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“Made in Mountaindale” with Micheline Gingras & Raymon Elozua  
Saturday, August 8th, 2015, noon to 4 p.m.

MOUNTAINDALE, N.Y. – The Grocery Store Gallery will host the first Mountaindale Biennale, an art exhibition located in Mountaindale. This new art space will present the work of two artists, Micheline Gingras and Raymon Elozua, who create art in Mountaindale. The show will be presented on Saturday, August 8, from noon to 4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public and the artists will be present to welcome guests.

The show consists of a series of 12 life-size, collage figures by Micheline Gingras titled, “What is a Clown?” which float directly on the walls, and a second series by Raymon Elozua, “R&D Sculptures,” made of metal, glass, and glazed terra cotta.

“‘What is a Clown?’ is a body of work that confronts my fears concerning the current state of affairs in our country,” Gingras said. “Our political system is weakened by decisions made that are not always in the best interests of the people governed. Each of the 12 fictional, cut-out figures comments on an aspect of our present national reality. While creating this body of work, I instinctively let my creative emotions speak to these images in a dance of the 12 betraying apostles that I call clowns.”

To see more of her work, visit <http://michelinegingras.com/clowns.htm>

Elozua’s “R&D Sculptures” is an extension of an exploration of Abstract Expressionist painting, which he began in 1999. Colors and shapes from different paintings were sampled and combined using CAD software to create new combinations. From these designs, welded steel armatures were built and covered with terra cotta and glaze. After firing, blown-glass shapes were affixed to the sculptures. “I find the tension between the fractured ceramic and the reflective glass fascinating. There is a feeling of beauty born out of decay,” said Elozua.

To see more of his work, visit <http://tinyurl.com/p4bg4bq>

