

ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM -LOCKPORT
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Illinois State Museum presents

SURPLUS SCRAP FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

{Lockport, Illinois, February 15, 2020} – {Illinois State Museum-Lockport} announces our next exhibition, **SURPLUS SCRAP** an art exhibition featuring photography, sculpture installation, wood, jewelry and paper from twenty-three (24) emerging and established artists from Illinois. The artwork has been created from material destroyed in a fire in 2017 at the abandoned Joliet Prison. This exhibition is created in partnership with The Joliet Area Historical Museum.

“Surplus scrap” is the official designation for trash by the State of Illinois. Utilizing this material in the creation of art demonstrates the need to consider recycling, reusing and repurposing in preservation of the environment. The exhibit also calls attention to the abandoned Joliet Prison (1858-2002) and the efforts to restore and repurpose the 14 acre property as a museum and site for social justice.

Exhibition dates, March 4, 2020 through October 10, 2020
OPENING RECEPTION Saturday March 28, 2020- 4:00pm until 8:00pm

“The work created honors the thousands of lives that have passed through the prison during its 144 year history from inmates to guards to civil servants. The contemporary perspective that the artists bring reclaims history and contributes to restorative justice. Some of the work honors specific inmates. A number of the artworks address the cultural perception and reaction of the prison as a construct. All of the work embodies the character of the source material as seen through the invention of each artist.”

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Public hours, W-F, 10:00 am until 5:00pm,
Saturday, Sunday from 11:00 am until 5:00pm
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