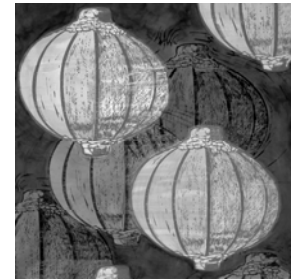


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Dear friends,

I just had this phenomenal opportunity come my way --- I'm still sitting here, a little dazed! I have been invited to Nigeria to teach printmaking at the University of Nigeria Nsukka. I will also give lectures, show my work in an informal setting, and spend a week with children in Enugu, using art to address issues of AIDS and child abuse. I have never in my life taught children so this promises to be quite an experience! I will be traveling as a U.S. State Department's cultural envoy and be given an escort to ensure my safety until I reach Enugu.

Going to Africa is a highly stimulating and somewhat uncommon undertaking, and I'm very interested in bringing my experience back to Seattle, and share it with people. I plan to bring back prints by my students, and exhibit them in 2010 at BallardWorks, along with photos and prints of my own, inspired by my experience in Nigeria.

In an effort to cover some of the expenses that are not covered by the US State Department grant, I am once again organizing a print subscription. Along with my other fundraising efforts, this subscription will enable me to help a Nigerian artist come to Seattle for the show opening. In the past, many of you have generously contributed to my journeys – first China, then Armenia. This is yet another opportunity for you to expand your collection of art in a tremendously affordable way, and become a partner in my new adventures. The subscription will consist of one 17"x13" print to be executed upon my return from Africa. This new work will reflect the influences, and inspiration brought about through my travels, and will be presented in an archival plastic sleeve. It will be a limited edition of fifty, so that the prints will retain their value. Prior to Monday, June 1st, 2009, these prints will be available for the special price of \$150. Subscriptions sold after June 1st, will be priced at \$225. Sometime in the Winter of 2010, I will host a party for all my subscribers. On that day, I will share stories, show photographs, give a Powerpoint presentation. Based on my Armenian Party when I cooked several Armenian dishes for my guests, I am hoping that I will have learned to cook something Nigerian and be able to introduce you to some new delicacies! Last but not least, I will present you with your print – and my heartfelt thanks!

I am enclosing a publication about a series of prints created after my return from China. I hope that you will choose to participate in this exciting adventure with me! Please review the order form and contact me if you have any questions. I am happy to offer payment plans if that is helpful to you.

Thank you for your support.
Cheers, Dionne

