



Gallery Education Guide

April 7 – June 25, 2017

Transform: Works by Ellen Hanauer

Opening Reception: Second Friday, April 14, 2017, 6:00 – 8:00pm

There are times in our lives when the floor drops unexpectedly from under our feet and propels us on a dark journey. This human condition of loss often feels surreal and affects each of us in profound and unexpected ways.

This is a painful process,

as we descend into denial,

Ellen Hanauer, Therapy, Mixed media

anger, negotiation, and despair. We find ourselves adrift, our compasses malfunction, and we are left disoriented and despondent. Finally, there is acquiescence, the inflection point where healing commences.

This exhibition is an emotional recollection of my own transformation, which has taken me from the abyss to a place where potential is limitless. I have chosen to use fiber as my medium, as it brings an unthreatening quality to this provocative and sometimes uncomfortable subject. Emerging from the darkness has helped me to see possibilities that can only be discovered through the path of deconstruction and reconstruction.

- Ellen Hanauer



Ellen Hanauer, *Freefall*, Mixed media

Ellen Hanauer is a sculptor and installation artist, her work rooted in both science and feminism. Her passion for the human form, both inside and out, was sparked during her training in the cadaver labs at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School.

An autodidactic sculptor, Hanauer emerged from a career in advertising twenty five years ago. She exhibits nationally and internationally in museums, universities and galleries, and recently received the First Theoretical Art Award from the University of Oxford, United Kingdom. Hanauer has an upcoming exhibition in Montsalvat, in Eltham Victoria, Australia in 2018, and has been awarded multiple commissions throughout the east coast including her upcoming commission for AtlantiCare in Manahawkin, New Jersey in spring 2017.

Hanauer maintains a sculpture studio at the historic Riker Hill Art Park in Livingston, New Jersey.

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