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1. Ellen Kleckner. *Juncture: #1*. Ceramic, reed, paint, wax. 14.5" x 13"x 13"

Juncture by Ellen Kleckner- solo exhibition
Exhibit Dates: October 15-November 27, 2021
Reception: October 22nd, 5:00-7:30pm

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Description:

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.— Gilded Pear Gallery is delighted to present “Juncture” a solo exhibition of new work by Cedar Rapids artist and educator, Ellen Kleckner. This exhibition displays work in collaboration with materials and partners and features unlikely combinations of joined media such as ceramics/wood/steel/reed actively illustrate the tension between the dualistic materials.

Through a convergence of materials, Ellen’s work uses connections between place, materiality, idea, legacy, and community to lead viewers into the unfamiliar; where materials embody ideas and form becomes a question. “My work utilizes the visual and mechanical vocabulary of makers and craftspeople, joining parts to create whole forms that provoke the agencies of their utility, questioning which is recognizable... Each pairing finds balance within its two-part system; materials become interdependent while maintaining individual integrity. This moment and method in which subjects meet creates a visual narrative depicting mutual reliance to hold the new form.” Works on view are displayed as free standing and wall sculptures, as well as works on paper.



Ellen's education began at the Craft Schools of Penland School of Crafts, Arrowmont School of Arts and Craft, and John C. Campbell Folk School. She received her BFA in Ceramics from The Appalachian Center for Craft and completed a Post Baccalaureate year of study at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. She received her MFA in Ceramics at Ohio University. Ellen has been an artist in residence in many communities including The Flux Factory in New York City and the International Ceramics Studio in Kecskemet, Hungary. Ellen is currently the Executive Director of the Iowa Ceramics Center and Glass Studio, a non-profit community art center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Generous support provided by the Iowa Arts Council awarded to Ellen Kleckner. Special thanks from the artist to the collaborative efforts and talents of Linda Tein, Bill Ball, Jake Hamm, Riley McManus, Mike Sneller, John Schwartzkopf, and Alea Walter.

A reception will be held at the gallery October 22nd, 2021 from 5:00-7:30pm. *Event details regarding COVID-19 below. *Juncture* is in the Main Exhibition space on the first floor. For hours and more information visit <http://www.gildedpeargallery.com>—or- call: 319-366-0205

Gallery operations, features, and procedure during the COVID-19 pandemic:

Event: The gallery requires that all persons visiting (vaccinated or unvaccinated) be masked for our events. We appreciate you doing your part to keep everyone healthy! If you feel sick, have a fever, have tested positive for COVID-19 and have not fully recovered, or have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting your test results, you may not participate in this event. The exhibit will be on view for a while, stop back in when you're feeling better! Food and beverage details will be updated on our social media and website; as well as RSVP link to the event.

Visit Us: Drop in anytime during our regular business hours: Monday-Friday 10:00am-5:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm, and CLOSED on Sunday. Appointments for our services (i.e.-custom framing, art appraisals) are preferred. Private viewing appointments are still being offered and can be made by contacting the gallery via email or phone.

Features: A limited parking lot is available with 1 handicap space. On street parking is available on 3rd Avenue and 8th Street- non-metered. The MedQuarter features protected bike lanes and bicycle "parking" can be found on the opposite side of the building by the Pocket Park on 3rd and 8th.

There are no admission fees for private viewings or receptions.