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LYMAN ALLYN'S NEWEST EXHIBITION PRESENTS AN EXPLORATION OF NATURE, CHANGE, AND THE PASSAGE OF TIME

New London – The Lyman Allyn Art Museum announces the opening of *Lydia Viscardi – Time Takes Time*, on view Oct. 31 through Jan. 10, 2027. This colorful exhibition presents a body of mixed-media work that considers the passage of time and the cycles of the seasons within the changing natural world.

The works in *Time Takes Time* combine painting, drawing, collage, and assemblage sculpture, using printed matter, vintage hand-embellished textiles, fabric, and found objects. Through colorful imagery, layered compositions and contradictory elements, Viscardi reveals a subtle humor and subversive undercurrent, giving the work an enigmatic yet playful tone.

The Connecticut-based artist was the 2024 Artist-in-Residence at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House (a social services center and cultural institution) in New York City and a recipient of the 2023 Connecticut Office of the Arts Artist Fellowship. Her work has been presented in solo exhibitions in New York City, Hartford and Torrington, and in numerous group exhibitions.

"Living where development gradually encroaches on native habitat and human activity and wilderness intersect, I witness moments of fragile balance and quiet tension prompting reflection on continuity, loss and change," says Viscardi. "While grounded in lived observation, my work is also informed by an awareness of broader environmental shifts unfolding globally."

Viscardi's work is held in the collections of the Housatonic Museum of Art, Eastern Connecticut State University, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House in New York City, and The Copelouzos Art Museum in Athens, Greece, as well as private collections in the United States and United Kingdom. Viscardi holds a BFA from C.W. Post College of Long Island University and an MFA in Visual Art from William Paterson University of New Jersey. She maintains a studio in Connecticut.



Lydia Viscardi, *Autumnal Hoard*, acrylic and collage on vintage embellished textile and board, 2022. Courtesy of the artist.

The opening reception is Friday, Oct. 30, 5 - 7 p.m. Museum members are free, and non-members are \$10. To register, call 860.443.2545 ext. 2129 or email us at info@lymanallyn.org.

For more information or to request images, please contact Rebecca Dawson by email at dawson@lymanallyn.org.

About Lyman Allyn Art Museum

Lyman Allyn Art Museum welcomes visitors from New London, southeastern Connecticut and all over the world. Established in 1926 with a gift from Harriet Allyn in memory of her seafaring father, the Museum opened the doors of its beautiful neoclassical building surrounded by 12 acres of green space in 1932. Today it presents several changing exhibitions each year and houses a fascinating collection of over 20,000 objects from ancient times to the present, including art from Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe, with particularly strong collections of American paintings, decorative arts and Victorian toys and doll houses.

The museum is located at 625 Williams Street, New London, Connecticut, exit 83 off I-95. It is open **Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 - 5 p.m.**, and closed on Mondays and major holidays. For more information call 860.443.2545, ext. 2129 or visit www.lymanallyn.org.