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Dear As Salt A Sculptural Installation by Monica Bock with poetry by Zofia Burr

May 25 - June 19, 2004

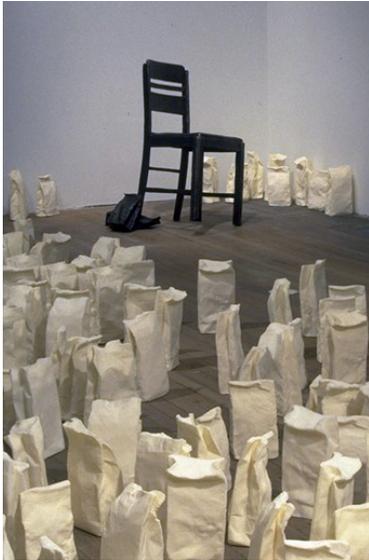
Opening Reception Thursday May 27, 5pm - 7pm

Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Saturday, 12noon - 6pm. Admission is free.

SOHO20 Chelsea presents "Dear As Salt" an installation by visual artist Monica Bock with poetry contributed by writer Zofia Burr. The installation will be open to the public from May 25 through June 19. An opening reception will be held on May 27 from 5pm - 7pm.

"**Dear As Salt**" gathers several hundred cast salt bags at the foot of a cast iron chair, standing askew with one leg lifted on two cast iron lunch bags. A poem by collaborator, Zofia Burr accompanies the piece, and extends the metaphors evoked by the sculptural objects. Like much of Monica Bock's recent work it is a piece that reflects on the ordinary and extreme experience of mothering.

"As a mother of two swiftly growing children, unable to conceive the third child I always imagined having, I find myself freshly off balance and looking back from an unexpected distance."



Pillar of Salt
I would look back
no warning would stop me
though the cost were all
that might be
what had been would be / all
of / in my sight my longing
would be to look back
to the moment over that was once
mine that was
we were
in it I would linger
though the gesture bound me
blind as stone to the place I turned
and turned salt among stone

- Zofia Burr

Monica Bock is Associate Professor of Art at the University of Connecticut, Storrs. She has exhibited widely in such venues as Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art, Pittsburgh's Mattress Factory, Mobius in Boston, and Art in General in New York City. She received her BA in Art from Oberlin College, and her BFA and MFA in Sculpture from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where she then became an Adjunct Assistant Professor before accepting her current teaching position in 1996. She has received a variety of awards including an Arts Midwest/NEA Regional Visual Arts Fellowship.

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