

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****ERMA MARTIN YOST*****Seasons*****May 14–June 1, 2019****Reception: Saturday, May 18, 4–6 PM**

Erma Martin Yost presents *Seasons*, hand-felted, resist-dyed and stitched constructions in a language of symbolic forms inspired by nature. The works are poetic metaphors expressing a response to the cycles in nature: seasonal cycles, plant cycles, sun and moon cycles, even life cycles. Yost's richly dyed and meshed wool fibers evoke personal places of solitude and contemplation.



*Winter Thaw*, 18 x 18 x 2.5 inches, 2018



*Spring Reflections*, 18 x 18 x 2.5 inches, 2018

**Felt, the most ancient textile form**, today is a favored medium for fiber artists and the commercial textile industry as wool is a versatile renewable resource. In her *Seasons* series, Yost also incorporates fabric-printing experiments she made over the past decades, then set-aside for future use. Now, returning full circle, those earlier textiles have become an integral component of her current work. In the Introduction of the show's catalog Leanne Jewett writes, "With *Seasons* Yost invites us to accompany her as she continues to break new trails, moving forward while also circling back to fill in rich details of the map of her artistic journey."

Erma Martin Yost graduated from James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA, with an M.A. in painting and ceramics. In 2018 Yost had a solo show at Visions Art Museum: Contemporary Quilts + Textiles, San Diego, CA. Her work is in numerous public collections including the Museum of Art and Design in New York City, Bristol-Myers Squibb in Princeton, NJ. The New Jersey State Museum, the Jersey City Museum, the Newark Museum, the Hunterdon Museum, the Morris Museum, and the State Museum of Pennsylvania have all exhibited her work. Yost received fellowships from New Jersey Council on the Arts in 1991 and 1999. She has had more than 28 solo exhibitions and is featured in more than 21 books. Noho M55 Gallery in New York City represents her. For examples of Yost's work visit [ermamartinyost.com](http://ermamartinyost.com).

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