

FlinnGallery

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Venus Fly

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Greenwich, CT As we enter the dark days of winter, the Flinn Gallery opens *Venus Fly*, an exhibit exploring colorful new abstract work by female artists. Running from December 14, 2017 through January 24, 2018, the show features the work of Becca Lowry, Lauren Mabry, and Alyse Rosner. Venus Fly highlights exuberant color and an attention to detail by three artists each working in different media: largescale paintings, mixed media wood carvings, and ceramics. Super fresh and super fly!

Alyse Rosner's large-scale acrylic paintings begin with graphite rubbings from nature, then are built up in layers of pattern and color to create what she terms "a world that spreads out to every edge. I am interested in toxicity and how we are altering the world." Highly regarded by fellow artists, the Westport resident participated in the Radius program at the Aldrich Museum and is the recipient of two Connecticut State grants. She has shown extensively, most recently at the Newcomb Art Museum of Tulane University.

Becca Lowry's wall-hung wood sculptures are organically shaped carvings, woven and painted in multiple layers to form what the artist describes as "modern interpretations of warrior shields. These pieces are built to protect, each custom-made to safeguard against a particular threat. One will ward off an impending storm, another will scatter demons, a third will hold tight to your heart while you do something ridiculously, recklessly brave. I love that shields operate on both a symbolic and functional level." Lowry's work has been shown at VOLTA Art Fair and Governor's Island and featured in Artforum. Lowry lives and works in Branford, CT. Philadelphia-based **Lauren Mabry** states that her ceramics "capture the ephemeral state of glaze when it's in the process of being poured—neither a solid nor a liquid." Highly colored and based on a classic cylindrical shape, Mabry's artworks are paintings in circular form. Mabry won the 2014 Emerging Artist Award from the National Council on Education for Ceramic Arts, received a Pew Fellowship, and has work in several museum collections. "Exhibiting female artists shouldn't be considered a political statement in 2017," states Venus Fly Curator, Tracy McKenna. "Women make up the majority of MFA students and professional artists, yet continue to be under-represented in commercial galleries and museums. The Flinn Gallery's all female volunteer committee seeks to redress that balance by featuring three female artists working in different media but with a shared commitment to material-based abstraction."

The show's opening reception will be held Thursday, December 14 from 6-8pm. Special events include an Artist Talk on Saturday, January 6 at 2:00. As part of the Library's Friday Film series, on January 5 an Art Lounge from 6-7:45 in the gallery will be followed by *Hidden Figures* starring Octavia Spencer, Taraji P. Henson, Janelle Monae, and Kevin Costner at 8:00 in the Cole Auditorium. The Flinn Gallery, sponsored by the Friends of the Greenwich Library, is located on the second floor of the library's main branch at **101 West Putnam Avenue, Greenwich CT**. The gallery is open daily Monday to Saturday 10-5, Thursday until 8, and Sunday 1-5. To learn more visit: www.flinngallery.com/venus-fly/

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