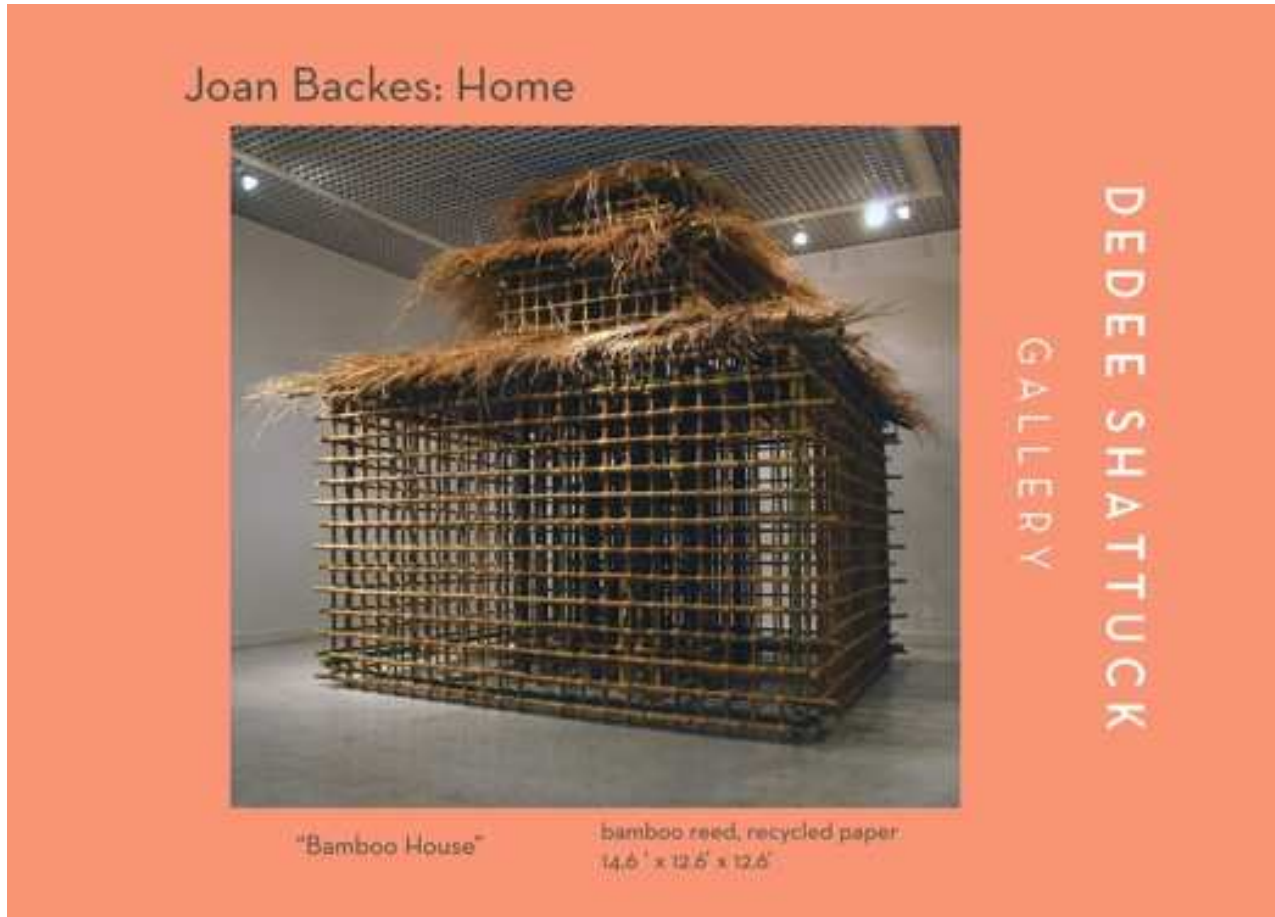


JOAN BACKES: HOME



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July 12 - August 12, 2012 - ARTIST RECEPTION - Saturday - July 14th / 5-7pm
Q & A with the Artist - Sunday, July 15th / 1 to 3 pm

"Backes's near encyclopedic foray into the esthetic... and poetic experience of trees adds up to a meditation on symbiosis." Constance Mallinson, Art in America, March 2009.

The Dedee Shattuck Gallery is pleased to present *Joan Backes: Home*, a conceptual reflection on themes of nature, shelter, forest and home. Backes is a multi-talented artist exhibiting oil paintings, drawings, sculptures and large-scale installations.

Backes carefully examines the tree, looking at every physical and conceptual aspect. She creates carpets of laminated leaves, paints detailed and accurate images of bark, takes crayon and graphite bark rubbings, and builds installations and sculptures out of limbs and branches. Because the tree is a recurring symbol across cultures and generations, the resulting work touches a primal part of human imagination, and recalls a broad spectrum of literature, folklore, and art.

A featured installation of this exhibit is *Bamboo House*, a three-story structure made of bamboo and roofed

with thatch. *Bamboo House* was originally built in Thailand, and this will be its first showing in the United States.

Joan Backes is an internationally renowned artist and has shown in Scotland, Sweden, Iceland, Finland, Germany, Switzerland, Thailand, Canada, Argentina, and Chile. A concurrent exhibition is on view at the [Newport Art Museum](#) through September 3, 2012.

For more information about *Joan Backes: Home* or to obtain publicity images, please contact Isabel Mattia at the Dedee Shattuck Gallery at [508-636-4177](tel:508-636-4177) or via email at isabel@dedeeshattuckgallery.com. To arrange an interview with Dedee Shattuck or the artist, please contact Sandra Goroff & Associates at [617-750-0555](tel:617-750-0555) or via email at sgma@aol.com.



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