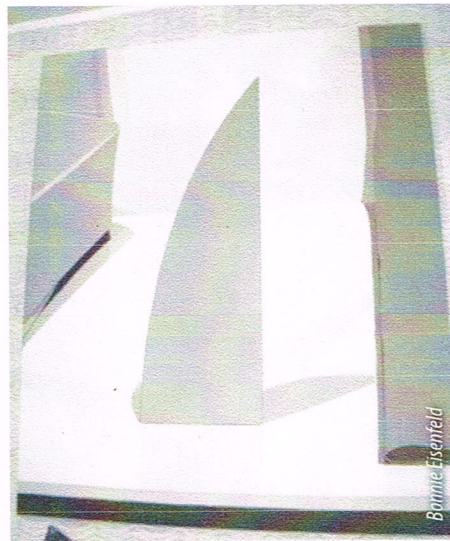


Center City Artist Exhibits Wallpaper and Textiles at *ExperienceDesign!*

By Bonnie Eisenfeld

Gigi Louise Lawrence presented her new wallpaper and textile designs at Kellijane, a luxury linen and design boutique, at 1721 Spruce Street, on Wednesday, October 16, as part of *ExperienceDesign!*, Design Philadelphia's Ninth Annual Festival, the signature event of the Center for Architecture. Ms. Lawrence, encouraged by her late husband, John Lawrence, a Philadelphia clothier, has recently begun to develop wallpaper and textile designs based on forms extracted, scaled-down, and repeated from her large-scale still life paintings. She thinks of "the home as an inhabited still life." Wallpaper and textiles create "an environment that both reflects and influences the nature and quality of the interactions that take place within the home."

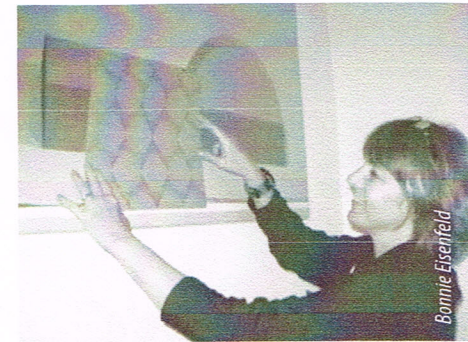
Her paintings emphasize form, color, and position of objects in "a spacious, monochromatic, and horizontal setting, allowing them to be seen without obstruction." Living in big open spaces—Ocracoke Island, North Carolina, and the Sonoran Desert in Arizona—"where sky and weather were dominant visual forces in horizontal



Gigi Lawrence Painting

landscapes" has influenced her painting, as well as the "sensuous characteristics of swimming pools with clean edges, smooth materials, and a single dominant color."

Ms. Lawrence, now a Center City resident, holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts



Gigi Lawrence with painting and fabric

in Philadelphia, and has studied art at the Maryland Institute College of Art and Mount Holyoke College. In Great Barrington, MA, she studied with the landscape painter Margot Trout.

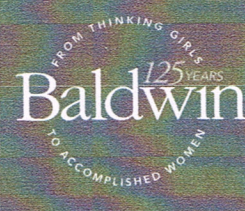
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