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For Immediate Release Wildfire/ Wild Heart
Local Artist raises awareness about Fire and the
Healing Power of Art
At the Weston Public Library December 1-31, 2022

Reception Tuesday, December 13, 2022, 6-7:30 PM

Artist Katherine Downey Miller reacts to Global
Wildfires through the element's luminous form

Weston, MA, Artist, Katherine Downey Miller's timely exhibition at the Weston Library, invites viewers to engage and reflect on the beauty and energy of fire. The nine large paintings and several smaller paintings, reactions to the devastating images of extreme fire events around the world, acknowledge the imminent threats of drought and climate change as well as the potential for healing. Using metallic paint to effervesce

her signature abstract compositions, Katherine makes a compelling visual reference to Kintsugi, the Japanese practice of mending broken pottery with liquid gold, a practice that repairs ‘the broken.’

Elemental fire is a symbol of love, desire, anger, power, strength, and assertiveness. It is also a symbol of transformation: it changes food into energy, ideas into action, and spiritual offerings into smoke. It is also destructive. Of the four elements (earth, water, fire, air), fire is the only one which human beings can easily create. Katherine’s paintings incorporate all these visual metaphors simultaneously enabling fire’s double-edged ability to heal and harm.

Katherine grew up in Weston and attended Weston High School. Her studio is located at 450 Harrison Avenue in Boston’s SOWA district. The artist is available to speak at local Weston events and schools about climate care and awareness, and how art can be a collective healing practice that brings hope to the planet.