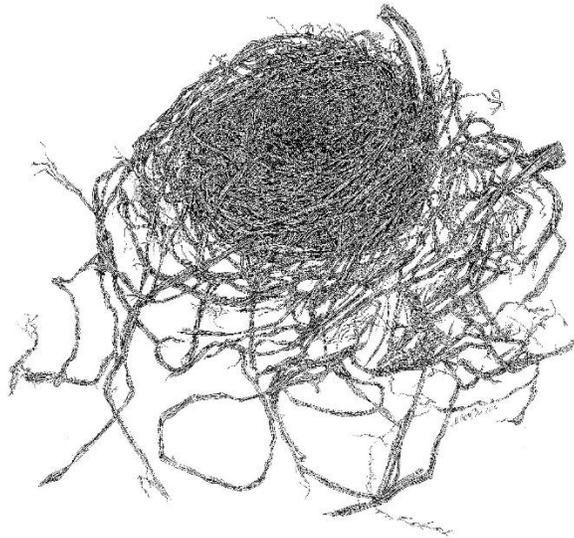


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***The Nature of New Haven* | Work by Jeanette Compton** **Exhibition and Opening at Ives Gallery**



Jeanette Compton, *Danny's Nest*, Pen & Ink Drawing.

- WHAT:** ***The Nature of New Haven* | Work by Jeanette Compton**
The Nature of New Haven includes several ink renderings of found natural objects from New Haven and surrounding areas, including abandoned nests, fungi, branches, bark, feathers and more.
- WHEN:** Exhibition Dates: February 3 – March 30, 2018
Artist reception: **Monday, February 5, 5 – 7 pm**
Gallery & Library Hours: Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 8 pm;
Friday & Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday Closed
- WHERE:** Ives Gallery, New Haven Free Public Library, 133 Elm Street, New Haven, CT
- EVENT:** A free public artist reception Monday, February 5, 2018, 5 – 7 pm in the Ives Gallery.

About the Exhibit:

The Nature of New Haven includes several ink renderings of found natural objects from New Haven and surrounding areas, including abandoned nests, fungi, branches, bark, feathers and more.

Pieces have been completed over the past several years, with a majority of the work having been done in the past three. All her work is done in pen and ink, and is meant to express wonder and appreciation for the natural world.

Some pieces have been named for the subject's place of origin such as *The Whitneyville Fungus* and *Fallen Bark, Union Cemetery*; while others, *Danny's Nest*, *Jenny's Nest*, and *Bea's Bee*, are named for the person who found the subject, or the person to whom the piece was given.

About the Artist:

Jeanette Compton has a deep interest in the intersection of art and the natural world. A lifelong resident of the New Haven area and a New Haven Public School science teacher, the focus of her art includes nests, branches, bark, fungi and other natural objects.

Jeanette uses ink as a medium to convey depictions of plants and animals in great detail, emphasizing subjects for which shadow and texture play a significant role. Her pieces, which require weeks or sometimes months to complete, serve as a meditative study of the elements of nature often overlooked. She sources her material from the New Haven area: along the Farmington Canal Trail, on city walks, at the shore, and in her other wanderings.

Her work reflects her interest in conveying an appreciation for the natural world, especially in its sometimes unnoticed details.



About the Ives Gallery

The Ives Gallery is proud to exhibit work that reflects and celebrates the rich diversity of greater New Haven's cultural community.

About the New Haven Free Public Library

The New Haven Free Public Library system includes the Ives Memorial Library on the historic New Haven Green, four neighborhood libraries, the 24/7 online services of our digital branch, the ReadMobile – bringing books to early childhood learning centers. The Library welcomes more than 500,000 library patrons through its doors each year across its five locations.

The New Haven Free Public Library's mission is to ensure all New Haven's citizens have full and unlimited access to information and knowledge so that they may meet the needs of daily living, have opportunities for self-education, and participate successfully in self-government.

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