

# judi rotenberg gallery

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## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Carol Gove: Elements of Heredity**

**June 7- July 7, 2007**

**Opening reception with the artist June 7, 2007 6- 8pm**



The judi rotenberg gallery is pleased to present Carol Gove: *Elements of Heredity*. Gove creates colorful, abstract compositions using both paint and collage. This body of work reflects the artist's fascination with the influence of her personal history on the marks and patterns she creates on panel.

Gove describes her work as an “exploration of the assumed simplicity of the past with the complexity of the present.” For the first time, Gove refers to a number of her pieces as “portraits.” She builds these compositions around a central component. Whether it is a photograph, illustration, or other small object, the central piece is always directly connected to the subject of the portrait. She juxtaposes worn, textured surfaces with clean, defined lines, creating arrangements that have the look of both construction and decomposition. Similar to the transposition of oral histories, Gove's actual breaking up and building of layers further evolves the work, and blurs the original content.

Each composition is enhanced by Gove's careful choice of color. She defines the mood and character of each piece using a limited palette that carefully balances light and dark, pale and saturated. Like the balance between shapes and texture, the balance of color informs and develops the history of the painting itself and the memory or person who inspired it.

Gove has a Bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire and studied painting with Timothy Harney at the DeCordova School in Lincoln, MA. In addition to *Elements of Heredity*, Gove will be exhibiting in *In Context: Collage + Abstraction* at the Pavel Zoubok Gallery in NYC this year.

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Images above: Carol Gove, *Sojourn*, 2007, mixed media, 25" x 25"; *Rose*, 2007, mixed media, 25" x 25"; *Self-Portrait*, 2006, mixed media on panel, 36" x 36".