

“Part to Part” Angie Seykora, 2017



Plastic was introduced in the 1950s. It was the technology of the future! An amazing new material with a seemingly limitless amount of applications; remarkable because plastic can be shaped into many forms all at a low cost to the manufacturer. Because of its mass production and a wide variety of uses, plastic has become a part of everyday life. What once was a miracle material, is now everyday junk and clutter.

The art in this exhibition is made from such everyday plastics; collected and transformed by hand - not machines - and transformed into something new. The transformation of these plastics, removed from their everyday setting, gives the viewer time and space to think about the role of plastic in our lives.



“We stop noticing the extent to which we manufacture and use plastics simply because we can.”

Meet the Artist!



Angie received an MFA in Sculpture from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. She is a 2016 recipient of the Nebraska Arts Council's Distinguished Individual Artist Fellowship award. She earned an Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture award from the International Sculpture Center, from which she was selected for the fully funded Art-St-Urban Sculpture Residency in St. Urban, Switzerland. Seykora is currently an instructor of sculpture at Creighton University and participates as an artist mentor for Omaha youth through the Joslyn Art Museum's Kent Bellows Mentoring Program. She exhibits her work nationally and internationally.

Household Plastic Scavenger Hunt

Angie Seykora's work explores our relationship to plastic; let's reflect on the plastic that occupies our homes. Please be sure to get your parents' permission before beginning this activity.

<https://www.u-ca.org/exhibition/part-to-part>

*drink bottles
plastic cutlery
disposable cups
drinking straws
empty juice jugs
shopping bags
zipper top bags
packaging
plastic wrap
bread ties
bubble wrap
styrofoam
soda can rings
tape
food containers
soap bottles
old pens, markers
old toys*



1. Search around your house for the items listed and, with your parents' permission, gather the items into one location, like a kitchen table.
2. Consider the plastic you were able to find and ask the following questions:

Did the amount of plastic you found surprise you?
Where does plastic go when we are done with it?
Is there any way to avoid plastic? Why or why not?
How does plastic make you feel?
Do different plastics inspire different feelings?
3. Spend some time with the plastic items you gathered and imagine ways to transform them. Could you string together lids to make a mobile? Could you weave plastic bags together? Could you stack them into a towering sculpture? The options could be endless depending on what you were able to find!
4. Create something new from your plastics. Share your creation with your family and ask them about their thoughts on plastic.