

FORM+CONTENT GALLERY

For immediate release

Two Gardens

What New paintings by Joyce Lyon

When August 21 – September 20, 2014
Gallery hours: Thursday – Saturday 12 – 6:00 pm

Gallery hours: Thursday – Saturday 12:00 – 6:00 pm and by appointment
Free and open to the public

Public Reception Saturday, August 23, 2014, 6 – 9 pm

Closing Reception Saturday, September 20, 6 – 8 pm, in coordination with closing reception for Perci Chester's **Signature Moves** at Traffic Zone Gallery

Free and open to the public

Where Form+Content Gallery

Whitney Square Building
210 North 2nd Street, Suite 104
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Metered street parking

Information formandcontent@gmail.com

<http://www.formandcontent.org>

[612/436-1151](tel:6124361151)

Description

Form+Content Gallery presents **Two Gardens**, an exhibition of new paintings by Joyce Lyon. The exhibition juxtaposes works inspired by distinctly different gardens, one a cycle of Roman frescoes known as *Livia's Garden Room*; the other, the artist's garden in St. Paul.

The frescoes, which date from 40-20 BC, were discovered in a subterranean room in a villa belonging to Livia, the wife of the Emperor Augustus. The images create the illusion of a space enclosed by a walking path, beyond which grows a profusion of flowers and trees. Joyce Lyon's paintings of Livia's Garden are homage to the skill of the anonymous Roman painters and to the suggestive changes made by time and restoration. To these works she juxtaposes paintings made in response to her contemporary garden. The two subjects offer opportunities to consider the affective results of different approaches to painting as well as the varied ways that gardens are meaningful.

Two gardens, two thousand years apart, through the eyes of one artist.

Artist Biography

Joyce Lyon is an interdisciplinary artist working in painting, drawing, artist's books and photography. Her work is in collections nationally, including the Georgetown University Law Library, the Florida Holocaust Museum, the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Walker Art Center, and the Weisman Art Museum. Locally she exhibits at Groveland and Form+Content galleries. She is a recipient of three Minnesota State Arts Board Fellowships, a Jerome/ MCBA Books Arts grant and participated in a Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad in Poland. She is Associate Professor of Art at the University of Minnesota.

Press Images

High-res images available at: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rsc7j088tputgpw/AACN-4kogEKAKtJ9hw9mlurUa>

Images:

First Group

01-JLyon. *Livia's Garden, Fragment #2 (Heron)*, 2014. Gouache on paper, 13 ½"h x 10"

02-JLyon *Livia's Garden, Fragment #4* 2014. Gouache on paper, 13 ½"h x 10"

03-JLyon *Livia's Garden II*, 2014. Oil on board with pumice, 24"h x 18"

Second Group

04-JLyon. *St. Paul Garden I*, 2014. Oil on board, 18"h x 24"

05-JLyon. *St. Paul Garden II*, 2014. Oil and oil stick on board, 18"h x 24"

06-JLyon. *St. Paul Garden IV*, 2014. Oil on board, 24"h x 30"





Mission Statement

Form+Content Gallery nurtures diverse artistic practice and thoughtful dialogue. We value art as a catalyst for critical thinking. We value integrity and the artistic process. We aspire to link personal expression to broader social contexts. Form+Content Gallery is dedicated to moving the definitions and practice of culture forward in new and lively ways.