



**MIKE SMITH**  
*BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES AND STRANGE THINGS*  
**MARCH 27 - MAY 10, 2003**

Gallery hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Yancey Richardson Gallery is pleased to present an exhibition of new color photographs by Mike Smith. Entitled ***Beautiful Landscapes and Strange Things***, the exhibition features a selection of images from Smith's ongoing exploration of the character and culture of rural eastern Tennessee. In this selection of new work, singular objects in the landscape resonate with a disquieting significance. With an eye for details often overlooked and a feeling for composition that borders on the surreal, Smith creates an environmental portrait of a place and a culture while rarely showing its inhabitants.

Mike Smith's work has been exhibited recently at the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the San Francisco Museum of Art and the Cleveland Museum of Art. In 2001 he was awarded the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship and the Tennessee Governor's Distinguished Artist Award. His work is held in the collections of major museums throughout the United States including the Museum of Modern Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Houston Museum of Fine Art, and the Art Institute of Chicago. Smith's first monograph is scheduled for release in 2004 by Johns Hopkins University Press and the Center for American Places with an essay by Robert Sobiesek, curator, Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Originally from Massachusetts, Smith received his BFA from the Massachusetts College of Art and his MFA from Yale University.