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Decaying Detroit topic of next MBAG exhibit

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"Her work documents things and places in Detroit that are decaying. But she draws them with such love and care, they're actually breathtaking," said Dick Goody, director of Meadow Brook Art Gallery. "Her drawings are brilliant, even though she's depicting things that on the surface may seem ugly.

"The care she puts into every leaf, every blade of grass, even an old tire, is amazing."

Thirty-nine of Patek's richly textured drawings, rendered on heavy, French hand-made paper, will be on display at the gallery Friday, Nov. 22, through Sunday, Dec. 22.

Admission to MBAG is free. The gallery, located at 208 Wilson Hall, is open noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5:30 p.m. on weekends. The gallery, which is across the hall from the Meadow Brook Theatre entrance, also is open evenings during theatre performances.

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