

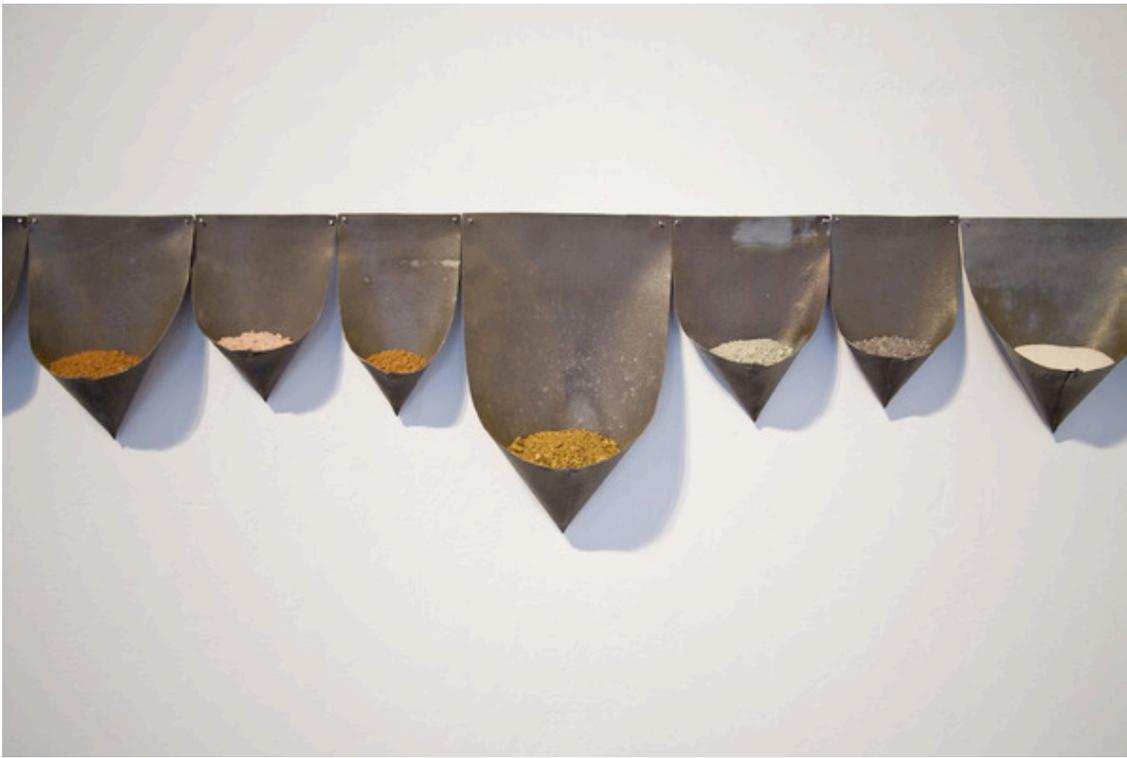
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Watchlist Artist: Mari Andrews



Chandra Cerrito Contemporary is pleased to announce the opening of a new solo exhibition by Bay Area artist Mari Andrews. Mari Andrews is known for delicate, haiku-like sculptures she has been making for the past 20 years. Her “three-dimensional drawings,” as she calls them, combine collected natural objects like seeds, leaves, moss and stones with linear man made materials, such as metal wire. Many of the materials are found on the artist’s frequent nature walks around the San Francisco Bay Area and the Sierras. Many of Andrews’ works are small-scale and intimate worlds onto themselves, shown individually or in large groupings. Gathering Gravity, however, highlights Andrews’ architectural-scale installations of repeated sculptural elements as well as the artist’s use of gravity as a structural force.

(text source: [Chandra Cerrito Contemporary](#))



More on Mari Andrews (b. 1955, Dayton, OH)

Mari Andrews' work has evolved out of years of drawing and obsessive collecting. Time spent gathering, cleaning and storing of collected objects, whether they are man-made or natural, allows for a kind of wonder and intimacy with each object. This gleaned information is crucial while combining materials to make new, hybrid forms.

For the most part these three-dimensional drawings are presented on the wall. They are made as singular pieces and often come together in larger wall installations. The individual works relate to and play off of each other like words forming sentences or sentences telling a story.

Mari's work has been widely exhibited in the San Francisco Bay Area, nationally and internationally, including at the Tucson Museum of Art, the San Jose Museum of Art, Kala Institute in Berkeley, University of Dayton, OH, Southern Exposure in San Francisco, and the San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art. She has also shown in numerous galleries in Northern California, Japan, Israel, Los Angeles and New York.

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