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understory

SUSAN FRASER-HUGHES . MARISA MARY MYRAH . VERONICA TRUJILLO

In *understory*, artists Susan Fraser-Hughes, Marisa Mary Myrah, and Veronica Trujillo use landscape as a vehicle to explore themes of memory, time, and our place within nature.

Susan Fraser-Hughes

“While a large portion my work explores specific events, and or experiences in my life, and their associated memories and emotions, landscapes allow me to explore life in a different fashion. Many of my smaller landscapes, are direct responses to walks I have had in the woods; the slight nuances that may have caught my eye, the conversations I may have had, the feelings or emotions I may have experienced as I walked, or after I left. Before moving to Vancouver, I had never spent much time in wooded areas. Now, they are my go-to place. Every visit is always a little different.”

Marisa Mary Myrah

“These artworks are from a series called, *On the Edge of Where I Live* which describes a section of land adjacent to where I live in Lynn Valley, North Vancouver, that is slated for development. It is a pristine area of old growth forest within a residential area. It is a dense, overgrown, and unique forest, that I want to document and describe through my art before it is gone. When developed, this area of land will be forever changed. These paintings offer viewers an experience of this space, compressed and distilled versions of my time spent there.”

Veronica Trujillo

“Through painting, I examine the connection between myself and the environment. The recent series *Forest Skin* blurs the lines between representation and abstraction, human and non-human, bark and flesh. Each painting begins in situ, where I capture ephemeral moments of my experience in the landscape. Back in my studio, I treat each canvas as a portrait honouring elements at the original location but also as a framework to explore the possibilities of painting itself.”

January 27 - March 16, 2024

Sunday, February 4 from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Sunday, February 25 at 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 3 from at 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 10 at 2 p.m.

Exhibition reception

Artist Talk with Susan Fraser-Hughes

Artist Talk with Marisa Mary Myrah

Artist Talk with Veronica Trujillo

Image credit: (left to right) Susan Fraser-Hughes, Marisa Mary Myrah, and Veronica Trujillo

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