



Shed Boy

By L.E. Neilson

I'm living in the attic of an old woodshed
 an 8 x 12 cracker-box palace
 the size of a large closet
 I have an extension cord
 From a drug house
 like a long orange snake climbing the wall.
 I have no toilet, I piss in the bushes.
 I have no shower, I bathe in the river.
 I have a mattress on the floor with a sleeping bag.

I am within walking distance of a library
 and the beer shops.
 I have rats in the walls
 and it's a Mexican standoff between me
 and the ants
 Some days, they seem to be winning.
 Yesterday I ate tuna fish right out of the can
 with pepper
 today it will be crackers and peanut butter
 and a stolen apple.
 I kill two stones with one bird.

Beautiful women come to see me some days
 and on the days they don't, I write poems.
 The neighbors think I'm crazy,
 wishing I did not exist.
 I play the Beatles and drink wine
 settle into a comfortable poverty,
 Another successful American poet.

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July 16th-August 13th, 2011

Opening Reception: July 16th 6-9pm



All Events are FREE & OPEN to the Public
 (Doors open at 6:30pm and events begin promptly at 7pm)

July 20th
Journalism and New Media in the Middle East:
 Lecture and Discussion with
 Stanford Fellow Jenka Soderburg
 and Palestinian Journalist
 Saed Bannoura


July 30th
First Hand:
 A Night of Storytelling from the
 West Bank and Gaza

August 2nd
Slingshot Hip Hop:
 A Free Film Screening for Youth
 with discussion following

August 3rd
From South Africa to Palestine:
The Shaping of a Movement through Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions: Portland Activists discuss their past and present work

August 11th
To the Land of Oz* and Back Again: a conversation with the artist

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