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De Pere, Wisconsin –

newARTSpace opens the Fall season with side-by-side solo exhibitions set to coincide with the first ART NITE Downtown DePere arts hop from 5-8pm on September 9.

The dual shows feature acclaimed photographer Stuart Rome exhibiting a body of work titled "Oculus". This work earned Rome a Guggenheim fellowship for these striking portrayals of our nation's oldest and most monumental trees. The subjects of Rome's large scale black and white photographs are the hollowed out interior spaces of these massive creatures - beings that have survived thousands of years of lightning strikes and wild fires yet still remain alive. These views from the inside transport the viewer into another realm. Rome says of his work, "The longer I have looked at the natural world, the more I have imagined a hidden text within those patterns. This is the foundation for much of my work."

Philadelphia photographer Stuart Rome has exhibited extensively over the years in solo and group exhibitions in galleries and museums. Amongst his publications are: *Maya*, Treasures of an Ancient Civilization, Abrams, 1985; *Forest*, a monograph, Nazraeli Press, 2005; *Signs and Wonders*, The Southeast Museum of Photography, 2011. He was awarded a John Simon Guggenheim fellowship in 2015 for "Oculus".

The deeply textured and complex colors schemes of Barbara Manger's monoprints provide a provocative visual counterpart and sensitive complement to Rome's monochromatic work. "Force of Nature" in the Sidedoor Gallery features recent large-scale monoprints, some on loan from the Museum of Wisconsin Art in West Bend, and others from Manger's Milwaukee area studio.

For the past several years Manger has printed on paper with found, natural materials such as dried grasses, stems, and leaves. The natural twists and intertwining, the overlays and under web combine into complex surfaces and entrancing compositional structures. For Manger “... my focus is sometimes on directing and ordering line, but mostly I make use of the disorder, unpredictability, and insistence of line as metaphor and mystery.”

The exhibition will open for the inaugural ART NITE: Downtown De Pere on Friday, Sept. 9 from 5-8pm. Come meet these two accomplished artists at the opening reception.

The gallery is open for De Pere Farmer’s Market from 4-7 every Thursday, and additional times by appointment. The exhibition will run from September 9 – October 22. It is free and open to the public.

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SHORT FORM FOR CALENDARS, ETC

newARTSpace joins with other De Pere businesses to the launch of ART NITE: Downtown De Pere on Sept. 9 from 5-8 pm. newARTSpace galleries host two new exhibitions: Oculus, the photographs of Stuart Rome; and Force of Nature, the monoprints of Barbara Manger. Visit an array of artist studios, galleries, creative businesses and bars for live music, exhibitions and meeting the featured artists. ART NITE is a NEW once monthly event - free and open to all.

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