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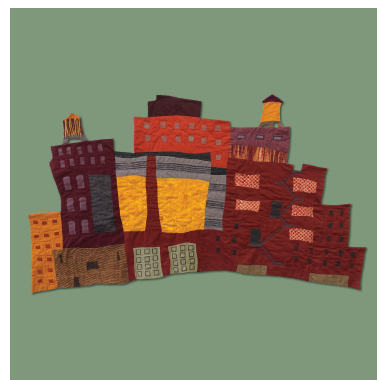
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**ONLINE ARTIST IN RESIDENCE ANN COFTA
PRESENTS VIRTUAL EXHIBITION AND WINDOW
DISPLAY ENTITLED 'DWELLING'**

August 2020, Astoria, New York - AlterWork Studios is pleased to present the work of Ann Cofta in the form of an online exhibition and window display in the studio's gallery space. The exhibition, entitled "Dwelling", marks the completion of Ann's 4-week online residency with the studio. Dwelling will be available for viewing on the studio's website from August 29, 2020 through September 19, 2020. The window installation will be displayed August 31, 2020 through September 7, 2020 (10am-8pm).



Cityscapes in a Time of Solitude - Dwelling, a solo exhibition of recent works by New York based textile artist Ann Cofta, features several fabric quilts. The artist reflects on city buildings that create stability and continuity in an ever-changing world. This current series includes imagery of city locales that echo the quiet solitude of a Hopper painting. Windows are dark, and the pieces are void of people and the usual vibrancy associated with city life. Collectively, the artwork references the city structures that surround us, ground us, and connect us to our collective pasts.

Cofta works in a variety of media, including sewing, quilting, embroidery, collage, and printmaking. This work comes from a tradition of quilting, where layers of fabric are sewn together, giving each piece texture and dimensionality. The visibility of the handmade is significant and important; each one is quilted by hand. It is important that the viewer understands that the work is completely original. The works depart from the confines of traditional quilting, particularly in their composition and shape. Because they have no border, they can extend out in any direction, and there are no restrictions on size or form. While much of Cofta's work has been small, even miniature, the challenge she chose for the residency was to work larger. During the course of her time with AlterWork Studios, she completed her largest panoramic cityscape quilt to date, *Cityscape with Two Towers*. Also in the show are recent pieces, including a variety of apartment and factory buildings, as well as a series of smaller water towers.

Questions about the exhibit can be directed to the artist via anncofta@gmail.com or the Online Residency Program Administrator via timothykellyart@gmail.com.

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AlterWork Studios was founded by Tina Stipanovic in October of 2017 as an open access art and community center. Its mission is to be a major resource for contemporary artists that helps them create new artwork and advance their careers by offering them access to affordable workspace, tools, classes, workshops and public exposure.

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