

TITLE: Alexandria (Gallery Mailbox)

DATE: 2016

MATERIALS: Wood, hardware and MDF

DIMENSION: 54"x40"x22"

This piece, a functional mailbox, was built with reclaimed materials from a cabinet in the galleries backyard and the walls and studs from the closet of the homeowners studio. The structure contains evidence of disregard and deterioration: with it's chipped paint, rotting MDF and lichen growth. The design is based on the mailboxes that are common in the multi-unit homes that have sprung up in the neighborhood in the past several years.

My interest in mail art is that it's very personal. It connects people in a world that is becoming increasingly alienating. I like the idea of an object traveling a certain distance, and the time it takes to reach from one person to another. There's also the imperfections it takes on and the different hands it goes through leaving traces that are unseen to us.