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Recasting Nature: Selected Sculptures by Beth Galston, 1998 – 2016 at Susquehanna Art Museum

Harrisburg, PA – Works by Boston-based sculptor Beth Galston are featured at the Susquehanna Art Museum from June 10 – September 18, 2016. Beth Galston's *Recasting Nature*, a retrospective of the artist's major works from 1998 – 2016, is an innovation for the Museum's Main Gallery. Galston's installations explore the multidisciplinary language of sculpture, simultaneously immersing viewers in nature, light, and technology. Using delicate materials – scrim, metal mesh, resin, shadows, plants – Galston creates multilayered spaces through which viewers move and interact. This experiential approach to art making and exhibition design begins a dialogue that addresses the most prevalent themes in the world of contemporary art. *Recasting Nature* links technology to the natural world, gives the viewer an unexpected conceptual experience, and creates a conversation between individual materials and larger forms.

"Natural materials — leaves, acorns, seedpods, and stems — are basic building blocks, which I repeat and transform to make my sculptural installations. As in nature, where things are made of cells which combine in various ways to grow an organism, I work with these modules through a process of improvisation to 'grow' a piece." –Beth Galston, 2016

For over twenty years, Galston has built a diverse body of work including sculptural installations and objects, large scale public sculptures and collaborative multi-media performances. Her pieces create a sense of place, a moment of magic and transformation. Galston will exhibit a selected group of sculptures that span her career at the Susquehanna Art Museum. Galston has created a new work, a site-specific installation entitled *Luminous Garden (Wave)* for this retrospective exhibition.

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The Susquehanna Art Museum offers innovative and engaging exhibitions enjoyed by visitors of all ages. As Harrisburg's only institution devoted solely to visual arts, the Museum is a cultural anchor for central Pennsylvania. Located at 1401 N. 3rd Street in historic Midtown Harrisburg, SAM is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from noon to 5 pm.

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