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Gallery Q Celebrates Trees in New, "The Giving Trees," Exhibition Downtown

STEVENS POINT – Gallery Q Artists Cooperative has opened a new exhibition, "The Giving Trees," on Tuesday, May 4, 2021, in downtown Stevens Point. "The Giving Trees," exhibit will remain on display through Friday, July 2, 2021 with work celebrating trees as a media and subject matter in fine art. Featured Gallery Q artist members include Mike Jagielo, Elise Thornton, Graham Coulson, Robert Rosen, and consignment artist Paul Klein.

The strong focus on wood as a medium brings opportunity to appreciate the diversity of elements trees bring into a wide range of artforms. "My work is created from the parts of trees that are often discarded," says Basket Maker, Elise Thornton, "Birch bark and spruce roots from Wisconsin, red and yellow cedar bark from the pacific coast of Alaska, and willow bark from Iowa are incorporated into baskets using traditional and non-traditional techniques to make one of a kind items."

Natural beauty from the many varieties of wood in the exhibit are emphasized in pieces by Woodworker, Mike Jagielo. "I use many domestic woods and veneers by combining enhanced accents with exotic varieties. Trees within the same species can exhibit differing qualities composing sapwood, heartwood, curly or quilted figures, burls, and spalting," says Jagielo. "I use these qualities to accent my work."

Trees within the context of their natural environment are also explored in, "The Giving Trees," exhibit through the lens of Photographer, Robert Rosen. "These images are of pinyon and juniper pine tree remnants burned in a forest fire several decades ago. For me, the form of the images and the relationship to their surrounding environment set them into motion," Rosen says. "As I walked in the landscape, I encountered dancers, sprits, sculptural-ballet, and ghosts. Each new encounter was mesmerizing."

Work featured in, "The Giving Trees," exhibit includes wooden sculptures, handmade baskets, wooden furniture, and photography. All are welcome to explore the exhibit during the Gallery's regular hours of operation as these exclusive art pieces will be available for purchase on a first-come first-served basis, while supplies last.

For more information on the exhibit or to learn about safety precautions in place to protect everyone while exploring the space, visit the Gallery Q website at qartistscooperative.com.

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About Gallery Q Artists Cooperative

Gallery Q is owned and democratically controlled by those who produce the art and exists to meet the needs of members by marketing fine art. Our purpose is to support a vibrant community of fine artists, to provide an opportunity to exhibit and sell regional fine art under a juried system, to enhance professional development among artists, and to benefit the community. Visit the Gallery's website at qartistscooperative.com.