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Hyattsville gallery exhibit allows viewers to explore landscape in new ways

Work by two Prince George's County artists on display until July 26

By Jamie Anfenson-Comeau Staff Writer

This story was corrected at 9:56 a.m. July 15, 2014. An explanation is at the bottom of the story.

The work of two Prince George's County artists on display at the artdc Gallery in Hyattsville present viewers with a new way of looking at landscapes through art.

Robert Long of Hyattsville and Laurence Chandler of Lanham have pieces appearing in artdc Gallery's "Welcome to Wonderland: Rethinking Landscape," an exhibit featuring abstract ideas about landscape and place.

"We were looking for not only abstract landscape, but thinking about landscape in a different way," said gallery curator Kayleigh Bryant-Greenwell. "So the works that were selected were those that really strongly speak to that thought process."

One of Long's pieces is entitled, "38.9716666666667, -76.9649833333333 (section 1)" — named after the longitude and latitude coordinates for the site on a tributary of the Anacostia River where materials used in the piece were derived, and which the piece represents.

The work is a three-dimensional sculpture incorporating acrylic boxes, river silt, water, lights, a video still, stone and glass. The base of the work is soapstone quartz, and the piece incorporates river silt from the site.

"If you Google that title, those long sets of digits, it will show you on Google Maps the exact location where those materials came from," Bryant-Greenwell said, adding that the piece received an honorable mention in the juried exhibition because it allows the viewer to think about and connect with the landscape on their own.

"It's really about thought process, and that's kind of what we were hoping to get out of this show," Bryant-Greenwell said.

Long said that viewers can then explore the actual landscape

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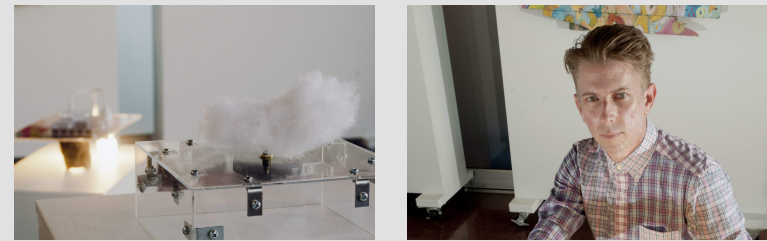
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