

## Lynn Dau

### Artist's Statement

I am a builder with an affinity for found objects who employs a variety of materials and processes. My work investigates themes related to identity, gender roles, labor, work equality, personal fulfillment, self-worth and contemporary parenting. These themes, although personal in origin, speak to the human condition and the complexities of interpersonal relationships. There is nothing exceptional about home, marriage, and family, so I find it natural to incorporate ordinary objects as I visually explore the dynamics of domestic relationships and everyday lives.

Found objects speak volumes, they have personal resonance; they are a visual invitation to a conversation. Most of my work is built from used household objects acquired from my own home, friends, garage sales or thrift stores. I select used and imperfect objects because their wear and tear is the authentic residue of lives lived. Sometimes bronze or concrete substitutes for the original object transforming it into a more enduring monumental object and often adding an element of absurdity. The narrative quality of the work implies a story or event. I also use repetition, overabundance, and implied motion to conjure the viewer's own experience of never-ending household chores, overwhelming demands and the chaos of contemporary life.

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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### EDUCATION:

2014-2017 San Jose State University, San Jose, California MFA, spatial art.  
1988-1991 University of California at Davis, King Hall School of Law, Juris Doctor  
1988 National University, Inglewood California, B.A. Behavioral Sciences

### EXHIBITIONS:

#### Selected Solo Exhibitions:

##### 2020:

Pence Gallery, Davis CA "Objects Speaking Volumes," Jan. 7 – Feb.2

##### 2014 – 2016:

Gallery 3 at SJSU, San Jose CA "Glitch" April 3<sup>rd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> 2017  
Gallery 5 at SJSU, San Jose, CA "Suspended Animation" April 2016  
Belcher Gallery at SJSUk, San Jose CA "The Throne Room" September 2015  
Herbert Sanders gallery at SJSU, San Jose, CA "Obsessive Behaviors" September 2015  
Gallery 3 at SJSU, San Jose, CA "Still Life with Uneasy Chair" August 2015  
Gallery 8 at SJSU, San Jose, CA "Nailed It" October 2014  
Herbert Sanders gallery at SJSU, San Jose, CA "Routine Lives" August 2014

#### Selected Group Exhibitions:

##### 2021:

Arts Benecia, Benecian, CA, online, "That Which Surrounds You", 6/19 – 8/1  
Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA, online, "Home", 5/15 – 6/12  
Art Works Downtown, San Rafael, CA "Beauty or Truth", 4/23 – 6/19  
The In Art Gallery, online, "Metals", 4/5-5/5  
The In Art Gallery, online, "Non-traditional", 4/5-5/5  
Blue Line Arts, Roseville, CA "Crocker Kingsley", 1/8 – 2/20

##### 2020:

Marin Moca, online, "Fresh Art", 11/7 – 1/16/2021  
City of Brea Art Gallery, Brea, CA "Made in California", date TBD  
San Luis Obispo Museum of Art, San Luis Obispo, CA "California Sculpture Slam", dates TBD

Jennifer Perlmutter Gallery, Lafayette, CA "Small Footprints", June 25 – July 25

**2019:**

Arts Benecia, Enchanted Realm: Metaphors of Natural Design, June 1 - July 7

Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA "48 Pillars" group exhibition, by invitation 3/2 – 4/6

Old Courthouse Art Center, IL "Women's Work" 3/6 – 4/14

**2018:**

California State Fair Fine Art Exhibition, July 13 – July 29

Embark Gallery, San Francisco, CA "Home|Maker: Reactions to Definement", 6/16-7/14 a two person exhibition

Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA "Dream", a national juried group exhibition, 5/26 - 6/16

Social Policy, San Jose, CA "Chosen Family", 5/4-5/30

**2017:**

Gavilan College, Gilroy, CA "Art is for Everyone – Faculty Exhibition", 10/1-10/30

SLOMA, San Luis Obispo, CA "California Sculpture Slam", 9/1-10/29

Social Policy, San Jose, CA "Forged", 9/1-9/30

Cabrillo College, Aptos, CA "Undercurrents: the Rising Tide of SJSU MFA Graduates", 8/28-9/22

Artik, San Jose, CA "Out of the Ordinary", June 2017 – May 2018

Art Ark, San Jose, CA "Undercurrents", 5/5 – 5/20

**2016:**

Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, San Jose, CA "Ann and Mark's Art Party" 9/24-10/1

Root Division, San Francisco, CA "Introductions 2016", 9/1-9/24

Kaleid Gallery, San Jose, CA "Vision; an artist's perspective", 7/5 – 7/29

Arc Gallery and Studios, San Francisco, CA "Chaos", 5/7-6/25

Embark Gallery, San Francisco, "Hi/Lo", 2/5 – 3/11

Art Ark, San Jose, CA, "The People Next Door", 2/1 – 2/10

**2015:**

Santa Cruz Art League, Santa Cruz CA., "Mixed Up", 8/14- 9/13

Sebastopol Center for the Arts, Sebastopol CA, "Chairs", 8/7 – 9/13

Fine Art exhibition, California State Fair, Sacramento CA juried exhibition, 7/10 -7/26

**2014:**

Santa Cruz Art League, Santa Cruz CA., "Mixed Up", 7/11 – 8/10

City of Santa Clara Cultural Commission, Santa Clara, CA, "Breaking Out of the Box" 4/17 – 9/29

Sylvia White Gallery, Ventura CA., "Collector's Choice", 4/23 – 5/24

Robert Morris Gallery, Chicago IL, "Water: A Universal Human Right" 2/13 – 3/13

Woman Made Gallery, Chicago IL, "Equilibrium", 1/17-2/27.

**2013:**

Arc Gallery & Studios, San Francisco CA, "Structure", 11/9-12/7.

Fine Art exhibition, California State Fair, Sacramento CA juried exhibition, 7/12 -7/28.  
New Coast Studios, Palo Alto CA, "BFA/MFA" , 3/28 – 4/27.  
Phoenix Gallery, Brooklyn, New York, "Bound" juried into publication.

**2012:**

Steinbeck Center, Salinas CA, "Honoring Women's Rights", 9/7<sup>th</sup> – 1/6.

**2011:**

The Los Altos Hills Town Hall, Los Altos Hills, CA – *Environment & Conservation* Sept. – Feb.  
The Pacific Art League in Palo Alto, CA - "Multiples" September 2<sup>nd</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>.  
Works, San Jose, CA "Better Luck Next Time" February.

**2010:**

Sebastopol Center for the Arts, Sebastopol CA, "H20" Juried Show July 29<sup>th</sup> – September 5<sup>th</sup>  
SOMAarts Cultural Center, San Francisco, CA, juried exhibit "Blue Planet" June 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Coos Bay Contemporary Art Museum, Coos Bay, Or., *Expressions West 2010* 4/23 – 7/3.

**HONORS:**

- Pence Gallery Emerging Artist Award 2019.
- Nominated by SJSU faculty for International Sculpture Society student award 2017.
- Juror's special recognition, Kaleid gallery, San Jose CA, "Vision" 2016
- Juror's third place award, Santa Cruz Art League, Santa Cruz CA, "Mixed Up" 2015.
- Award of Merit, California Fine Art exhibition, California State Fair, Sacramento CA 2014, 2015, 2018.
- Award of Merit, City of Santa Clara Cultural Commission, "Breaking Outside the Box" 2014
- Award of Merit, Santa Cruz Art League, Santa Cruz CA, "Mixed Up" 2014.
- Juror's Award of Merit, Sebastopol Center for the Arts, Sebastopol CA, - "H20".
- In 2009 selected by Foothill College faculty to represent Foothill in studio art at the 2010 League for Innovation conference.
- June 2008 awarded a certificate of excellence in art history from the Fine Arts and Communication Division at Foothill College.
- June 2004 awarded a certificate of excellence in ceramics from the Fine Arts and Communication Division at Foothill College.