

TEXTURED SEEING

ft. *Shifting Perspective*

by Textile and Fibre Artists Manitoba

Places Observed: Recent Works

by John Blosser



Detail of *Thread of Hope*, Ruth Ens (TFAM)

As summer unfolds in Manitoba, the world around us becomes resplendent with life: vivid sunsets and lapping blue waters reflecting an endless sky, layered in amongst the flora, the fauna and oh yes, of course the insects! The layers of life jostle for attention amongst the visits to the lake, epic thunderstorms, gardens and beach days that we pack into this short but sweet season.

To celebrate summer, MHC Gallery invites you to enjoy two exhibitions that offer an equally appealing extravaganza for the senses and the spirit. Textured Seeing features “Places Observed” by John Blosser as well as “Shifting Perspective” by Textile and Fibre Artists Manitoba. These exhibitions consider the world around us every day, while beckoning us to peel back the layers and look – or perhaps, better said, feel – a little closer, a little more.

John Blosser offers a collection of recent works representing his creative play with the Direct Observation method. Full of the energy found in the nucleus of a moment, Blosser’s technique focuses on paintings and sketches drawn directly from life: impressions of feelings, shapes, and fleeting memories that echo the summer nights that never seem to last long enough. We can linger over landscapes, objects, and atmospheric scenes from this Professor of Art Emeritus of Goshen College in Indiana.

Textile and Fibre Artists Manitoba equally respond to the world around us, but this artist collective suggests "Shifting Perspective" during these turbulent times. Each of the 19 artists in this group exhibit consider a personal response to the theme, proving that fibre arts and quilting is far from a traditional craft of the domestic sphere and instead challenging us to experience truths and feelings about our daily lives through fabric, thread and stitch.

So add some texture to your summer...bring your friends and family to enjoy these exhibitions at the Gallery.



Detail of *Cedar Tree Neck*, John Blosser

Save the Date - October 5th - 25th Anniversary Fall Fundraiser and Gathering

Each fall, the supporters of the MHC Gallery gather to learn about the vision for the year ahead, and the celebrations and challenges experienced by the gallery. This is a time for supporters of the gallery, the people who value this space, to celebrate and offer gifts for the year. This year we will also mark our 25th anniversary! We are so grateful for your support and look forward to celebrating! **Please mark Thursday, October 5th on your calendars** for an evening of music, refreshments, and sharing. More details will be released closer to the date, along with a formal invitation.

Support the Gallery

MHC Gallery is a program of Canadian Mennonite University. It is primarily funded through donations. Please consider donating by cheque (include MHC Gallery on the memo line), online at cmu.ca/donate (designate the gallery via the drop down menu) or in-person when you visit the Gallery.

Monthly donations support long-term planning at the Gallery!

Thank you! Your donations, large and small, help this unique gallery thrive!

Gifts of time are also appreciated. Please consider bringing a friend to an upcoming exhibit, sharing our Facebook and Instagram posts or volunteering at the gallery.

Coming up...

LAYERED HISTORIES ft.

Layered Histories: Perspectives on Colonization by Miriam Rudolph

Artes Vivas Indigenous Collective

September 22 - November 4, 2023

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