

# It is What it Is

July 31 to Oct. 7, 2009  
Connections Café

Scottsdale artist **Lee Kaster** and Phoenix artist **Sue Chenoweth** are the latest addition to the Connections Café exhibition program. Kaster and Chenoweth's works show several similarities. Both use bright colors and abstraction. Both reveal a sense of humor and playfulness. Both utilize acrylic paints and graphite pencils and leave visual evidence of the types of media they use. While their works are whimsical, both artists are deliberate and thoughtful about every brush stroke and the interactions between line, shape and color.

The title of the show is as ambiguous as some art can be. "It is What It is" is a common conversational phrase used to describe an unanswered question and is most often accompanied by the subtle shoulder shrug. Artists seem to use the phrase as much as anyone. Perhaps because a question such as "What is it?" isn't always supposed to have just one answer.



Lee Kaster, *Happenstance*, paint and graphite

## About the artists

**Kaster** spent her childhood living near the famous New York City amusement park Coney Island. Later, she attended Pratt Institute in Brooklyn where she majored in advertising and design. Kaster created illustrations for children's books for New York scholastic publishing companies before she moved to the Southwest. Today, she enjoys working on abstract paintings in her home in Scottsdale that she shares with her husband and dogs. Kaster exhibits frequently at local institutions such as the Shemer Art Center, Sky Harbor International Airport and the Burton Barr Library.

### Connections Café hours

9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Thursday  
9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday  
Noon to 5:30 p.m., Sunday  
(Closed on city-observed holidays)



Sue Chenoweth, *Infinity*

**Chenoweth** is a local artist and ASU graduate with her master's in painting. She has exhibited across the valley in group and solo shows, most recently at Stark Gallery in Phoenix and at Bragg's Pie Factory for a Ted Decker Catalyst Space.