

Tara Sellios | Ask Now the Beasts

January 18, 2025 – January 2026

Opening Reception: February 8, 2025, 2 - 4PM

Artist Talk to be held: April 5, 2025, 2PM



Tara Sellios, *Abundantia*, ink jet print, 2023. Courtesy of the Artist.

Fitchburg Art Museum is excited to announce our upcoming exhibition, *Tara Sellios | Ask Now the Beasts*. Tara Sellios is a Boston based artist whose monumental photographs highlight the beauty of the grotesque. Sellios creates still life vignettes from organic materials including animal bones, insect specimens, and dried flowers which she photographs using a large format 8 X 10 camera. Printed at a large scale, Sellios's photographs capture the vivid details of her materials. Sellios's imagery takes inspiration from Christian devotionals including illuminated manuscripts, altarpieces, and stained glass windows while engaging with historical traditions of still life painting, particularly Dutch vanitas paintings. Sellios's series, *Ask Now the Beasts*, derives its title from the Book of Job, exploring the concepts of the harvest and the apocalypse. In this new work Sellios considers the cyclical nature of Earth, intertwining symbols of death and references to life with the beauty of decay. *Tara Sellios | Ask*

Now the Beasts opens at the Fitchburg Art Museum, January 18, 2025, and runs through the end of the year.

This exhibition was organized by FAM Curator Emily Mazzola and FAM's Terry and Eva Herndon Assistant Curator Sarah Harper.



Tara Sellios, *Ascendo*, ink jet print, 2023. Courtesy of the Artist.

About FAM

The Mission of the Fitchburg Art Museum is to inspire creativity and learning, and to contribute to the well-being of our diverse communities in Fitchburg, North Central Massachusetts, and New England.

To accomplish this mission, we organize exhibitions of the work of New England contemporary artists and artworks from our art historical collections, offer programs for learners of all ages, support public art projects, invite community participation and partnerships, and stimulate the creative economy – all in the spirit of inclusivity.

The Fitchburg Art Museum serves the cities of Fitchburg and Leominster and the surrounding communities in North Central Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire. Founded in 1925, FAM plays a vital role in the cultural life of the region and has recently repositioned itself to focus on community access and service. FAM uses its artistic and educational resources to aid in the economic revitalization of Fitchburg, and the Museum maintains active educational partnerships with the local school systems, as well as Fitchburg State University. FAM is an engine for creativity, education, community building, and fun!

Hours:

Wednesdays through Fridays, noon – 4:00pm

Saturdays and Sundays, 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

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