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Images left to right: Cascading Spiral, Gold Spiral No. 10, Coil (Spiral Series)

**Mary Hughes: Spiral Series**  
**June 18 – July 18, 2009**

Mary Hughes' new exhibition, *Spiral Series*, opens on June 18 at the Copley Society of art and runs through July 18. A reception with the artist will be held at the ColSo galleries located at 158 Newbury Street in Boston, on Thursday, June 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm – all members will be admitted free of charge, while non-members are asked to contribute \$10 to help support gallery programming.

In *Spiral Series*, Mary Hughes expands her exploration of form and line through a series of drawings and works on paper. Developed through layering a series of stenciled circles, Hughes transforms rigid, geometric shapes into graceful, organic formations that mimic natural elements such as the flow of a stream or the growth of a branch. Along with her interest in the tension between the geometric and organic, Hughes explores the relationship between the flatness of the picture plane and the illusion of spatial depth. Hughes' minimal, abstract works captivate the viewer with its delicate detail and intricate weaving of shape and color.

Currently an adjunct professor in the Department of Visual Arts at Northeastern University, Hughes has exhibited in solo and group shows at the South Shore Art Center, the St. Botolph Club, and various exhibition spaces throughout New England. She has also been awarded several awards and fellowships, such as the Fulbright Scholarship and the Anderson Ranch Residency. Hughes's studio is located in the historical Fenway Studios in Boston, MA.

The Copley Society of art (ColSo), America's oldest non-profit art association, is committed to the advancement, enjoyment, and promotion of its member artists and the visual arts. The organization, founded in 1879, comprises juried artists who are selected by a credentialed art committee. ColSo provides artists with a gallery for exhibiting and selling their work and a platform for engaging and educating the community.

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