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Nostalgia, Displacement and the Tapestry of Memory

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, Nova Scotia (May 24, 2024) – ARTSPACE Gallery in Annapolis Royal, NS is preparing for "Cultivated Threads," a multi-gallery, immersive exhibition that examines the nature of memory through the diverse practices of Nancy Cole, Négar Devine-Tajgarden, Jessie Fraser, and Maria Simmons.

The intricate embroidery of Nancy Cole's work evokes a sense of both displacement and nostalgia. Each piece is characterized by stitching up to 100,000 French knots, achieving an appearance reminiscent of post-impressionist pointillism.

Négar Devine-Tajgarden confronts the lasting impact of familial loss and collective trauma—resulting from the 1988 massacres in Iran—through her intensely personal woven photo tapestries.

Jessie Fraser's material-heavy processes capture the fleeting essence of memories, revealing the delicate balance between preservation and erasure through weavings, archival documentation, and poetic text.

Memory is a dynamic process explored by Maria Simmons through fermentation and transformation. In the resultant immersive environment, we witness artefacts undergo metamorphosis.

"The jury observed a common thread in the four artists' works. Through their chosen mediums, these artists convey uniquely personal stories and experiences. Together, they offer a compelling exploration of memory's complexities, showcasing how different processes can illuminate the ever-shifting landscape of recollection," said Sophie Paskins, ARTSPACE Gallery Director.

"These artists emphasize how memory enables us to connect with past events in our lives that directly influence our understanding of the present. Memory may also give us a framework to think about the future. This show will definitely enable viewers to have a meaningful experience that is both personal and somewhat universal," said Ted Lind, ARTSPACE Board Member.

Join us in an exploration of these distinct artistic visions, where memory is not just a static relic of the past but a living, breathing force that shapes our present and future.

"Cultivated Threads" opening reception Sat. June 1, 2024, 12-2 p.m, Artists' Talk 1:00pm. Light refreshments served, all welcome. "Cultivated Threads" continues through July 20.

ARTSPACE is a public Art Gallery that is operated by the Annapolis Region Community Arts Council, a registered charitable, community organization dedicated to encouraging and promoting the arts. Supported through the Province of Nova Scotia and the Canada Council for the Arts.

ARTSPACE Gallery is located at 396 St. George Street in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

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