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Art Center Exhibition Showcases Artist Who Works With Tree And Plants – Related Lesson Plans Available for Art Educators

Summit, NJ (May 12, 2017) —*Alice Momm: A Conversation with Trees* is currently on view at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey. Alice Momm is a Harlem-based artist whose work is inspired both by her immersion in and longing for nature. Drawing on Momm’s work and artistic practice the Art Center has created online lesson plans for middle and elementary school educators. Sarah Walko, the Art Center’s Director of Education notes, “Momm’s work teaches children to be resourceful in the creation of art and opens them up to the possibility that art can be made with more than paint and canvas.” The lesson plans are available free of charge on the Art Center’s website at <http://www.artcenternj.org/programs-events/for-art-educators/>.

For her work in *A Conversation with Trees*, Momm collected natural materials on her daily walks and used them to create ephemeral, sculptural and photographic works. A hanging sculpture made of twigs and leaves, long pine needles sewn onto cards in graphic shapes, and tree bark crafted into sculptural forms are just a few examples of the work Momm creates with natural materials.

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About the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey

For more than 80 years, the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey has been dedicated to viewing, making and learning about contemporary art. Recognized as a leading non-profit arts organization and accredited by the American Alliance for Museums, the Art Center’s renowned studio school, acclaimed exhibitions, and educational outreach initiatives serve thousands of youth, families, seniors and people with special needs every year.



Credit: Alice Momm, leaves and branch, *Make Me Whole Again*, 2017