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The Greenwich Arts Council presents  
**Susan Manspeizer - "Recent Sculptures"  
and  
Contemporary Japanese Prints**

March 15 through April 15

at The Bendheim Gallery  
299 Greenwich Avenue  
Greenwich, CT 06830

The first spring show in The Bendheim Gallery will feature the current sculpture of Susan Manspeizer, juxtaposed to a selection of Japanese prints produced over the past century.

A resident of Pound Ridge, Manspeizer works mainly with wood, often in thin strips or sheets, painted or left natural, and bent into complex forms. The curvilinear lines of the wood's edges, along with its broader surfaces, can suggest a kind of abstract calligraphy in three dimensions. The size of her works can vary from less than two feet to about seven feet, can be wall-hung or freestanding, and is meant for indoor display.

The sculptor's current work is conceived as a tribute to women - to their strength, their generosity, and their caring nature. "Women," she says, "bring forth new life," and she has tried to capture their human feelings in her sculpture. She was very much affected by the tsunami of 2004 and a work titled "Tsunami Women Weep" is one of several she has produced related to this tragedy.

Manspeizer has had numerous solo shows in New York galleries and nearby at such venues as the Silvermine Guild Arts Center and the Alternative Space for Contemporary Art in Armonk, and one of her sculptures has been selected for the permanent collection of the Zimmerli Museum in New Jersey.

Historically, the Japanese woodblock print has been one of the highpoints in the evolution of the visual arts since the 1700s. Compositions, colors, and textures remain adventurous, and subject matter has become more cosmopolitan, reflecting Japan's intense cultural involvement with the entire world. An exhibition of contemporary Japanese prints in the Director's Hall of The Bendheim Gallery will be the perfect complement to Manspeizer's sculptures.

For more information please call the Greenwich Arts Council office at 203-622-3998 or check the GAC website at [www.greenwicharts.org](http://www.greenwicharts.org).

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