

Traces

An Exhibition Featuring Artwork by
Women's Eco Artists Dialog
The Village Theatre Art Gallery
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1). *Thought Bubble* is a piece about the wonder and elusiveness of clear thought. This small sculpture highlights the struggle to retain presence amid the multitude of distractions and how it tethers us. The head, made from a dried piece of cactus full of holes, represents how clear thought can easily be lost. Cohesive contemplation, represented by a desiccated lemon, is tantalizingly out of reach.

2). *Meat Map* is a response to the intractable problem of women assumed to be less than and perceived as body parts rather than entire people. The 2016 election, the Weinstein outrage and the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, among other events, informed the creation of this piece. That even a fierce panther can be carved up and consumed underscores this stubborn issue. However, the pink pussy hat atop this powerful feline's head acknowledges the rising voices of women. Even the panther says #MeToo.

- Michelle Echenique