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Forces of Nature

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Forces of Nature **December 13, 2018 - January 23, 2019**

Nature inspires us and provides endless possibilities for art making. The exhibition *Forces of Nature*, which opens December 13 at Flinn Gallery offers a view into nature from three distinctly different perspectives: Amy Talluto's lush and mysterious oil paintings, and detailed drawings that are inspired by her life in the Catskills, Elena Lyakir's richly detailed black and white and color photograph series, and Rebecca Hutchinsons' exquisite wall sculptures, pulp paintings and prints which make use of recycled and indigenous materials. *Forces of Nature* is curated by Laura Schroeder and Claudia Schipper.

Rebecca Hutchinson's work focuses on the respect for process and the endless influences found in nature, as well as ecosystem dynamics and environmental concerns. She builds clay and fibrous sculptural works made from indigenous materials, such as recycled 100% natural fiber clothing or harvested garden materials beat down to pulp and formed into handmade sheets, and industrial castoff surplus materials, like cotton thread from the bedding industry or sisal from the burlap bag industry. Clay is either site dug or purchased and mixed with pulp for a slurry of paperclay. Hutchinson resides in Massachusetts and is Professor of Ceramics, UMass Dartmouth.

Elena Lyakir is driven by visceral and emotional responses to the process of seeing. Her interest in the aesthetic relationship between photography and other disciplines influences her approach and vision. Raised in communist Ukraine, Lyakir developed a passion for photography as a young child, inspired by Soviet cinematography and family photographs. In 1990 she immigrated to the U.S. with her family, seeking political asylum, and shortly thereafter migrated to New York City where she now lives, and exhibits her work internationally.

Amy Talluto is working exclusively with landscape imagery in her paintings and drawings; she seeks out natural subjects that emanate a strong, unique feeling: an unusual color or shape, a personified form, or a space that takes on an unexpected symmetry. The paintings she is working on currently grow out of the lush, dense, deep woods portrayals in Eudora Welty's short story, "Moon Lake." Talluto is a 2018 NYFA/NYSCA Artist Fellow in Painting and lives and works in Hurley, New York.

RELATED EVENTS:

Thursday, December 13, 6 - 8 pm - **Opening Reception**

Friday, December 14, 6 - 7:15pm - **Art Lounge: Extended Gallery Hours** prior to the **Friends Friday Film *Maudie*** at 7:30 in the Cole Auditorium.

Sunday, January 6 at 2pm - **Artist Talk with Amy Talluto**

For more information: <http://flinngallery.com/forces-of-nature/>

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 Connecticut. Gallery hours are Monday to Saturday 10am-5pm, Thursday 10am - 8pm, and Sunday 1-5pm.

For more information, please call the Gallery: 203.622.7947 or visit the website:
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