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Ferndale Library Hosts Reception & Book Launch for Local Photographer

Thursday, February 8

6:00 pm

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Mara Magyarosi-Laytner Celebrates Her Exhibition & Book: *The Untended Garden*

FERNDALE, MI (JANUARY 24, 2024—) The Ferndale Library's Art & Exhibitions Committee will host an Artist Opening Reception for visionary Detroit-based photographer Mara Magyarosi-Laytner on Thursday, February 8 at 6:00 pm, coinciding with the premiere of her new book *The Untended Garden*. This special reception will be hosted in the library's program room, where attendees can view a capsule collection of Magyarosi-Laytner's vivid photographs on display; meet the artist, enjoy refreshments and live music, and attend a live Q&A with the artist/author. No registration is required.

The Untended Garden is Magyarosi-Laytner's visual reflection of the coming of age of women as viewed through the cyclical nature of life in a garden. This winter, the artist will release a book of her photography that also features essays by Dr. Anita Bates and Sarah Ayers, exploring the expectations of women as informed by society and culture, the transformation that women reach as they break through during their coming of age, and the resolution of self that comes from the acceptance of flaws and the reality of aging. Works on display at the library are also featured in her new book.

Mara Magyarosi-Laytner is an award-winning Detroit-based artist, educator, and curator; her artistic work pairs experimental lens-based methods to explore identity through a symbolic and poetic perspective. She is also the founder of the Silver Water Collective, an all-women artist collective celebrating the work of fine art photographers; her works have been shown across the U.S. and internationally.

As an educator, Magyarosi-Laytner combines her love of photography and passion for connection and is a passionate supporter of her contemporaries in the local arts scene. Whether teaching photography to high school students in her classroom studio as the Digital Photography & Media Instructor at William D. Ford Career Technical Center or coaching fellow educators through the Design Thinking Process with the Henry Ford Learning Institute, her focus is on pushing forward culturally responsive education through art and design.

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