



SUBTLETIES OF PLACE

Works by Santa Barbara Photographer Jean Morrison Phillips

Faulkner Galleries at the Santa Barbara Central Library
40 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Exhibition Runs: November 1-30, 2023

Opening Reception: 5:30-8:00 p.m. Thursday,
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Santa Barbara, CA—By focusing on intimate details, photographer Jean Morrison Phillips brings the viewer into her inner world in her upcoming exhibition, *Subtleties of Place: Quiet Observations 700 Feet or 7,000 Miles from Home*. Photographs from her series, *Silver Linings*, and *Traces of Splendor, Traces of Serenity*, will be on display at the Faulkner West Gallery at the Santa Barbara Central Library for the month of November.



From the dazzling opulence of temple ornamentation to the charm of doorstep vignettes, Jean's images speak to a connection with artisans past and present who share her passion for creating beauty. "These images transport you across the globe, bridging the gap between cultures and showcasing the universal pursuit of the beautiful," says Donna Dufault, a collector of Jean's work. "This show will leave you with a newfound appreciation for the world's exquisite details.

The handcrafted prints in her *Silver Linings* series feature images made at the beginning of the pandemic. During this time, her family's world shrank to home, yard and countless walks around the neighborhood with their young daughter. Making photos became an essential way to remain connected to her creative process and the outside world amidst the worry and uncertainty of that time.

"These prints, meticulously crafted on handmade khadi paper with layers of genuine silver leaf and Japanese conservation tissue, possess a unique depth and subtle sheen that needs to be seen in person." says artist Jean Morrison Phillips.

Images in the *Traces of Splendor, Traces of Serenity* series were made in Thailand, and reflect Phillips' experience of place—in this case one that was wholly unfamiliar to her. From walking quiet side streets to visiting impressive Buddhist religious sites, she was repeatedly drawn into small parts of the scenes around her and felt a kinship with the unseen makers who had created them,

Whether working in her own neighborhood or far from home, Phillips has an extraordinary talent for unveiling the overlooked, drawing your attention to the hidden treasures of our world. Her work revels in the vibrant colors, intricate patterns, and tantalizing textures that often hide in plain sight.

The show opens on November 1 at the Faulkner West Gallery and runs through November 30. A reception will be held on Thursday, November 2 from 5:30-8:00 p.m., and is open to the public.

Ms. Phillips holds a BFA in Photography from the Rochester Institute of Technology, and has shown her work both nationally and internationally. For more about the artist and her work, please visit her website at www.jeanmorrison.com and follow her on Instagram at @jeanmorrisonphillips.

High-res photos from the show and additional biographical details are available at the website or directly from the artist: jean@jeanmorrison.com.

About the Faulkner Galleries at the Santa Barbara Central Library

The Santa Barbara Central Library offers the Faulkner Galleries as a public space for art exhibitions. Individual artists are selected for solo shows through an annual juried process managed by the Santa Barbara Art Association on behalf of the library.

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