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Venice Arts gallery exhibit features works exploring four elements

The Venice Arts gallery will present *The Elements: Earth, Wind, Fire & Water*, a summer juried exhibition, beginning Saturday, June 30 through Aug. 10.

An opening reception is scheduled from 5 to 8 p.m. June 30 at the gallery, 1702 Lincoln Blvd., Venice.

The exhibit will feature the works of nine photographers and new media artists, who offer a variety of contemporary perspectives on the four elements, event organizers said.

Works range from silver halide prints that convey the majesty of windswept, isolated landscapes to a video that closely documents turbulent water movements in a tributary of the Saluda River using site-specific coordinates mapped through Global Positioning System (GPS).

Among other works are large-scale photographs capturing rapidly disappearing glaciers and more intimately scaled photos of forests burned out by fire.

In contemplating these works, viewers are reminded of the relationship with the elements, and how human activity is both shaped by and reshaping the natural world, organizers said.

Artists in the exhibition include Yvon Chausseblanche, Glen E. Gross, Nancy Kaye, Rita Minichiello, Michael Miner, Michael O'Brien, Rina Shapira, J. Michael Simpson, and Scott Tansey.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The gallery's programs are free and open to the public. Information, (310) 392-0846.



RAINWATER CATCHMENT by Michael Miner is one of the artworks that will be on display in *The Elements: Earth, Wind, Fire & Water* at the Venice Arts gallery.