

* Whereas Gunvor's painted films are absolute masterpieces of memory process!

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Dear Philip,

My mind very much thinking of you these days because of recently seeing "Passing Thru: Torn Formations", which holds up beautifully, its paradigm mysteriously available to people as thought process, the charged feelings of the whole nervous system, the gut-moves of the most basic reactions -- all there to stir the viewer from inside out even though you do most specifically tell-your-own-family's-tales, which act ought (as is surely the usual case, as is I fear too much the case, say, with Gunvor Nelson's Swedish family film-making)* preclude the "lighting up" INSIDE OUT of my own familial memories . . . BUT, in the case of your "Passing..." prompts a constant train of my own thinking in memorium paralleling yours -- Bravo!

Yes, we are having a get together of a number of film-makers here the last weekend of June. I was frankly surprised that so many responded to this invitation which they must ENTIRELY pay for themselves -- i.e. we have NO grant nor any other kind of assistance except the inexpensive (relatively & inexpensive) use of C.U. facilities. As there is only one weekend, we did have to severely limit the number of people who can come (about 20) so that every film-maker would have an hour for his/her showing and talk: and we are entirely filled-up for this summer's event; but it looks like we'll attempt to do this next summer also: and you will surely be invited . . . (I assumed you couldn't come this year anyway because you were/are out-of-the-country).

So, I'll look forward to seeing "Opening Series", perhaps next summer then? As for myself, I'm so broke now I'm only shooting-and-running-Orig. (which I'll be showing these summer sessions and which can ONLY be seen when I'm projecting -- i.e. such as these summer sessions and in my home: my new work, then, is so carefully balanced as original that it could never be effectively printed: I sent one of these to Erkki many months ago; and I'm wondering if he ever got it because I haven't heard from him about it: would you ask him to let me know if he received my little Original Film okay in the mail? . . . I'm naturally somewhat worried about it).

Okay, so, be well . . .

Blessings,
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