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Winter Exhibitions Open at the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery

WATERLOO (ONTARIO) CANADA. January 8, 2019: The Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery opens its winter exhibitions with a week of events: an opening reception for new exhibitions *Suburbia* and *Fireworks 2017* will be held on Sunday, January 13 at 2:00 pm. A brief artist talk and reception with Kanika Gupta will be held for her solo exhibition *Surrender* on Saturday, January 19 at 2:00 pm.

Suburbia

Suburbia features the work of artists Pattie Chalmers, Julia Hepburn and Jennie Suddick.

The artists in this exhibition explore where we live and how we define a home. Our domestic experience is defined by the details – a carefully chosen wallpaper pattern, a table set for an evening meal, a small vegetable garden in the backyard, a balcony with an amazing view, a tree-fort that is perpetually ‘under-construction’.

With a cautious nostalgia, artist Pattie Chalmers borrows imagery from the mid 20th century to create ceramic tableaux that are simultaneously familiar and unsettling. Julia Hepburn creates small dream-like dioramas made of polymer clay and mixed media. Her works are distinctive for their strong psychological quality and elusive narratives. Remembering and re-creating the ‘magical’ spaces of childhood, like blanket and tree forts, Jennie Suddick opens up the definition of home to include communal, ‘do-it-yourself’ spaces whose distinction and power is in their impermanence.

Please join us for the Opening Reception on Sunday, January 13 at 2:00 pm. A brief tour and talk will begin at 3:00 pm with artists Pattie Chalmers, Julia Hepburn and Curator Sheila McMath. This event is free and all are welcome.

This exhibition has been made possible in part by a contribution from The Musagetes Fund held at Kitchener Waterloo Community Foundation.

Fireworks 2017

Organized by FUSION: The Ontario Clay and Glass Association, *Fireworks 2017* is a celebratory exhibition of hand-crafted works in clay and glass. This exhibition stands as a testament to the vitality, originality and inventiveness of today’s practising crafts community – a tribute to those makers who have chosen clay and glass as their mode of self-expression, and in some instances, their livelihood. The Clay & Glass is proud to host this touring exhibition, which premiered at Museum London in 2017.

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Surrender

In partnership with the Brain Injury Association of Waterloo-Wellington, the Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery is pleased to feature the ceramic works of Toronto artist Kanika Gupta in the Tower Gallery. Gupta's experience of working with clay has mirrored her personal journey of finding her way, following a brain injury that abruptly disrupted her life.

A brief artist talk and reception will be held at the Gallery on Saturday, January 19 at 2:00pm. This event is free and all are welcome. This exhibition has been made possible in part by a contribution from Siskinds LLP.

Suburbia, Fireworks 2017 and *Surrender* continue to March 17, 2019. To learn more about the exhibitions, please visit the website at www.theclayandglass.ca/exhibitions

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