hourly directional heptagons

walking

a walk outdoors of seven or more hours duration

at each full hour a compass bearing is noted, in degrees from magnetic north

seven bearings are logged

painting

an erratic constellation sharing its seven outer points
with a perimeter (convex) polygon

figure determined by the hourly directional bearings

diameter is determined by the height of the painter

painted directly on wall with ink, gray or another watery color

each line is one brush stroke

accord

if I come and walk in the relevant region and paint the figures, I give you/gallery the bearings, diagram(s), & certificate(s) and you/gallery are owner and this allows sale and repainting

if I send the bearings, diagram, & certificate then the figure is painted by someone else
and the piece can only be given to/owned by a public institution and cannot be sold

instructions for making the painting

mark center point as a pencil dot on the wall at height of my/your own sternum

place the printed compass circle with center on center point and 0° at the top

cut a length of string to match the length from my/your sternum to fingertip
(half of body height – this determines the radius)

using the string, pencil mark and number the seven directional bearings as points at the radius

with watery ink, in one unguided stroke, paint the first line from the center to point one

recharge brush to make the stroke from point one to point two and so on, to point seven
(pencil dot and number markings are obscured by the ink)

from point seven the perimeter heptagon is drawn counterclockwise,
point to neighboring point (regardless of hour order) back to point seven

accidental drips à discrétion

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