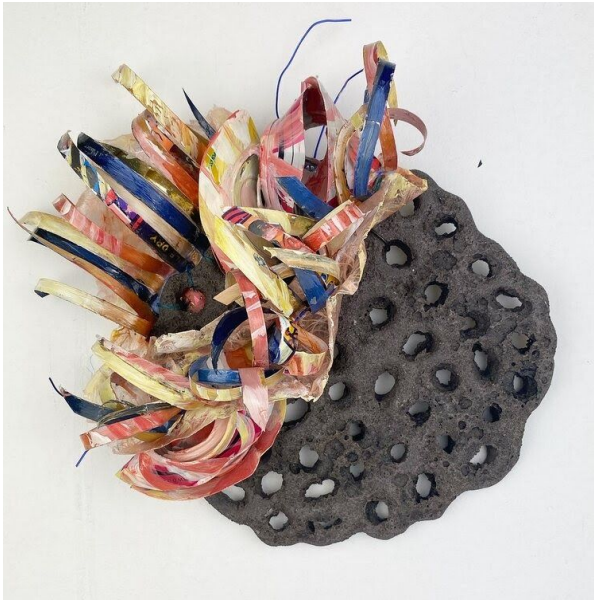


Ely Center of Contemporary Art

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Lorie Marsh & Christina Massey, *Tillandsia*

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Artists For The USPS: USPS Art Project

Virtual Opening:

Thursday, October 8 @ 6:30 pm (Zoom link below)

Gallery Hours:

Sundays 1-4 pm, Thursdays 5-8 pm and by appointment

The Ely Center of Contemporary Art is pleased to present the exhibit Artists for the USPS opening Thursday, September 24th and running through November 15th. There additionally will be a Zoom virtual reception on October 8th at 6:30pm.

The USPS Art Project is a mail art artist collaboration project, free and open to anyone who wants to participate. The project was begun by Brooklyn based artist Christina Massey. The goal is for unique collaborative artworks to be created, allowing the artists to establish deeper connections with others while practicing social distancing and in doing so, helping the financially struggling USPS by sending and receiving packages. The finished artworks are shared online via @uspsartproject accounts. Hundreds of artists have joined in the project, ranging from sculpture to painting, drawing, mixed media, fiber art and more. The artists now have the opportunity to submit their collaborations for several exhibition opportunities, a hybrid traveling exhibition / theme exhibition with locations and dates secured at four venues thus far.

This is a non juried exhibition; artworks are accepted on a rolling submission basis until capacity is reached at each respective exhibition space. Artists who exceed a location's capacity have the option to enter into the following location. The first physical exhibit of the USPS Art Project was on view at Pelham Art Center through August 31, 2020. The exhibit at Ely Center of Contemporary Art will be the second physical exhibition of USPS Art Project artworks. Artists had the option to allow Artworks shown in the Pelham Art Center to travel to the ECOCA which will also hang additional pieces submitted by artists who responded to this call.

Ely Center of Contemporary Art will be open during the exhibit Sundays 1-4pm, Thursdays 5-8pm and by appointment. All Covid-19 health guidelines will be strictly followed. For further information or questions contact: Margaret Roleke, mroleke@elycenter.org

Zoom Reception: Thursday, October 8 at 6:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91046348335>
Meeting ID: 965 3427 8325
Passcode: 291296

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Further exhibits of this project are planned for

Sunset Art Studios
1811 Balboa Place
Dallas, TX 75224
Exhibition Dates: Oct 1 - 31st, 2020

Art Gym Denver
1416 Leyden St
Denver, Co 80220
Exhibition Dates: Nov. 5 -15, 2020

A GoFundMe has been created to assist in the expenses of shipping the artworks between gallery locations, returning them to artists and/or sending to collectors as well as for promotional expenses. If you would like to make a contribution, please go to:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/usps-art-project>

ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS ARE BEING CONSIDERED AND MAY BE ADDED AT A LATER DATE

Press Contact for the project: Christina Massey at info@cmasseyart.com

Social Media Accounts on Instagram, Facebook @uspsartproject

Stay up to date: Updates will be announced on social media and updated on

<http://www.cmasseyart.com/news/2020/4/24/the-usps-art-project> Instagram:

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