

PRESS RELEASE

Exhibition: *For the Moment*

Featuring artists: Karen Deutsch, Alexis Drobka, Marlee Erwin, June Ramsay, Harlan Ritchey, Lisa White

Opening reception: Friday, May 5, 2017, 7 – 9 pm
Art Alliance Gallery Downtown, 123 S Fraser St. State College, PA 16801

On view: May 5 – May 28, 2017

Georgia O'Keeffe once said, “When you take a flower in your hand and really look at it, it's your world for the moment.” From painting to sculpture, artists have a strong history of embracing the language of flowers to portray temporaneous themes and allegorical gestures. Flowers symbolize contrasting binaries, embodying ephemerality and eternity, passion and purity, fragility and strength.



Left to right: Harlan Ritchey, *Day Lilies II*, Watercolor, 11x14 inches, Courtesy the Artist; Alexis Drobka, *Maud Menten*, Pastel, 22x11 inches, Courtesy the Artist; Karen Deutsch, *Watercolor Bouquet*, Photography, 11x14 inches, Courtesy the Artist.

In *For the Moment*, six contemporary artists will explore the rich and inspirational life of flowers in art. Ranging in media, style, and concept, these beautiful expressions of nature's bounty will remind us to enjoy the season and celebrate the potential to be found in a backyard blossom.

With the opening of our new location in Downtown State College, the Art Alliance of Central PA is excited to bring together the work of Centre County artists in order to respond to the themes, ideas, and aesthetics of our time. For more information on our new gallery, please visit our

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website at <http://www.artalliancegallerydowntown.org> and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @*artalliancegallerydowntown*.

About Art Alliance Gallery Downtown: Art Alliance Gallery Downtown is an expansion of the nonprofit organization Art Alliance of Central PA. Our mission is to serve the community through the exhibition and promotion of talented contemporary artists in Centre County and beyond.

About Art Alliance of Central PA: The Art Alliance of Central Pennsylvania is a nonprofit organization that exists to serve students, artists and the art-loving public in Pennsylvania's Centre County, the adjacent counties, and beyond. Our organization builds bridges between teachers and art students of all ages, as well as between artists and potential art patrons. The Art Alliance actively encourages community members to become involved in diverse and ever changing art experiences. At present the Art Alliance has approximately 350 members, all of whom are dedicated to recognizing, developing, and supporting visual arts.

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