



The Library of Atlas
Liz Powell
The Macnaughton Focus Gallery

Friday 19 April – Sunday 2 June

“This exhibition looks at the landscape through the lens of libraries and museums, and the intricacies of archiving. In an effort to make sense of accumulated observations and information, these organisations developed methods of storage and categorisation that reveal as much about viewpoints as they do about the recorded objects.

My response to these ideas and activities was to make my own library of the landscape - a collation of collections, journals and maps with their own specialised storage. My library records the world of the paddock, including some of the small things living in it. One's personal landscape is huge if you are a recorder and collector of minutiae.

These explorations became *The Library of Atlas*. Atlas - a God who carried the world and whose name was given to the collected recordings of how people saw it; a name that implies the grand view but contains tiny details, found only through the index and correct coordinates.”

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Storage for Plague Locusts (detail) 2012
plant fibre paper, ink and wood
25.0 x 25.0 x 12.0cm