

"Cooperate With the Energy and Anything That Happens," as well as by that of the performance group to which he belongs, the West Coast New Energy Encounter Group (which performed at the gallery last week). Any of these works would be more than suitable for launching one of those endeavors.

The real pleasure of the collages, however, lies in their inspired craftsmanship, which extends to a pair of strange, beautiful, planter-like sculptures, made from white paper and cardboard, that hang in the windows.

David Patton Los Angeles, 5000 1/2 York Blvd., Los Angeles, (323) 473-1988, through Feb. 16. Closed Sundays through Wednesdays. www.davidpattonlosangeles.com

Meditation led by a peaceful Landry

The recent rains were a fitting accompaniment to Quebec artist **Diane Landry's** "École d'aviation" (Flying School) at Solway Jones, a charming installation devoted to what you might call the inner life of the umbrella.

The installation consists of two dozen multicolored umbrellas mounted at different heights on small mechanized stands. Engines raise each umbrella up and down, opening and closing it at varying intervals, while simultaneously pumping a handmade bellows that's been fitted with a harmonica reed to produce a droning two-note sound. Spotlights mounted to the base of each stand project shifting, snowflake-like shadows on a scrim overhead as the canopies flare and retract.

The movement — slow, rhythmic and wonderfully soothing — is synchronized into a 30-minute loop that culminates in a joyful crescendo of luminescence. The impression is that of a living organism, characterized by interweaving cycles of breath that gradually come to encompass a viewer's own breathing and induce a meditative participation.

Solway Jones, 5377 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, (323) 937-7354, through Feb. 16. Closed Sundays and Mondays. www.solwayjonesgallery.com



Solway Jones

OPEN UP: Mounted on motorized stands, umbrellas open and close while light dances and tones drone in the Diane Landry installation "École d'aviation" (Flying School).