



## **Garageland gallery “On the Ridge”**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

Garageland gallery is proud to present its inaugural show “On the Ridge”, a group show of Ridgewood artists making work about living in Ridgewood. Ridgewood is a multi-layered neighborhood and home to many artists whose means of expression is as unique as their experiences. Known for its historic architecture, Ridgewood artists find inspiration in their immediate surroundings. Jeff Fichera creates observational paintings of the view from his studio window often of backyards that reveal what is behind the facade. Zak Vreeland’s piece “Frame” is reminiscent of the stained glass that is common in the houses in the area. Lemia Monet’s photographs capture personal moments as a resident with a keen eye for the poetic. Some artists are drawn to the natural world that exists in our environment. Ellie Murphy’s evocative fabric work entitled “Bull Rushes” is inspired by the wild growth within the Ridgewood Reservoir. Elizabeth Donsky’s work is based on her garden, something that many of our residents take great pride in. Matthew Mahler’s spiralling work could be read as the relationship between the natural world and the urban layout of streets. Becky Yazdan’s abstracts draw their titles from, and conjure memories of, local landmarks, such as “Vixen,” a nearby ‘gentleman’s club.’ Dasha Bazanova’s paintings of ‘alley cats’ are inspired by the creatures that patrol our own gallery and environs. Kerry Law’s shaped wood painted gravestones take note of Queens, NY being the cemetery of the city. And of course, everyone knows that where there are cemeteries there is Voodoo and Carri Skoczek’s Voodoo dolls serve as talismen to the spirit world that surrounds us.

Opening reception is Friday, September 17th from 7-9pm. The gallery will be open from 1-5pm Saturday and Sunday the 18th and 19th. Or by appointment.

Garageland gallery is located in the alley behind 1885 Willoughby Avenue, Ridgewood, NY 11385

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