

The Mezzanine Gallery to Exhibit Shelley Koon's "Wither" Photographs

On view from August 3-31, 2018

**Free opening reception on Friday, June 1
at 5 p.m.**

Wilmington, Del. (July 24, 2018) – *Wither: Exploration of the Forgotten*, a photography exhibit by Shelley Koon, will be on view in the Mezzanine Gallery from August 3-31, 2018. The artist will host a free opening reception on Friday, August 3 from 5-7 p.m.

Koon describes herself as an urban explorer and photographer who has a deep love of abandoned structures. Drawn to the rich, textured tapestry of peeling paint, broken moldings, fractured glass, rotting wood, and brilliant otherworldly colors, she visually documents the history of these buildings.

She explains, "From long defunct factories; to asylums and hospitals designed to assist those in need; to homes that saw both victory and heartbreak of the families that resided in them; each place tells a story of the past that I long to discover."

Koon uses a technique in photography called bracketing that allows her to capture images in low light and retain the richness and brilliant color that flash photography would wash out.

Learn more about Koon with our YouTube [Meet the Artist](#) video series.

The [Mezzanine Gallery](#) is open to the public weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is located in the Carvel State Office Building, 820 N. French Street, Wilmington.

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