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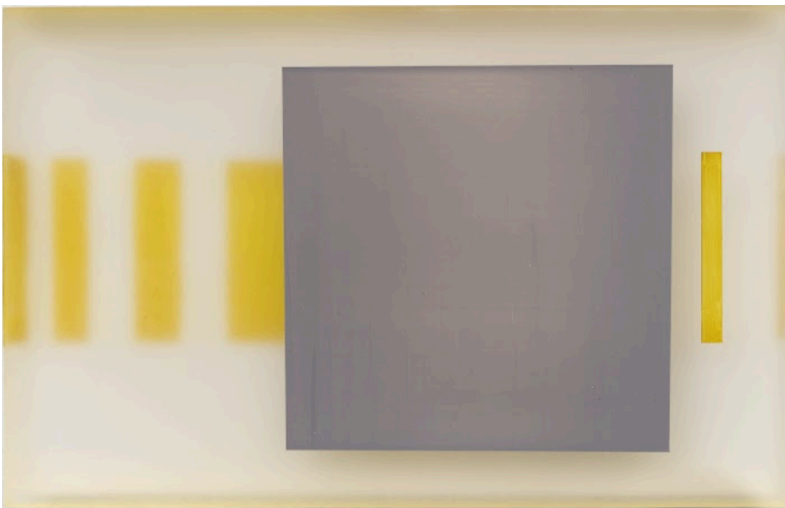
**Debra Ramsay & Leslie Roberts** | A Field Guide to Birds

Exhibition Dates: April 13 – May 5, 2024

Opening Reception: Saturday, April 13, 2024, 5 - 7 pm

Artist Talk: May 5, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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LEFT: Debra Ramsay, *Prothonotary Warbler*, 2022, 5.25" x 8.25" x .75", acrylic on cast acrylic panel

RIGHT: Leslie Roberts, *Birds with Prominent Yellow*, 2020, 10" x 8", acrylic gouache, colored pencil, ink, graphite on 3/8" MDF panel

**March 26, 2024, Garrison, NY** - Garrison Art Center (GAC) is pleased to announce 'A Field Guide To Birds,' an exhibition of acrylic slabs by artist Debra Ramsay, and panels by Leslie Roberts. The exhibition will run from April 13 - May 5, 2024. There will be an opening reception on Saturday, April 13, from 5 - 7 pm.

The pieces in the exhibit by Debra Ramsay and Leslie Roberts constitute an unconventional taxonomy of birds. Both artists present highly optical, color-focused work made through processes driven by ornithological data. Roberts's panels hold written lists of bird families or species diagrammed into pattern-like formations. Each of Ramsay's reductive compositions on translucent slabs captures the essence of a single bird species. Considerable research is embedded in these artists' work, and for both, the viewer's visual experience is primary. Like the guides by Petersen and Audubon, these artists' works catalog ornithological nomenclature and record observations of birds' plumage and behavior. Ramsay and Roberts translate this data into direct sensory experiences that parallel their avian subjects.'

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Alongside Debra Ramsay's artwork will be QR codes to lead viewers to 'All About Birds,' where they can listen to the sounds of the birds featured in her work. This adds an extra layer of sensory experience to the viewing process, allowing the viewer to not only visually appreciate Ramsay's art but also immerse themselves in the auditory aspect by hearing the actual bird calls.

In addition to the exhibition, there will be an Artist Talk between Ramsay and Roberts at Garrison Art Center, May 5 from 3:30 - 4:30 pm. This event will be free and open to the public.

'A Field Guide To Birds' will be on view in the Balter Gallery, concurrent with 'Shift,' an exhibition of paintings by M Pettee Olsen in the Gillette Gallery. The Galleries at Garrison Art Center are open Tuesday – Sunday, 10 am - 5 pm, except for the exhibition's opening day - when the hours are 12 - 7 pm.

### **Additional Information**

To learn more about the artist Debra Ramsay and Leslie Roberts, please visit [www.debraramsay.com](http://www.debraramsay.com) and [www.leslierobertsart.com](http://www.leslierobertsart.com). For information about exhibitions, classes, and other programs at the Garrison Art Center, please visit [garrisonartcenter.org](http://garrisonartcenter.org) or call 845.424.3960. Join the conversation via Instagram @GarrisonArtCenter.

### **About The Garrison Art Center**

The Garrison Art Center (GAC), located in Garrison, NY, is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit arts and education organization founded in 1964. GAC is committed to making a difference by providing access to the visual arts to a diverse audience of learners, professional artists, community members, collectors, families, and friends from varied ethnic, cultural, geographic and economic backgrounds.



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