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Hands-on Art Presents: *What is Research for the Artist?*

***What is Research for the Artist?* Opening Reception**

624 & 626 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401
Saturday, December 2, 2017
5:00 – 7:00 PM

Kingston, NY — In collaboration with Kingston High School, Women's Studio Workshop (WSW) and the Pop Up Gallery Group (P.U.G.G.) are excited to present *What is Research for the Artist?*, an exhibition of student artwork from the Hands-on Art Program. Led by professional teaching artists, high school Senior Seminar students attended four day-long workshops in WSW's papermaking, screen-printing, and intaglio studios. An exhibition featuring the work they created opens on December 2 at 624 & 626 Broadway, Kingston with a reception from 5 to 7 PM.

Since 1985, WSW and Kingston City Schools have worked together in the Hands-on Art Program, giving local students the opportunity to work with emerging and established artists in a professional studio environment. Through a series of projects, students not only learn new artmaking skills but also think critically about their artistic vision, guided by an overarching theme or connections to their schoolwork. These workshops culminate in a group show open to friends, family, and the community.

This year's session asked students to define the word *research* and consider how it applies to the artist's career. The Glossary of Statistical Terms, 2008 defines research as, "any creative systematic activity undertaken in order to increase the stock of knowledge...and the use of this knowledge to devise new applications." Starting with this prompt, students collected imagery from their sketchbooks and found objects, then tested ways to present this information with variations of material and technology. Join WSW, P.U.G.G., and Kingston High School on December 2 to celebrate their art-based inquiry!

The show will remain on view through the month of December. The gallery is open Saturdays, 12:00 – 5:00 PM, and Wednesdays, 3:30 – 6:00 PM.

The Pop Up Gallery Group (P.U.G.G.) is an afterschool work-study program designed to engage students in the community through the arts. Students learn gallery management skills as they create Pop Up Galleries on Broadway in Midtown, Kingston. Additionally, students experience the power of the arts to create community. Now working with the Department of Regional Art Workers, or D.R.A.W. Kingston, the program has expanded to include Kingston High School alumni in curating and mentoring roles for arts management and education.

Women's Studio Workshop (WSW) is a visual arts organization in Rosendale, New York. Since 1974, WSW has brought over 5,000 artists from across the globe to work in their printmaking, hand papermaking, letterpress printing, photography, book arts and ceramics studios. Over 6,000 Ulster County youth have participated in WSW's art-in-education program. WSW's artists' book grant program has published more than 200 artists' books, collected by special collections of major libraries and museums including The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Tate Modern, and The Library of Congress, among others.

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