

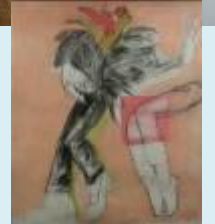


Vytlacil Campus March update



February Residents, Bates and Hannon, despite being caught in the City during The Big Snow, were safely retrieved and we had an exciting, if not crowded, Open Studio event with their painting, sculptural, and video installation and with the drawings of Resident Danny RosenHanst of

Brooklyn. During the event, Ellie and Jessica learned they'd been invited to participate in a new show, meaning they'll go home to England to start right away on a new installation, building on the work they've done here.



The February Open Studio also featured the first public appearance of staff member Elena McCabe's new baby, Orion, who diplomatically chose to be born on Director Gary Sussman's birthday, February 15.



March resident, Katherine Boland, comes to us from a February solo exhibit in Melbourne then goes on to a May and June studio Residency in Southwest France, studying the geology and wall art of the Lascaux caves, and then to another solo show in Australia in October. She intended to spend most of her Vyt AIR time at museums and galleries, and in documenting street art and walls in the City.

However, as she began exploring the Vyt campus and the old cemetery next door in the first days of March, what she was seeing, finding, and photographing and, after attending Deborah Winiarski's encaustic workshop, she's immersed in her studio working on a series of mixed media pieces, "Observation – The Art of Living and Dying in Rockland County".



Canadian Kthor Nielsen, a returning Resident, is keeping the forge fires going with his new project and we're looking forward to the arrival later in the month of Robert Mammerle of New Jersey. His wife gifted him with a two-week Residency because he "deserved to have time to do nothing but paint".



Is it a landscape installation piece? Well, maybe, but the bright buckets and clear plastic tubing decorating the Maple trees along our drive is part of a sap-gathering project by Camp Venture, a local a not-for-profit provider of family-like care and services to children and adults with developmental disabilities.



Another sign of spring coming to Vyt: staffer Evelyn Lewis has brought a bouquet into the office - our first snowdrops.

March Open Studio: Friday the 26th, 5-7pm

Saturday, 10am-2pm.

And now, The Very Big News – after a long road paved with plans, surveyors, permits, and zoning board meetings, ground has been broken on the new Residency Building!

