

*Wouldn't You Love to Know?*

August 1 – October 31, 2023

“My interest in trees started in earnest when we bought our first house, in Middlefield, Massachusetts. Our cottage was nestled in what was reputed to be a “virgin” forest of spruce, cherry and maple, on a piece of property that had never been cleared for dairy cows or tilled for crops. Every tree was a valuable asset to me, and I worried when a bough broke or a trunk had to be severed. But to this day, I often wish I had removed a huge burl that protruded from the giant trunk of an ancient cherry, to make a salad bowl as a memento of all the wonderful days we experienced there on Clark Wright Road. However, I would never have “wounded” that tree, though I did think about it.” – Martha Stewart

Half Gallery introduces BARN, a new outpost in the Hill Towns of Western Massachusetts.

The inaugural show, *Wouldn't You Love to Know?*, is an homage to wood and the woods – a selection of works whose materials or influences come from the natural world.

The artworks, curated throughout the property (a former dairy farm, the house dates back to 1781 and sits on 70 acres at the end of a dirt road), playfully interact with the predetermined settings and elicit a trompe l'oeil experience – handmade tools from previous owners interact with sculptures by contemporary artists and natural vistas are confused with artists' visions

There will be a public reception on *Saturday, August 26, 2023 from 2 – 6 PM* with a rain date on *Sunday, August 27, 2023*.

