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Crafting Conversations: A Call and Response to Our Changing Climate

PITTSBURGH, PA – September 1, 2019 – Featuring a selection of works in a range of media by 12 artists who address the challenge of climate change, *Crafting Conversations: A Call and Response to Our Changing Climate through Art*, organized by *Creatives 4 Climate (C4C)*, will be on view at Contemporary Craft's (CC) BNY Mellon Satellite Gallery in downtown Pittsburgh from September 1, 2019 through January 15, 2020.

Curated by Katy DeMent and Ann Rosenthal, the artworks created by the 12 exhibiting Pittsburgh artists are exhibited thematically. Each thematic group/installation addresses issues related to climate change through craft, while posing literal questions for the public to ponder. These works demonstrate how local artists are attempting to change their environmental footprint while crafting conversations for thousands of transit users who pass through the exhibition daily, prompting them to consider how they are contributing to mitigate climate change and how they can do better (e.g., using mass transit). *Crafting Conversations* invites viewers to take a "long view," suggesting we shift our thinking, actions, and culture to allow for a more sustainable, life-affirming relationship between human and non-human nature.

Featured artists and collectives include Rose Clancy; *C4C*; Katy DeMent; Joan Guerin; Elizabeth Ashley Kyber; The Mobile Sculpture Workshop; Albert Pantone; Pamela Paulsrud, "Tree Whisperers"; Laura Ramie; Ann Rosenthal, "LUNA"; Lindsey Scherloun; Sarah Simmons; and Remembering Hiroshima, Imagining Peace (RHIP).

CC's BNY Mellon Satellite Gallery is located in the lobby of the Steel Plaza T-Station in downtown Pittsburgh (500 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15258). *Crafting Conversations* is free and open to the public daily through midnight. For more information or high-res photos of works in *Crafting Conversations*, please contact the exhibition curators, Katy DeMent at katydement@gmail.com and Ann Rosenthal at atrant@gmail.com. For general information about CC, please contact Stephanie Sun at ssun@contemporarycraft.org or 412.261.7003.

ABOUT CONTEMPORARY CRAFT

Presenting contemporary art in craft materials by regional, national, and international artists since 1971, CC offers cutting edge exhibitions focusing on multicultural diversity and art, as well as artist-led, hands-on studio workshops, community outreach programs, and a retail store. For more information, visit <https://www.contemporarycraft.org>.

ABOUT CREATIVES 4 CLIMATE

Creatives 4 Climate (C4C) collaborative develops and organizes projects and events that invite, challenge, and empower people and communities in Southwestern Pennsylvania to learn about environmental and social challenges, explore their personal relationship to global and local challenges, and explore ways each one of us can be part of the solution. In addition to supporting climate mitigation efforts, *C4C* ignites honest and open conversation about climate adaptation. *C4C* helps people approach, explore, and reflect on climate crisis/trauma/chaos holistically, with their minds, hearts, and bodies. *C4C* projects make our concerns and grievances, as well as our love for the world, visible and collective.

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