



# ***Downsized: Small-Scale Sculpture by Contemporary Artists***

Bruce Museum, Greenwich, Connecticut  
November 3, 2018 – January 27, 2019



Frank Poor (American, b. 1962) *Cotton Depot – Bishopville, SC*, 2015  
Basswood and digital transparencies on glass, 7 x 50 x 9 in.  
Courtesy of the artist and Krakow Witkin Gallery. Photo: Krakow Witkin Gallery

**GREENWICH, CT, October 22, 2018** – A miniatures show has been a biennial Bruce Museum holiday tradition for over 35 years—come take a peek on Saturday, November 3, when *Downsized: Small-Scale Sculpture by Contemporary Artists* opens to the public in the Museum’s Arcade gallery. The exhibition will be on view through January 27, 2019.

Enticing viewers to take a closer look, this exhibition of miniatures, models, and dioramas explores interior and exterior architecture in a range of scales. Some works contemplate the structure and its place in history as a monument to architectural creativity. Others pay homage to the history of an urban environment or to the emotions elicited by places close to our hearts. Yet others depict fanciful, surreal places that could only exist in miniature.

The sculptures encourage observers to suspend their perception of reality and to invent their own narrative. These mixed media sculptures fascinate because of the juxtaposition of size and subject and elicit amazement at the precision of the workmanship.

“While architecture is the common denominator that unifies the show, the shared themes that thread through the work is what appealed to me about these particular artists,” says Kathy Reichenbach, Assistant to the Director and Curator of the *Downsized* exhibition.

On Friday, November 2, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, the Bruce Museum will host a special **Patron Member Opening Celebration** of the exhibition for members at the Patron level and above. To become a Museum member or to upgrade your membership level, please contact Membership Manager Laura Freeman at 203-413-6764 or [lfreeman@brucemuseum.org](mailto:lfreeman@brucemuseum.org).

On Thursday, November 8, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, the Bruce will host a moderated panel discussion with artists whose work is featured in *Downsized*, including Amy Bennett, Thomas Doyle, and Frank Poor. A reception begins at 6:00 pm; the discussion takes place at 6:30 pm and will be followed by a Q&A session. Reservations are required at [brucemuseum.org](http://brucemuseum.org); Museum members and students with ID free; nonmembers, \$15.

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### **About the Bruce Museum**

The Bruce Museum is located in a park setting just off I-95, exit 3, at 1 Museum Drive in Greenwich, Connecticut. The Museum is also a 5-minute walk from the Metro-North Greenwich Station. The Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm; closed Mondays and major holidays. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students with ID, and free for members and children less than five years. Individual admission is free on Tuesday. Free on-site parking is available and the Museum is accessible to individuals with disabilities. For additional information, call the Bruce Museum at 203-869-0376 or visit [brucemuseum.org](http://brucemuseum.org).

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