

Bodies of Work

Body Building

motorcycle riding - using bike

photo/video images of body & landsc-

Images fr. video

Use her voice

MYOLOGY of muscle studies?

Sharing the experience of dying.

the politic of breast cancer in N. Ca.

Shift from actual image of the breast as universal
symbol of nurturance & life

shrouded in anxiety & fear

fear of br. cancer & of death ultimately

we have come fear our own breasts

Confronting the physical in the face of death

The Dream of Kathy girl

was there with Maria & Sharon, when, after insisting on bringing Kathy into a Western Hospital, Davis, because we as her friends were desperate, merely for a prognosis ^{at the time} an analysis of the dramatic condition we had found her in. Emaciated - "as white" as she called it herself - unable to eat or shit & finally, barely able to stand up. We wanted to know. We needed to hear the dreaded C word. Because as she turned her back on Western medicine, she heard ~~only~~ what she wanted to hear. An in grand Actor style, of great dramas ^{of operatic proportions}, she had ^{again} been deceived, betrayed once again, poisoned by an embittered X Lover with dirty water from the River Thames. Parasites, pneumonia, o Kathy, we wanted to believe you - but we ^{just} couldn't.

- I must say - she took it like a warrior when the Dr gave us his grim prognosis. Advanced cancer, cancer of the lymph, the spleen, the intestine the spine the lung, Her hand on the phone, her ^{ever} lifeline to the world, she reached out to confront her healers, her demons, herself. And we worked hard to get her out of there where they kept her on morphine & sugar water.

Repeated her own research & with Sharoni's ^{own} fortitude & persistence, in particular, we found a clinic where she could fight with dignity, & die without despair. She once told me while she was here, when asked to contact her great spiritual guides of the past, when she was hoping to contact Rimbaud or Baudelaire at least - what she got was a young familiar girl who wanted ~~to~~ be out riding her bike with the wind in hair & who told her, "This isn't fun anymore." It wasn't fun. But Kathy faced her cancer like a warrior & until the last few days of her life, believed & persuaded all of us, she could live on. She died with such dignity - I saw her the final week ~~and~~ and she was unbelievably radiant, tired, fighting for breath, but beautiful - translucent ⁱⁿ her fragility. She does live on - I'm sure with all of us here & will live out her legacy out there in the larger world, which is only beginning to sense the ^{brilliance} ~~range~~ of her fabulous spirit. Unique talent -

Battle w/ BC
post^{pre}modern
pioneer of sexual expression
wicked
sexually transgressive pm
ability to take risks
dangerous physicality
rebellious body language

Come to FEAR OUR OWN BODIES

BODY OF WORK

Julia?

HEK 'OUTLAW PODIES?
BODY

for Kathy Acker in Memoriam

Contrasting the physical in the face of death

The dream of Kathy Acker

The counting in German
in child language

The glistening tools of body building
from weights

The Yr of the solo

Bench press

repetition

the language game

Intensity times movement of maximum weight
equals muscular destruction/muscular growth)
Is the equation between destruction & growth
also a formula for art?

'To come face to face w/ chaos, with my own failure
or a form of death'

Post sexual body
acts of empowerment
sensors intellect

conscious sacrifice

disruption

appropriation

(^{psychic} lessons in the matter of aging flesh

psychosomatic lang. of female body

political & medical metaphors of flesh

My mother, Demonology
Hannibal Lector, My Father.
Pussy, King of the Pirates

Blood & Guts in HS

Empire of the Senseless
In memoriam to Identity
Eundice

Kathy's appropriation as putting revised texts into
a new context, revealing subtle meanings
aesthetic outlaw

SCIPPERY IDENTITY

XENA of Am Lit - strong, scary
a little crazy

Bodybuilding made her feel strong
- she was small

she could rewrite the meaning of a f's body

Reading the texts

Counting repetition

the free weights
K's voice

The walker w/ video image
BARBIE's punching bag
counting in various languages

notions of Piracy & Plagiarism

appropriation & montage
Biological image

Images of crab
body
tattoos

tools

cancer cells
illuminated
breasts

The Bike - w/ video image of landscape
Walking the BIKE ROUTE

Interacts: Rennermyr-Scorpio River
Orpheus - Coccau
~~Queen of the Underworld~~

Using biological cell imagery - Video projection
the lipstick image? 1000 Kisses

Learn to ride bike

Learn to lift weights

experiment w/ SMELLS - lavender
rose of attar