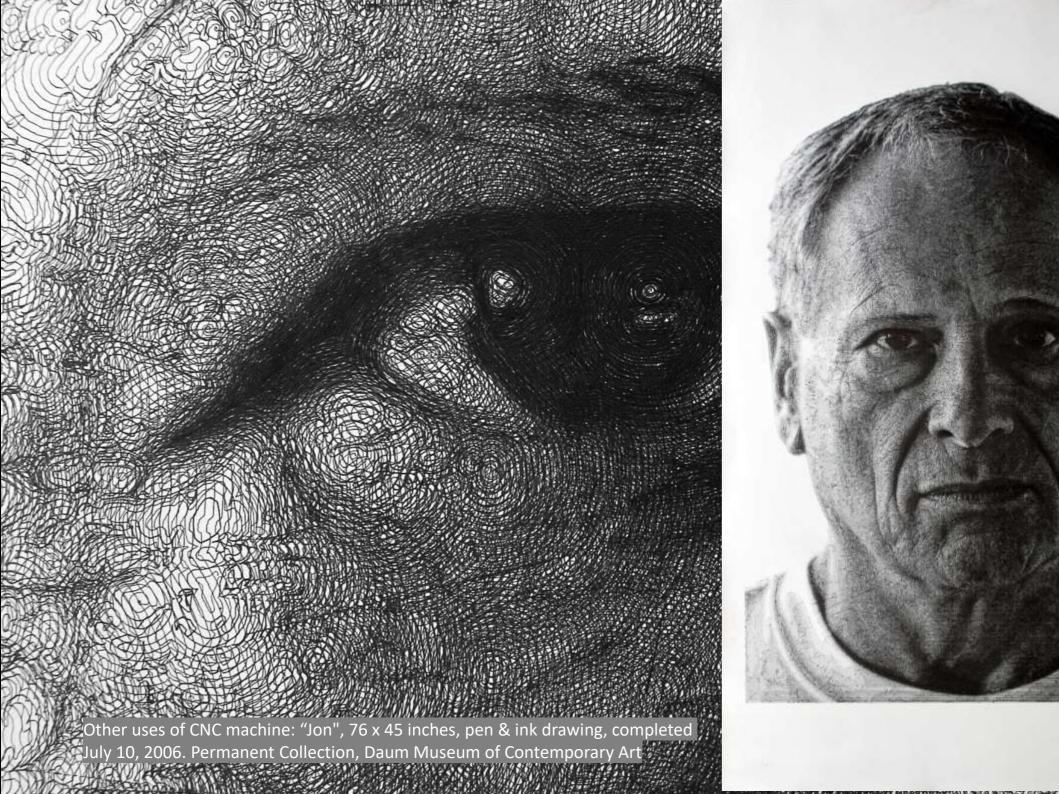


September 2017 Garage drawer paper delivery is efficient even for very small prints!

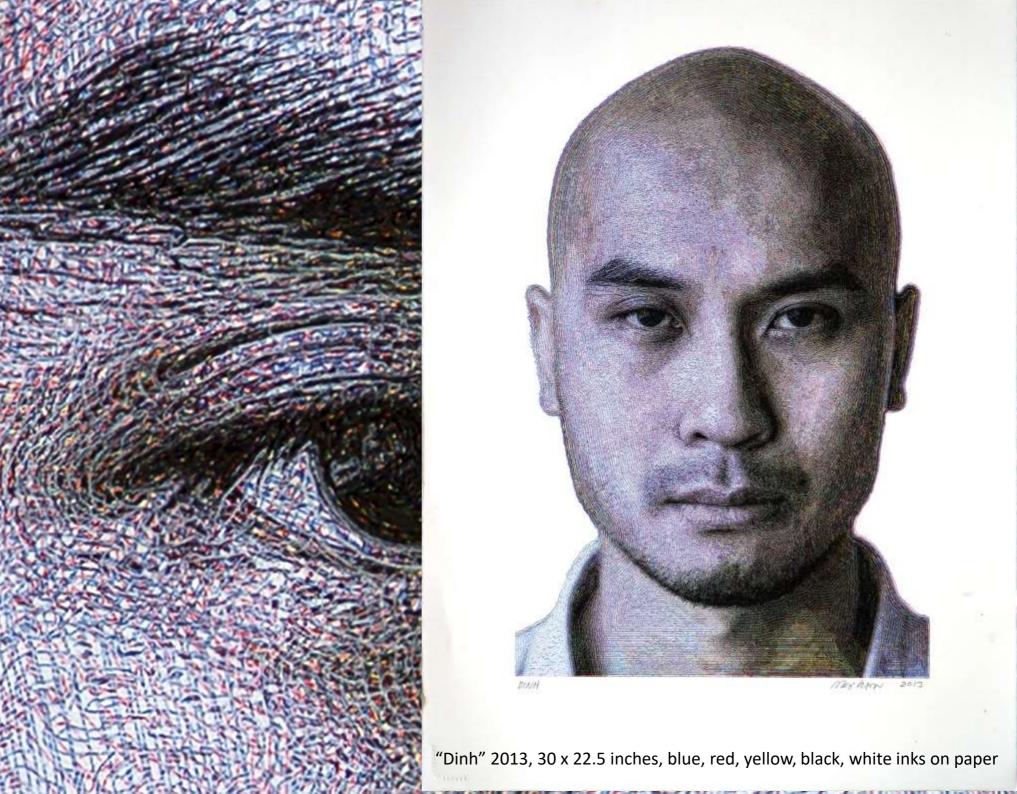


Several textbooks include entries about my work – pictured above, "Post-Digital Printmaking: CNC, Traditional, and Hybrid Techniques" by Paul Catanese and Angela Geary, "Modern Printmaking" by Sylvie Covey, "Japanese Woodblock Print Workshop" by April Vollmer

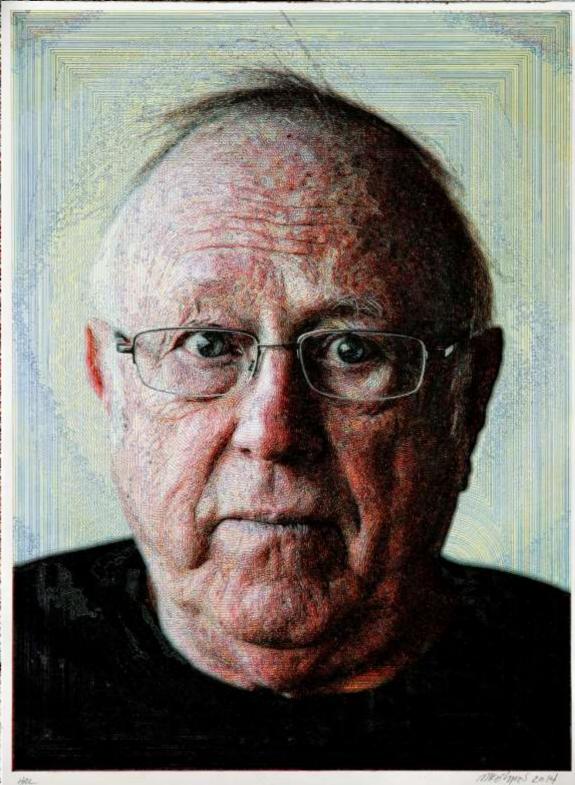




"Addy and Arthur", 2013, 81 x 44 inches, drawing in black and white ink on pigment tinted paper



"Hal" 2014, 31.25 x 22.75 inches, drawing in 5 ink colors on heavy paper. Collection of Hal Wert



"The code that moves the pen makes the image – I wrote the code – the image is mine." 2014, pen and ink on pigment-tinted paper, 62 x 45 in, permanent collection Nelson Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City Mike Lyon <u>mLyon.com</u> <u>facebook.com/mikelyon.kc</u>

Lyon Collection of 18th – 21st Century Japanese Prints (currently 1,465 objects) woodblockprints.org