

# PENLAND GALLERY

## SUSIE GANCH

Richmond, VA

**MIXED MEDIA** | Jewelry and sculpture

**Penland Affiliation** | Penland Instructor 2001, 2003, 2006, 2009, Former Penland Resident Artist 1999-2002

**Artist Information** | Studio artist; education: MFA, University of Wisconsin-Madison (WI), BS, Geology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (WI) ; teaching: VCU School of the Arts (VA), Vermont College of Fine Arts (VT), Academy of Art University (CA), Haystack Mountain School (ME), Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts (TN) ; exhibitions: *Different Land, Different Sea*, Second Street Gallery (VA), *Have a Nice Day*, Quirk Gallery (VA), *Land and Sea*, Sienna Patti Contemporary (MA); awards: Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Fellowship, Peter S. Reed Foundation Grant, Theresa Pollack Fine Art Award, and a VA Commission for the Arts Grant.

**Artist Statement** | *Susie Ganch's latest body of work reflects the evolution in her identity and approach as an artist and maker. Originally trained as a metalsmith, Ganch's considerations of strength, fragility, and the interconnectedness of human experience and the environment have expanded from the intimate scale of personal adornment to large-scale constructions—organized structural systems that absorb and engulf the viewer into them. The collected detritus of our collective, everyday experience—used coffee lids, bags, bits of trash—are diverted from their path to the landfill, gathered and repurposed into precise, intricate networks, held together by tension and suspension, each piece vital and necessary to supporting the overall form.*

**Technical Information** | Reclaimed non-recyclable materials, including plastic bags, bottle tops, and water bottles

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