

EDGEWISE

Saturday, May 5, 2012 to Saturday, June 9, 2012



Modern Fuel presents, in its State of Flux Gallery, a new installation of paintings by **Ann Clarke** (Thunder Bay, ON) entitled *Edgewise*. The focus of her current work is painting as painting, the picture plane, space and colour. Opaque and transparent images are layered, and reflections on the dichotomies of nature/nurture, sacred /profane, organic/manufactured, past/present, and wild/tame, are explored. Memory and cross-cultural influences also play a significant role. The contrast between flatness and the illusion of space and volume holds her attention as an essential aspect of two-dimensional work. The journey is along the edge, the shoreline, the border between order and chaos.

Ann Clarke received her art education at the Slade School of Fine Art in London, England and moved to Canada in 1968. A professional artist since 1966, she has had about forty solo exhibitions in Canada and has shown work in more than one hundred group shows in Britain, Canada and the U.S.A. Her work is predominantly painting and drawing, with occasional printmaking and sculpture as well as installation work. She is a Professor Emerita of Visual Art at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay.

Edgewise opens with a reception on May 5, 2012, at 7 pm, with the artist in attendance.