

## Becky Frehse – Adaptations

*Adaptations* is a new body of work I am producing for a solo show at the Sandpiper Gallery in Tacoma, Washington. The show will open on January 30, 2010 with a reception that is open to the public and invited guests.

The focus in this body of work is the interplay of visual elements as they respond to each other within found box constructions. Imagery inspired by the natural world is entwined with three-dimensional objects and re-purposed materials to suggest imaginary environments, scenarios, and states of mind.

Improvisation is an important part of my creative process. Like an archeologist discovering layers of meaning by studying an artifact's proximity to other found objects, my process of combining layers of collage, paint, and found objects is both a search for understanding and a spontaneous response to what is suggested by a juxtaposition of shapes and colors in a pictorial space. The process of putting things in and/or taking things out of a piece is a dialogue between creator and materials with the expectation that a balance between evidence and lyricism decides a realized composition.

