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Out of Bounds

**A Collaborative Exhibition from the Schuylkill Center and the
Center for Emerging Visual Artists**

June 23 – September 2, 2012

Opening reception June 23, 5:00 – 7:00 pm



Why Our Hangers by Susan Benarcik



Birthday Party by Darla Jackson

(Philadelphia, June 7, 2012) The Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education (SCEE) presents ***Out of Bounds***, a group exhibition of outdoor installations on display from June 23 through September 2, 2012. *Out of Bounds* exports works originally created for studio spaces to the green spaces and ponds of the Schuylkill Center, where they begin a new life against the backdrop of the very thing they were inspired by— the natural world.

Out of Bounds features works by Susan Benarcik, Ana B. Hernandez, Brooke Hine, Darla Jackson, Mami Kato, Scott Pellnat and Caleb Nussear. *Out of Bounds* is presented in partnership with the Center for Emerging Visual Artists (CFEVA), and all artists in the exhibition are current Fellows or alumni of CFEVA's Career Development Program Fellowship.

The exhibition will be installed in a variety of settings around SCEE's main building: in the large pond that greets visitors at the front of the building; in the Center's new sensory garden; and in the wooded picnic grove that lead to the forest behind the building.

Many of the works recreate and reimagine forms typically seen outdoors, such as Susan Benarcik's knotted droplets, Ana Hernandez's bright red fabric fungi, and Scott Pellnat's giant boat. Others interact with the natural elements, giving the viewer a new perspective on familiar landscapes. Mami Kato's work floats on the pond, kept company by a community of frogs, snakes and turtles. Caleb Nussear's installation plays with mirrors amongst the trees, layering the visual experience of the woods.

The one indoor installation in the exhibition, Darla Jackson's "Birthday Party," enlivens the Center's foyer with sculptural animals, welcoming visitors and marking the 25th anniversary celebration of the Schuylkill Center's Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic, which treats and rehabilitates thousands of animals each year.

Curated jointly by SCEE's Director of Environmental Art, Jenny Laden, and CFEVA's Director of Career Development, Amie Potsic, *Out of Bounds* renews a partnership between the two organizations that began in 2008, with the exhibition *Ghosts and Shadows*.

Opening Reception

The public is invited to an opening reception for *Out of Bounds* on **Saturday, June 23 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm**. The artists will be on hand to discuss their work and celebrate the exhibition. The opening reception will take place during the Schuylkill Center's popular family event, the Great American Backyard Campout. Reception guests are welcome to stay for the Campout dinner and evening activities. (Dinner tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased upon arrival.)

About CFEVA

The Center for Emerging Visual Artists (CFEVA) dedicates itself to making art careers viable for those who choose them, helping emerging artists reach their audiences, and promoting interest and understanding of emerging visual art among citizens of the community.

Artists are selected for CFEVA's highly competitive Fellowship by its renowned Board of Artistic Advisors. While active in the program, the artists have opportunities to experience a full exhibition schedule, receive career counseling and mentorship, earn money from the sale of their work, teach in the community, and participate in numerous professional development opportunities. (<http://cfeva.org/>)

About the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education

Founded in 1965, the Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education (SCEE) is one of the first urban environmental education centers in the country. It encompasses over 340 acres of privately held land in the Roxborough neighborhood of Philadelphia. SCEE's mission is to promote the preservation and improvement of our natural environment through education, outreach and the conservation of its land. It provides a wide variety of award-winning educational programming for schools and the public, and is home to the Schuylkill Center Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic. The Environmental Art Department at the Schuylkill Center incites curiosity and sparks awareness of the natural environment through art, and works collaboratively to create exhibitions of the highest quality that attract, educate and inspire the public. (<http://www.schuylkillcenter.org/>)

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Main Building hours: Monday – Saturday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Trails and grounds: Monday - Sunday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Where: Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education

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