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THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY FACULTY CLUB
presents
Resolution
Mixed Media Artwork by Catherine Bell Smith
January 15, 2018 – February 24, 2018

Installation artist Catherine Bell Smith will present a collection of new works at The Ohio State University Faculty Club from January 15, 2018 through February 24, 2018. The solo exhibition of mixed media creations is titled "*Resolution*" and includes two and three dimensional wall hangings and sculpture. An opening reception in Ms. Bell Smith's honor will be held on Friday, January 19, 2018 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Please call 614-292-2262 or email the club at facultyclubosu@yahoo.com for more information or to RSVP.

Catherine Bell Smith's work is composed of and inspired by natural elements collected and pocketed from the land she inhales while exploring country roads, walking city streets and urban parks, and growing her half-acre garden. Items cast off by the world of nature – seeds, bark, leaves, branches – are combined with other objects – some found, some constructed – to generate an impressive variety of artistic expression. Rich in texture and dimension, Bell Smith's art bridges the gap between the natural world and the world that is man-made. Literally bringing bits and pieces of the environment into her studio, she creates images, sculptures, mosaics, and installations that are filled with pattern, structure and a soft color palate that only Mother Nature could conceive. Inherent in her work is the knowledge that there is a rhythm and a repetitive cycle to nature. Implicit in each piece is the understanding that there is a connectedness between us and the natural world. Her keen awareness of the never-ending seasonal processes that are part of all living things brings both a sense of vibrancy and comforting continuity to Bell Smith's work.

Catherine Bell Smith is co-director of the "Sign Your Art" street art project and co-creator of a new community organization, Columbus Open Studio and Stage and is a member of the Ohio Art League. Her local business, Arlington Frames, is now in its 24th year of successful operation. Bell Smith holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in sculpture from The Ohio State University and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Painting, Drawing and Sculpture from Bowling Green State University. She completed post-graduate studies at the University of Iowa and is a graduate of the Ohio School of Broadcasting, where she received certificates in electronics, videography, and recording. She resides in Upper Arlington and her art studio is at Blockfort Studios and Gallery in Columbus. Catherine Bell Smith's work has been included in numerous solo and group exhibitions at a variety of galleries and exhibition spaces in Central Ohio including the Shot Tower Gallery, Columbus Cultural Arts Center, Carnegie Gallery at the Columbus Metropolitan Library, Gallery 831, Vanderelli Room, City of Upper Arlington's Concourse Gallery, The Ohio State University's Urban Arts Space, the Riffe Gallery, and the Ohio State Fair fine arts exhibition.

Established in 1923, The Ohio State University Faculty Club is located at 181 South Oval Drive on the Columbus campus of the university. The art exhibition program features the work of selected Ohio State University faculty, staff, students and alumni. Exhibitions are held throughout the year. All exhibitions are free and open to the public. For more information, please call the Faculty Club at 614-292-2262. For images of Catherine Bell Smith's artwork featured in the current exhibition or a photo of the artist, please contact lisa@ohio-statefacultyclub.com.