

Art show

An exhibit featuring Irena Kononova's works will run through Oct. 30 in San Mateo County Art Gallery, 1219 Ralston Avenue, Belmont. Telephone 593-1816.

Kononova's large pieces combine intriguing and somewhat mysterious mood, with strong interest in the formal side of the painting. Her oils present sophisticated textures, saturated pallet and delicate glazes that aim to create a world of visual richness and subtlety.

The interior from the "Rooms" Series complement the show by

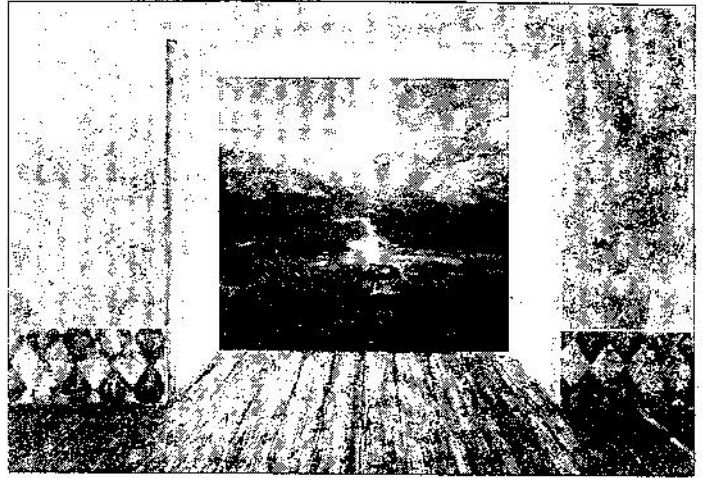
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developing the artist's ideas on a different scale and in another technique. These small works are painted on wood with dry pigments mixed with emulsion, a method quite similar to tempera painting.

Kononova's art leaves ample room for various interpretations. Visitors are invited to see the show and form their own.

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"Grey Room" is one of the recent paintings by Irena Kononova featured in an exhibit opening Saturday at the Manor House Gallery in Belmont.

LUMINOUS landscapes by Bay Area artist Irena Kononova will be featured at the San Mateo County Arts Council Manor House Gallery in an exhibit opening Saturday and running through Oct. 31.

Kononova was born in Russia and received a master's degree in Russian and French literature from St. Petersburg State University in Russia. Later she studied painting at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. Before moving to California in 1994, Kononova spent two years working on murals for the headquarters of Rhone-Poulenc Rorer, Inc., in Collegeville, Pa.

She has participated in a number of solo and group exhibitions, including the American Artist Gallery in Santa Fe, the Berman-E.N. Gallery in SOHO, New York, and the Zona Gallery in Amsterdam. Her work is represented by galleries both in Europe and in the United States.

A special artist's reception for the exhibit will be held Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. The San Mateo County Arts Council Manor House Gallery is located at 1219 Ralston Ave., Belmont. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, contact the Arts Council at (650) 593-1816.

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