

Digital Education Program for Grace Nickel's Exhibition *Eruptions*



Eruptions was an exhibit by Winnipeg artist Grace Nickel shown at Gallery 1C03 in early 2022. Nickel collects, studies, transforms and memorializes felled trees and forest fragments in porcelain. She applies an archaeobotanical lens to her research, referencing the past and present with regard to the life cycle of living organisms and to varied forms and functions of ceramics production. Nickel's work also considers how the micro struggle for survival reflects the macro crises in which we find ourselves today, with climate change and resulting environmental catastrophes top of mind. Nickel's work evokes messages of fragility and grief, but also hope and resilience.

Gallery 1C03's art education team has prepared a **digital education program** related to *Eruptions* that will **connect teachers, mentors and students with nature and enable them to respond creatively in several ways to the need for climate justice**. The program is formatted in 4-5 sessions with each session about one hour in length, but it can be adapted to meet your needs. Ultimately, **participants will create individual clay beads that will be joined together to form a collective "lifeline" of resilience and hope for our future and the future of the planet.**

This digital education package is appropriate and can be adapted for use by grades 4-12 and adult learners and is relevant to Social Studies, ELA and Art curricula.

It includes:

- Lesson plan
- Slide show of artworks presented in the gallery with image descriptions
- Links to supporting resources such as exhibition video tour and artist's talk
- E-publication with **exhibition essay**
- Art activity instructions and examples

To receive the package of digital education materials, please email Gallery 1C03 Director/Curator Jennifer Gibson – <u>j.gibson@uwinnipeg.ca</u>.