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## ***Ephemeral***

**Selected Works by Members of the Washington Sculptors Group  
September 10 – November 14, 2015**

**Reston, VA:** This fall, the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) is pleased to present *Ephemeral*, an exhibition held in conjunction with the Washington Sculptors Group. In keeping with the temporary installation by sculptor Patrick Dougherty erected outside the GRACE gallery, *Ephemeral* will explore the nature of non-permanent, three-dimensional work addressing the concept of ephemerality—whether conceptually, through site-specific works, or through the nature of the materials.

Ephemerality is a theme with a long pedigree in art history—from the *memento mori* still lifes of seventeenth-century Dutch artists, with their fleeting blooms and decaying fruit, to the vanishing earthworks of contemporary artists like Andy Goldsworthy. Art as a non-permanent experience gained increasing traction with the advent of performance art in the 1960s. As the century progressed, artists produced work out of light, air, smoke, beeswax, flowers, or even the impressions of their own bodies, imprinted onto the shifting earth. Ephemerality has in fact become a hallmark of contemporary art. Artists have utilized a variety of new materials and techniques to produce objects that alter rapidly in appearance, or simply disappear, by design.

The 27 members of the Washington Sculptors Group featured in *Ephemeral* explore the concept in a variety of highly individual ways. Collectively, these works heighten our awareness of the passage of time, and remind us that although art is not always long, its ability to provoke reflection and encapsulate complex ideas enriches our own transitory existence.

**Selected artists:** Jessica Beels, Nizette Brennan, May Britton, Elizabeth Burger, Kathleen Carlson, Gloria Chapa, Jeff Chyatte, Elsabé Loubser Dixon, Annie Farrar, Elissa Farrow-Savos, Billy Friebele, Gil Narro Garcia, Marilyn Stanek Geldzahler, Maggie Gourlay, Tom Greaves, Artemis Herber, Liz Lescault, Carol Gellner Levin, Ruth Lozner, Emily Piccirillo, Iris Posner, Marco Rando, Pam Rogers, Mike Shaffer, Diane Szczepaniak, raymonde van santen, Millicent Young

*Ephemeral* will run September 10 – November 14, 2015 at the gallery, located in Reston Town Center. Gallery hours are 11am - 5pm Tuesday through Saturday. GRACE is always free and open to the public.

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Elizabeth Burger, *Gathering*, 2014, milweed fluff and other natural materials encased in hairnets, 6' x 6" x 8"

Elsabé Loubser Dixon, *Ephemeral*, 2015, Mixed Media (rubber, office clips, paper, silk and insect detritus) 4' x 5' x 12". Photo credit: Erwin Tamm

Elissa Farrow-Savos, *she could not bear to leave anything behind (but you can't take it with you)*, 2015, polymer clay, oil paint, found objects, 47" x 12" x 10"

Marilyn Stanek Geldzahler, *Ethereal 1*, 2014, plastic netting, glitter, 4' x 6' x variable

Maggie Gourlay, *Drywall Box*, 2014, plywood, wall, latex paint, crocheted embroidery thread, Duralar, 9" x 7.5" x 6.5"

Millicent Young, *Garment*, 2013, grapevine, horse hair 97" x 44" x 12"

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