

Karen Stevens, *Fence*
Press Release

Opening on Saturday **17 November** at Solander, local artist **Karen Stevens** presents *Fence: works of containment and order*, a series of nine one-off woodcuts and drawings exploring the form of the fan.

Supported by both a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a Diploma in Craft Design, Karen's practice is a joyful combination of graphic and sublime.

Throughout the series of works that comprise *Fence*, both the front and back of a fan are represented, and the artist utilises the two connected-but-separate surfaces to play ideas off against each other. One side depicts a simple decorative representation of a plant or a leaf, found by Karen while walking home from work, and encapsulates the beauty to be found in the everyday. On the other side a section of a fence represents our need to control, order and beautify – the fence as elaborate construction rather than barrier.

The visually exquisite and finely crafted woodcuts and drawings are hand stitched onto paper. A must see exhibition for those interested in contemporary works on paper.

In addition to being open 10am – 5pm Thursday to Saturday, Solander will also be open 1 – 4pm on Sundays until Christmas.

WHAT: Exhibition Opening of 'Fence' by Karen Stevens.

WHERE: Solander: works on paper, 95 Tirangi Rd, Lyall Bay, Wellington (Beside Mitre 10)

WHEN: 1pm – 3pm, Saturday November 17. Exhibition runs until Friday December 21.

WEBSITE: www.solandergallery.co.nz