

Gymnasium
444 South 5th Street, Brooklyn
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Molly Rose Lieberman
Sunken Swimmer
January 24th – March 8th

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Save everything – it may come in handy later¹

Little did she know that this was her job, too, saving everything: the letters, the documents, the slides, the images, the microfilm. Email correspondence can be paper, too.

They say that “2-D objects are easy”

“Why is that?”

“Because they don’t have form”

“Form?”

(I mean, even flat-earthers know that things happen on the surface. The problem: light curves, but what happens underneath?)

Molly Rose Lieberman translates the things you come and go to and hold onto for safekeeping. In drawings and paintings, she translates: snapshots to paintings, rugs to paintings (just as paintings have historically been translated into textiles – medieval, late 15th century).

This is a process of derivation, and of renewal – motifs travel. Lieberman’s edition of *Hooked Rug Treasure* is one such source of motifs – a red acanthus leaf, a California grotto, a grid of postcards – to be worked and reworked. Objects beget objects; drawings seek their honor; flip it over, there is probably something drawn on the back.

– *Sophie Kovel*

¹ John Cage and Sister Corita Kent. “10 Rules for Students and Teachers”

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Gym presents *Sunken Swimmer*, Molly Rose Lieberman’s first solo show in New York. Molly Rose Lieberman (b. 1994 in Brooklyn, NY) is a painter and archivist. Previous shows include *Midnight Run* (2018), presented by Auto Body, at the Brooklyn Public Library in Williamsburg, *Miragers* (2019) at 6BC Community Garden on the Lower East Side, and *Low Hanging Fruit* at Noah Hall in Oberlin, Ohio (2016).

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sunken spinner

like a sunken swimmer,
saw you in the reflecting pool

early summer
one of those steamy hot days

still feel buzzed

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