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InLiquid at west elm presents

Intimate Landscapes and
Denizens of the Garden

Susan Arthur Whitson

November 15 – March 24, 2011

west elm

1330 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA



Susan Arthur Whitson, *Rabbit Chasing Fox*, 2006, photographic print, 8" x 10"

(Philadelphia, November 2010) This winter, **InLiquid** and modern furnishings retailer west elm present *Intimate Landscapes* and *Denizens of the Garden*, photographs by artist Susan Arthur Whitson at west elm, at 1330 Chestnut Street. This will be the second exhibition from the recent partnership between InLiquid and west elm and will be exhibited from November 15 through March 24, 2011. Visitors may view the work during store hours Monday to Saturday, 11 to 7 pm, and Sundays from 12 to 6 pm.

In both *Intimate Landscapes* and *Denizens of the Garden*, Susan Arthur Whitson creates unique environments which she states are "hiding in plain sight" through her intimate views of the world. In the *Intimate Landscape series*, the images represent life in a non-verbal world of raw perception, using miniature animals and other props as avatars set within the scene. These environments have their own unique scale where elements of the real world take on a new form or meaning. The intention of *Denizens of the Garden* is to create a similar intimate view of the world of plant life. Whitson hopes these images serve as a vehicle to help the viewer have a new relationship with traditional beauty – to not merely observe these botanical specimens, but rather to be immersed in nature. Prices will range from \$50 to \$1,000.

Susan Arthur Whitson graduated from Wellesley College with a B.A. in Art History and went on to earn a Master's degree in Art History from the University of Texas in the 1980's. As a photographer, she is mostly self-taught. Her passion for making photographs developed while working with prominent photographers and photographers' estates in galleries in New York City. She refined her technical knowledge and skills through studies with Thomas Joshua Cooper, Harvey Stein, Craig Stevens,

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Lucy Johnson, Ellen Wallenstein, Bill Armstrong, among others. Ms. Arthur Whitson's work has been exhibited in numerous juried competitions and exhibitions, and is held in many private collections. Over the past 12 years, she has taught photography at the School of Visual Arts in New York City and at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.

The public hours for west elm are 11 – 7 pm, Monday – Saturday, and noon – 6 pm on Sunday. For more information, call 215-731-0184.

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Founded in 1999, InLiquid is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership organization dedicated to expanding opportunities and exposure for visual artists while serving as a freely-accessible hub for arts information. By providing the public with immediate access to view the portfolios of over 270 artists via the internet, through "real world" activities and exhibitions in a variety of venues, and through an extensive online body of timely art information-----including gallery listings, articles, reviews, artist resources, links, and discussions-----InLiquid brings to light the richness of our region's art activity and broadens audiences for all forms of visual culture. **www.inliquid.org**

ABOUT west elm

west elm makes it simple to express your personal style at home. Headquartered in Brooklyn, NY, the brand introduced its first catalog in April 2002 and opened the doors of its first retail location in 2004. The brand's complete collection of home décor, including affordable furniture, decorative accessories, and bedding collections are also available around-the-clock at **www.westelm.com**. west elm is a member of the Williams-Sonoma, Inc. portfolio of brands.