Machine Memory + Motherboards
Simone Paterson

October 11 – November 10, 2019
Opening Reception: Friday, October 11, 6-8pm

A.I.R Gallery is pleased to announce Machine Memory + Motherboards, an exhibition of embroideries and animation pieces by A.I.R. National Artist Member Dr. Simone Paterson. This is Paterson’s first solo exhibition in New York City.

The traditionally defined feminine skill of needlework, is injected with the impossible precision of the computer and the speed of the machine. The embroideries and animations of stitching in Machine Memory + Motherboards document the development of computer chips, motherboards and circuits. The stitching strategy highlights the contributions of women who have inspired, worked with, and invented technology. The work intends to question whose memories and data are privileged and preserved. Also, whose labor is acknowledged or made redundant in our transition to the age of artificial intelligence.

Paterson’s studio is located in rural Appalachia in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. She was born and educated in Australia receiving a Master of Visual Arts from The University of Sydney, Sydney College of the Arts (1995), and a Doctorate of Philosophy from The University of Newcastle (2005). Paterson is a recent retiree from Virginia Tech where she served as Studio Chair and Chair of Undergraduate Studies in Creative Technologies in the School of Visuals Arts. Exhibited nationally and internationally her work blurs the boundary between new media art and craft and investigates the effects of technologies on our lived experience.

A.I.R. Gallery is wheelchair accessible via ramp. There are accessible toilets in the venue. There is comfortable seating with backs. Free tap water is available. The venue is nearest to the F train at York St (0.2 miles) and the A train at High St (0.5 miles). The nearest wheelchair accessible trains are the B, Q, R at Dekalb Av (1.1 miles) and the 2, 3 at Borough Hall (0.8 miles). The roads immediately surrounding the gallery are cobblestone. The nearest accessible parking garage (for an hourly fee) is two blocks away at 100 Jay St. No ID necessary for entry. Please contact info@airgallery.org for more information.