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Compensatory Objects-

Assemblage Art by Mary Price

January 21- March 5, 2011

Artist's Reception: Friday, January 21, 2011, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

AFS Gallery

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Compensatory Objects- Art Opening at AFS Gallery

SANTA BARBARA: *Compensatory Objects*, a new exhibition by assemblage artist Mary Price, opens at the AFS Gallery on Friday, January 21st with an Artist's Reception. The show runs through March 5, and is the first exhibition of the year for the gallery.

Price says, "*Compensatory Objects* is an expression I came across in a book called *Collections of Nothing* by UCSB Professor William Davies King. By definition, compensatory objects are things that you are given or that you receive as an equivalent for services, debt, loss, injury, etc. For instance, people buy themselves presents to make themselves feel loved. So much stuff is produced, I think, to compensate people in our society for something they may be missing. What

are these things worth, and what do they cost? These are the questions that I am trying to explore through my art in a limited and personal way. ”

Price continues, “Each thing has a story, sometimes a mystery. I treasure them and I resent them. They enrich me; they are my past, my history and background. But they also cost me: my time, my freedom, my complacency, my space.”

Price has been an artist her whole life and started exhibiting her work about six years ago. Price finds assemblage very rewarding. “It's a non-verbal way to explore the meanings in material things. This visual story-telling can be direct and efficient, yet also obscure, like haiku.”

Price will be teaching an Art Workshop, “*Flowers From Mars, and Other Alien Botany*”, on Saturday, January 22, at 10:00 am in the AFS Art Center. The workshop gives the Santa Barbara community a chance to work directly with the artist.

About Art From Scrap: Art From Scrap is Santa Barbara’s Environmental Education and Art Center. The AFS Gallery is located upstairs at Art From Scrap. Rotating shows hang throughout the year bringing together art lovers, collectors and local artists.

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