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*Numina*: New Work by Melissa S. Armstrong  
April 20—May 12, 2013  
Opening Reception: Saturday, April 20, 7-10 PM

Wayfarers is pleased to announce an exhibition of new work by Melissa S. Armstrong. This is Armstrong's first solo exhibition in New York and will include new work in a variety of materials, scales, and genres. Born at the foot of the Rockies and raised in the Appalachians, her work is informed by the history, grandeur, and beauty of both mountain ranges. Her studies in the arts and sciences have resulted in environments and objects that directly reference biological and mineralogical processes and systems.

In *Numina*, Armstrong explores the fundamentally animistic tendencies of human nature. A bouquet of flowers becomes persuasive when given to a loved one, a shroud expresses something about the wearer's inner world. When subjected to a sugar crystallization process Armstrong has developed, these objects become frozen in time, allowing new relationships and functions to emerge while still remaining susceptible to decay and loss. The fragility inherent in the physical presence of the work, its sense of time and the handmade, resists simple image capture and categorization. Carefully parsed, placed and ordered, the work is more than a wunderkammer; it is the potentiality of life. Objects and environments emerge from a desire to substantiate the power and agency within the supposedly unconscious.

Melissa S. Armstrong was born in Aurora, CO in 1983. She lives and works in Brooklyn. Her work has been shown most recently at Spool Mfg, Johnson City, NY; Annmarie Sculpture Garden, Dowell, MD; Moulin a Nef, Auvillar, France; Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY; and the Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design.

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