



## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ARTS CENTER

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### **ARCHEO**

#### **Constructed paintings by Joanne Kent at DC Arts Center**

**March 22 - April 21, 2013**

**Opening Reception: Friday, March 22 at 7:30 PM**

Curated by Stuart Greenwell



**Construct 4, Oil/Wax Medium on Plywood, 24 x 24 x 2 inches**

DC Art Center presents the paintings of DC artist Joanne Kent in the exhibition **Archeo**, curated by Stuart Greenwell. Kent's "constructed" paintings express themselves through the skillful use of materials—in this case oil paint and cold wax medium.

Says Kent, "My work is a continuing exploration of paint and its application. The works are experiential, about oil paint, color, texture, form, the intrinsic qualities of the materials, and how these works exist in an environment. I also sculpt (make constructions out of plywood and give the surfaces painterly treatment), and photograph, capturing similar forms and sensibilities."

Greenwell goes further: "When looking at Kent's work, my time as a child in the woods examining flora and fauna, minerals and organic matter, creeks and the creatures that inhabited them rush back to me. Her primal, unpurified

surfaces bring to mind those organic elements: tree bark, stratified earth or stone, weathered wood, and quasi-ancient artifacts.”

Masterly manipulated, Kent brings painting squarely into the third dimension. Compact, thick and deeply engaging, the work invites the viewer to take time to examine them closely, as they unveil themselves slowly.



*Construct 9*, Oil/Wax Medium on Plywood, 24 x 24 x 2 inches