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Michelle Lougee: *Sanctity of Nature*

November 6 – December 7, 2025

SoWa First Friday Reception

November 7, 5–8:30pm

Reception and Artist Talks

Sunday November 16, 2–5pm

Talks begin at 3pm

Gallery Hours

Wednesday – Sunday, 11am–5pm

Artist Meet & Greet

November 8 & 16, December 6

Boston Sculptors Gallery is pleased to present *Sanctity of Nature*, a solo exhibition of new works by **Michelle Lougee**. Running from November 6 to December 7, 2025, the exhibition continues Lougee's material investigation of post-consumer plastic debris, creating poetic dialogues about the divinity of nature and the persistence of waste.

In *Sanctity of Nature*, Michelle Lougee offers a series of dystopian reliquaries, pairing natural objects with transformed plastic in uncanny collections displayed as altars. Lougee alludes to the scale of plastic pollution while questioning what our culture chooses to value and worship. "What is the difference between a shrine, a collection, a piece of art and a reliquary?" Lougee asks.

The exhibition features a diverse body of work: a baptismal gown, reliquaries and altars and large-scale drawings. Carefully curated artifacts intermingle in stacked devotional totems of religiosity, evoking nostalgia and harkening to forgotten values. Humor, hope, and loss coexist in pieces that are simultaneously about the past, present, and future of our relationship with the natural world. Lougee's work is at once mournful and optimistic, serving as a powerful call to consider our stewardship of a generous planet.

A longtime member of the Boston Sculptors Gallery, Michelle Lougee's work explores the impact of our consumerist society on nature. She teaches sculpture and fiber arts at Lesley University College of Art and Design. Her work has been featured in numerous solo exhibitions and is held in the collections of Google, Framingham State University, and Sanofi, among others.

Michelle Lougee: *Sanctity of Nature* runs concurrently with Dennis Svoronos: *Better Together*. All events are free and open to the public.

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