

## Wouldn't You Love to Know at BARN Half Gallery Curated by RJ Supa

"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*.

### Participating Artists

Kelly Breez  
Nicholas Buffon James Vincent Campbell  
Ya Chin Chang  
Raul De Lara  
Johnny DeFeo  
Jantsankhorol Erdenebayar  
Matt Gliva  
Daniel Heidkamp  
Max Heiges  
Andrea Joyce Heimer  
Elmer Holzrichter  
Loc Huynh  
Kyle Jorgensen  
Manal Kara  
Gary Kuehn  
Andrea McGinty  
Myles Nurse  
Cate O'Connell-Richards  
Helen O'Leary  
Grady Owens  
Michelle Rosenberg  
Josh Slater  
Marcelo Eli Sarmiento  
Aaron Michael Skolnick  
Jed Webster Smith  
Mary Temple  
Wes Thompson  
Lauryn Welch