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Family Stories: New Constructions
Elisabeth Munro Smith

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Opening Reception: Thursday, September 4, 6-9pm
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A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce Family Stories: New Constructions, a solo exhibition of work by A.I.R. Gallery artist Elisabeth Munro Smith. The exhibition will be on view from September 4 through September 28, with a reception on September 4th from 6pm to 9pm.

Smith’s work continues to explore elements of landscape. Her early work focused on architecture and the house form, especially the image of the house within its landscape. Her work has evolved to encompass maps, photographs and aerial-view landscapes, with references to travel across time and space. Recently she has been exploring the overlap of memory, place and narrative. In “Family Stories” she has drawn inspiration from events in her own life, and the stories are told, much like horizontal Chinese and Japanese scrolls, in a series of images. Several of the pieces have written narratives that amplify the story within the work.

Smith’s three-dimensional constructions are built of many materials – primarily wood (both milled and cut vines from her country studio) and paper; also Mylar, paint, wire, fiber, and other materials intrinsic to the stories. Several of the pieces are constructed in sections, connected by bits of wood, wire or string, or fold like a screen. The surfaces play with contrasts between the flat plane and meandering organic forms, where color and line are intrinsic to the narrative.

This is Smith’s fourth solo exhibition at A.I.R. Gallery. She has exhibited sculpture at Queens College, Ward’s Island and Chesterwood, and her work has been included in solo and group exhibitions throughout the United States. She was previously associated with the Sculpture Center (now SculptureCenter) where she exhibited work, co-curated shows and organized a series of panel discussions about public sculpture. Her work has been reviewed in The New York Times, Art in America, New York Magazine, Art News and the Village Voice.

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