

Shelter(ing)

a two-person show by Liz Gates and Chet Urban

June 12 - August 22

Mary Matteson-Parrish Art Gallery

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Shelter(ing) explores Houston based artists, Liz Gates & Chet Urban's shared interest in materiality, craft and process. Both take on shelter, security, gendered labor as well as the pulls of the feminine and tugs of masculine as integration rather than opposites.

Liz Gates uses a range of materials (cotton diapers, recycled denim, postmarked postage, baby shoes) and through repetition, rearrangement, and reinvention, explores the dichotomy between parenthood and individualism, as well as the tension between the need for responsibility and the desire for rebellion. The work she presents in ***Shelter(ing)*** centers around questions of gendered labor, feminist mother identity, and self-manifestation.

Chet Urban uses polypropylene tarpaulins and other industrial or post-consumer material to make grid bound quilts and objects. By presenting these as quilts and objects he is asking (and challenging) the viewer to see these materials beyond their consumer origins asking what thoughts, images, memories, emotions or reactions do these materials stir inside the viewer. He uses these materials as ways of exploring his own empathic relationship with their symbolism and how we interpret material within a shared cultural context or experience.

An essay by Doug Welsh will also accompany the show.

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1. Liz Gates
Because I Said So
Cotton diapers
56" x 56"
2022
2. Chet Urban
The river flows north (for Ida)
Polyurethane tarpaulin, aluminum grommets, brass fasteners, canvas, acrylic
2022
3. Liz Gates
78676
Hand dyed diapers and embroidery floss
60" x 36"
2022
4. Chet Urban
Prime
Polyurethane shipping envelopes, brass paper binders
49" x 62"
2021
5. Liz Gates
Baby Shoes: Not to be Sold
Baby shoes and embroidery floss on moving blankets, recycled denim
54" x 38"
2023
6. Chet Urban
Ecology
Found polypropylene tarpaulins & polyurethane banner, oil paint, brass grommets, and steel rivets
96" x 91"
2022
7. Chet Urban
Blue quilt (for child) 1-3
(hanging)
Polyurethane tarpaulin, aluminum grommets, epoxy
32.5" x 47.5"
2021
8. Liz Gates
Safe as Houses, 1, 2 & 3 (floor)
Cotton diaper, embroidery floss, cardboard shipping boxes
Various dimensions
2023
9. Chet Urban
My girls (1-4, of 5) (floor)
Polyurethane tarpaulin, wood, aluminum staples
32" x 32" (each)
2022
10. Chet Urban
Capitol Games (blau house big)
Wooden German game pieces
18x17x18 mm (each)
2023