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Artistry Presents *Embracing the Elements* in the Inez Greenberg Gallery

(Bloomington, MN) Artistry is pleased to announce *Embracing the Elements*, an exhibition in the Inez Greenberg Gallery featuring the work of mixed media artist K. Daphnae Koop, potter Matthew Quinn, and photographer Terra Rathai. *Embracing the Elements* runs January 8 – February 5, 2016.

About the Exhibit: Three artists come together through medium and subject matter to embrace the natural elements of earth, wood, sand, and water. **K. Daphnae Koop** constructs panels of re-purposed wood with inlaid streams of shattered glass, finished with layers of paint, color washes, metal leaf, and varnish. The non-representational finished products often evoke pictorial landscapes, aerial views, or rippling waters. **Matthew Quinn**, a highly technical potter, crafts beautifully shaped vases, platters, and other functional pieces using white stoneware. Covered with lush matte and ash glazes in an earthy palette of greens, blues, and ochre, Quinn's resulting pieces are stunning in both their elegance and their organic feel. Photographer **Terra Rathai** captures the delicacy of the natural elements through contemplative observation and an open-minded exploration of the visual. She focuses on scenes in nature that would typically be overlooked as ugly, drab, or dead, and instead captures the rich subtlety of their limited color palette in elegant, peaceful, and poignant photographs.

Gallery Location and Hours: The Inez Greenberg Gallery is located in the Bloomington Center for the Arts at 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road in Bloomington, MN. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. There is no admission fee.

About Artistry: Artistry is a regional arts nonprofit serving more than 80,000 people annually through theater, visual arts, arts education, and creative placemaking programs. Artistry is a proud participant in the Twin Cities Ivey Awards and one of seven nonprofit organizations based in the Bloomington Center for the Arts. For more information, visit www.artistrymn.org or call 952-563-8575.

Photo Captions:

Of These No Elegy, mixed media, by K. Daphnae Koop

Still Branches, digital photograph, by Terra Rathai

Stoneware platter by Matthew Quinn

Exhibition website:

https://www.artistrymn.org/visual_arts/elements