

Gateway Georgia Avenue Revitalization Corporation
presents:

Art in Transition



artists clockwise: Raymond Klecker, Jessie Lehson, Tolga Erbatur, Laura Amussen

May 21st - June 19th

Kick Off Reception : Artdc.org 5/21 6 - 9pm, *re:place* 5/28 7-9pm

7981 Eastern Ave, Silver Spring Md. 20910 (entrance by Kennett St. garage)

How can art help a transitioning community? Can art help define its character? Does art add to its socio-economic vitality? Will it make an area safer? Two area curators, **Jesse Cohen** and **Angela Jerardi**, will help us get closer to the answers to these questions as they activate four transitioning commercial spaces over a month in south Silver Spring, as a component of Gateway's two year old Progressive **ArtWalk** series. The exhibits will be on view from **May 21-June 19** at **7981 Eastern Ave, Silver Spring, Md.** Opening receptions will be hosted on two consecutive weekends, **Saturday 5/21 from 6-9 pm, and Saturday 5/28 from 7-9 pm.**

(Suites 3 and 4) In the art scene, new artists are often unintentionally hidden from the public. Artists must create and allow for their own discovery. **Artdc.org** aids in this process with opportunities for self promotion of individuals and the group as a whole. This exhibit will display a cross section of our artist's work, pushing our goals and bringing the scene closer together.

(Suite 2) In line with the themes of Art in Transition, Jerardi's exhibition *re:place* will focus on the transformative possibilities intrinsic in the movement or re-positioning of things around us. Physical objects, as large as an ocean or as small as a button, provide us with a sense of connection and belonging. They solidify and make real our idea of place, grounding us both physically and psychologically. But over time, our physical realities change both around us, and within our own bodies. Through the work of area artists, **Laura Amussen, Jessie Lehson, and Michael Wichita**, this exhibition will explore how physical objects can transform our reality, and investigate how these objects can serve as markers and buoys in each of our lives.

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