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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE :: Doll Neighborhood Collaborative Art Exhibition

A group of New York area artists are currently exploring the idea of collaboration surrounding the creation, interaction and display of a collection of unique, handmade dolls. **Doll Neighborhood** is a social as well as artistic experiment, a meeting of minds as well as creative designs. The project is like a sewing circle, in that it welcomes unguarded dialogue and supports a community of artists, as they sew together not only fabric, but also words, all the while speaking and listening to a range of uninhibited, uncensored voices, informed by individual and collective art. A dynamic exhibition will open at the **Village @ Gureje on April 4** that will include not only the dolls, but also a video that will include the dolls interacting with each other. Doll Neighborhood may continue as an ongoing doll collaborative, meeting and exhibiting around NYC. Ellie Balk and Kristin Brenneman Eno, Curators

Artist meetings to prepare for the exhibition of dolls and a collaborative video:

Feb. 5: Artists meet and begin making dolls together.

Feb. 26: Sewing circle and workshop.

March 11: Doll Improv/Play/Video.

Exhibition Opening at the Renate Albertsen-Marton Space, Village @ Gureje: April 4, 2008, 6-9pm

Dolls displayed, video screened, party for artists and guests. Show remains installed until April 18 with the potential of traveling to another space in May.

The Village @ Gureje

886 Pacific Street, between Washington and Underhill, Brooklyn

The Village @ Gureje – Renate Albertsen Marton Space is an all-round hub for community activities ranging from local block association and community board meetings to product-launching and promotional events. Gureje supports programs in music, visual art and theatre, affording artists opportunities to host both planned and spontaneous learning experiences. Gureje is particularly interested in enhancing self-awareness and spiritual growth and empowering artists and their craft through support, diligence and community sharing.

Doll Neighborhood Artists:

°ABBE BOURRET °AIMEE HERTOG °ANGELA EARLEY °CHRISTINA DALLAS °COZBI CABRERA °DEBORA KELLOGG °DEBORAH SINGLETARY °EDWIN SERRANO °ELISHA GEORGIU °ELIZABETH WEINER-COHEN °ELLIE BALK °GISELA INSUASTE °HEATHER LOVE °HILARY L LEE °IBOU NDOYE °JULIA-PETRA AND CAMILLE °JOYCE STROMAN °KATHY MALONE °KEN WRIGHT °KRISTIN BRENNEMAN ENO °LINN EDWARDS °LULU YEE °LAUREN HARTMAN °LINN EDWARDS °LIZ VAISBEN °LOUISE FISCHER COZZI °MAUREEN SHEA °MINNIE CURRY °NATHASHA BROOKS-HARRIS °NICOLE GUERRA °NICOLE TAMMELLEO °SELENA LOUNDS °STEPHANIE PEREIRA °SYLVIA HOLDEN °TONYA DYCE °VICKIE FREMONT

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Doll Neighborhood is seeking monetary and in-kind contributions to make this vision a reality. The project maintains non-profit, 501(c)(3) status under the fiscal umbrella of the Brooklyn Arts Council. Monetary donations are eligible for tax deduction, and donors will be provided with a detailed summary of expenses by request, after May 2008. Please contact us at dollneighborhood@gmail.com or call one of the curators, or BAC's Fiscal Office, at 718-625-0080 x 233 if you are interested in supporting this project.