

MCC Alumni Series Exhibit

Angela Swan

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EPPING GALLERY

Artist Statement

Play is an essential activity that children use to grow up. Brain science tells us that when children create toys together their brains develop exponentially. Rough and tumble play fosters full body mind integration. Cooperative play with others releases oxytocin and dopamine, the feel good chemical. Our urge to create comes from our need to play.

There does not have to be a dichotomy between work and play. Let's begin to see work as play. Let's feel the energy available to us through the joy of play.

I wanted to create work that you would connect to and enjoy seeing. This work to document my dress up collection was a playful, collaborative process with my daughter, Bea and her friend Lauren. We roped in the neighbor boy Eric too!

Angela Swan attended McHenry County College from 2002 – 2004 with a focus on photography. The artist maintains a photography studio and a photography business in McHenry County. Websites: www.AngelaSwan.com and www.jumpshots.biz

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