







groundswell

Activating an installation by Patrick Renner Video Art Curated by Hilary Scullane 8.2.2025

This zine was created to celebrate the activation of *groundswell* as a Video Space on August 2, 2025.

The participating artists are:

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A Conversation with Michael Sean Kirby about groundswell

Q: Why turn the first floor of your house into an art space?
A: I've always valued the art community we have in Houston and wanted to contribute more. Converting the first floor of my home into a informal art space offers a secure setting for for experimenting and collaboration with the art world.

Q: Who is exhibiting groundswell in this space?

A: Patrick Renner. We met while he was working on his Funnel Tunnel project, a cornerstone in Houston's art scene. It was an ambitious public art installation that had a big impact on many people. Patrick's approach to art making combines a fine balance of his creative audaciousness and humble craftsmanship. He also has a respectful and generous spirit.

Q: Why work with Patrick for this show?

A: Given our friendship and his qualities, it was an obvious choice. He took full control of the space and far exceeded expectations with remarkable creative courage, turning what was intended to be a three-month project turned into a year-long endeavor —a true "studio takeover."

Q: How did the space evolve?

A: It evolves organically like a winding river. Occasionally the studio turns into a temporary community hub.

Q: What does this transformation represent?

A: *groundswell* itself represents transformation and hopefully it's transformative in the spirit of supporting personal and artistic growth and engagement in the community.



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