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1. Kimberlee Rocca. Mixed media and foil on board. 45" x 33"



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2. Kimberlee Rocca. Mixed media on board. 96" x 48"

Picking up the Pieces

Exhibit Dates: January 29- February 27, 2021

Virtual Reception with Kimberlee Rocca: February 5th, starting at 5:30 CST

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Gilded Pear Gallery

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Description:

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.— Gilded Pear Gallery is excited to present *Picking Up The Pieces*, a solo exhibition of new sculptures and paintings by local artist, Kimberlee Rocca.

Kimberlee Rocca is an artist and designer currently residing in Solon, Iowa. She studied Design, Printmaking, and Fiber Arts at The University of Iowa before earning her BFA in Metal Smithing in 1991. During her studies, Rocca was introduced to Foil Imaging, a unique process which combines traditional printmaking techniques with commercial foil printing processes. She has spent over 30 years exploring this innovated medium on paper, metal and now, in this exhibit, with salvaged construction materials. In addition to her studio work she is locally recognized for her custom home designs in the Iowa City area with unique architectural features, sculptural elements, and mosaic installations. Rocca's two-dimensional works and sculptural installations are included in collections of The University of Iowa Museum and Hospital Permanent art



collections, The University of Missouri St. Louis, and Kirkwood Community College among other private collections.

About this exhibition:

“My job sites are filled with a myriad of common, yet unusual materials that continually spark my imagination and wiggle their way into my fine art works” says Rocca. “My two creative disciplines are intertwined, and I have found that I can barely do one without the other.” Rocca says that walking the sites is a part of her process. “I regularly scavenge through the tossed materials to discover unused treasures. I have generated a collection of raw wood, beams, stone, tile, paper, plastic, and metals that I can process with abandon because I know there will always be more discards. Due to certain limitations in home building which require simplicity in most cases, my artistry tends to run in the opposite direction with bold colors, wild shapes and intentional imperfections.”

Gilded Pear Gallery is located at 808 Third Avenue SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403. For hours and more information visit <http://www.gildedpeargallery.com>—or— call: 319-366-0205

Gallery operations during the COVID-19 pandemic:

Private viewing appointments can be made by contacting the gallery via email or phone. Gallery hours during this time are Monday-Friday 10:00am-5:00pm, Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm, and CLOSED on Sunday- appointments for services are preferred. **The gallery requires that all persons visiting be masked.** 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 virtual receptions.**