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Four Stops to Make at the Next Oakland Art Murmur



Esther Traugot; Egg, 2011; egg shell, crocheted cotton thread; 2.25 x 1.5 x 1.75 inches

Halftones and Outside In, at Chandra Cerrito

Gallery Chandra Cerrito Gallery will be housing two concurrent solo exhibitions, opening Friday. Their respective works could hardly differ more in medium and look, but their tones are strikingly similar: both explore common objects with elevating reverence. With *Halftones*, artist Sheili Ghidini depicts stacks of books and journals in delicate and beautiful graphite, employing the forty distinguishable shades of grey to create ethereal pictures where light, solidity and shadow intermingle. Esther Traugot's *Outside In* consists of sculptures of natural objects – plant roots, seashells, vines – that are “gilded” in the artist's crochet knits. This distinctive touch aims to investigate the relationship between nurturing and controlling nature. *Outside In and Halftones* run June 1 through July 27 at Chandra Cerrito Gallery, 480 23rd Street, Oakland