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WAVE HILL SUNROOM PROJECT SPACE

Slant Branch Souvenir (Thinkin' on You) by Audrey Hasen Russell on view

August 1 – September 13, 2009

Meet the Artist: September 13, 1PM

Bronx, NY, July 28, 2009 – Wave Hill announces a new Sunroom Project by **Audrey Hasen Russell**, the third in a series of five solo exhibitions by New York-area emerging artists. She takes a cue from the landscape visible from the Sunroom's windows with *Slant Branch Souvenir (Thinkin' on You)*, a large-scale installation. Three sculptural components collectively register the rolling hillside and woodlands that make up the room's distinctive views. In one corner, a leaning plywood structure upholstered in mustard-colored fleece stands in for a gently sloping wedge of topography. An arch made with sticks has the look of a young sapling, while a clutch of glasswork stationed nearby captures the microcosmic intimacy of a flower garden. By deftly navigating the boundary between representation and abstraction, Russell delves into the slippery nature of memory itself, and speaks to the persistent impulse to idealize days gone by. The resulting work is suffused with emotional resonance, provoking narratives of both comfort and loss.



Audrey Hasen Russell, *Slant Branch Souvenir (Thinkin' on You)*, 2009 (detail), mixed media, dimensions variable, courtesy of the artist

Organized by Assistant Curator **Leigh Ross**, the Sunroom Project Space provides an opportunity for New York-area emerging artists to develop a special project or create a new body of work to exhibit in a solo show. The five artists exhibiting in the 2009 season are: **Cece Cole**, **Steven Millar**, **Janelle Iglesias**, **Audrey Hasen Russell** and **Mauro Zamora**.

Related Public Programs

August 15 & 16, 1–4PM, Family Art Project: *Sculpted Hills and Valleys*. **Audrey Hasen Russell** joins families as they fashion a playful landscape inspired by her installation in the Sunroom.

September 13, Meet the Artist. **Audrey Russell** discusses *Slant Branch Souvenir (Thinkin' on You)* in the Sunroom Project Space.

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Free to Members and children under 6.



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