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The Separation of Night into Day. Clay and mixed media on paper. 22" x 30"

Stillness and Occurrence

Closing Virtual Reception | Friday, May 22nd 2020 | 5:00-6:00pm | Gilded Pear Gallery
Exhibition on view and online: April 17 – June 13, 2020

Gilded Pear Gallery

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Description:

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.— Gilded Pear Gallery is pleased to present "Stillness and Occurrence" a solo exhibition by John Beckelman. Due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, we are hosting the reception for the exhibit in your living rooms! ****Video call details will be provided to all confirmed guests 24 hours prior to the event. Please RSVP**** (links provided and on our website). The exhibition has also been extended to view until June 13th. Anyone wanting to view the exhibit in person may book a private appointment to do so on our website or give the gallery a call.

John Beckelman uses the elemental character and expressive potential of clay to create incredibly diverse bodies of work. The artworks featured in this exhibit explore liminal space and are often times referenced as topographic or cosmographic. At the same time, this work attempts to gently entice the viewer into the inner landscapes and interior spaces of our imagination and memory. *“If you want to pare phenomena down, all there would be are stillness and occurrence: space, and that which is continually born out of space, and returns into space – stillness and occurrence”*. -The Wisdom of No Escape, Pema Chodron, pg. 74

Beckelman's artwork has been shown in exhibitions throughout the country and has been the recipient of numerous awards, commissions and grants. Following an undergraduate degree (BA English, Philosophy) from Hobart College in Geneva, NY, he received his Master of Science and Master of Fine Arts degrees in Ceramics from Illinois State University. After a 37 year teaching career at Coe College, where he taught ceramics, sculpture and three-dimensional design - and served as the Art Department chair for 20 years - Beckelman is now the college's Robert O. Daniel Professor of Art, Emeritus. John Beckelman lives and works in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He maintains a studio at the 'Iowa Ceramics Center and Glass Studio' in downtown Cedar Rapids

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

Parking, Accessibility:

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.

At this time, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the gallery is limiting the number of guests. Please contact the gallery to book your private viewing. Thank you.