

Press Release

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Framingham: City of Dreams, Under the Same Flag, and A Community Write-in Wall

I am happy to announce the upcoming opening of an important community building art exhibition at Project B Gallery in Framingham, MA produced by Framingham Latina artist Claudia Ruiz Gustafson. These exhibitions have been funded in part by a grant from the Framingham Cultural Council.

Exhibition Dates: May 12 – June 7

In Person Reception: Friday, May 14, 6pm – 9pm

Location: Project B Gallery at The Mill Contemporary Art
2 Central St, Mill #1 (Door #36) Framingham, MA, 01701

Framingham: City of Dreams

Curated and produced by Claudia Ruiz Gustafson

The photographers for this exhibit are four Juniors from Framingham High School: Anton Bica, Fiona Burke, Casey Corcoran and Lucas Gustafson.

Framingham: City of Dreams is a photo exhibit featuring 16 residents of Framingham who have contributed to making the city a better place for all of us: Alicia and David Blais (Daniel's Table), Andrea Dooley (Framingham Bakery Co), Brendan Rodrigues (student at McAuliffe Charter Middle School), Brigitte Griffin (environmental activist Transition Framingham), Cristian Barragan (Saxonville Mills Cafe & Roastery), David Stefanini and mother Angie (Waverly Market), Dr. Shivang Patel (Metrowest Pharmacy), Edgar Baltazar (El Pikante Foods), Elana Gelfand (Junior at Framingham High School), Francisco Jaquez (N+1 Cyclery), Herb Chasan (Hoops and Homework), Judith Grove

(local activist, skate park on Dudley Road), Kenneth Weiss (environmental activist 350.org), Mike Croci (environmental activist Transition Framingham), Nicole Messier Doak (Framingham Coronavirus Community Outreach), Priscila Sousa (activist in many important local organizations). The photographs in this exhibition and the words that accompany them aim to celebrate the contributions and life stories of these neighbors, many of them immigrants, as integral members of our community.

Under the Same Flag

Art Exhibition juried by Claudia Ruiz Gustafson and Angela Ackerman

Participating Artists: Alan Strassman, Bayda Asbridge & Lynn Simons, Cathy Weaver Taylor, Iris Grimm, Joni Lohr, Maria Servellon, Marissa Burns, Melvin Markowitz, Neil Horsky, Nicci Meadow, Nilou Mochhala, Paul Angiolillo, Siddharth Choudhary and Zammco.

Under the Same Flag is a multi disciplinary art exhibit that addresses concepts of identity, belonging, community, diversity and other pressing contemporary issues. This exhibit also aims to celebrate America as a mosaic of the world's cultures.

A Community Write-In

Along with the exhibitions *Framingham: City of Dreams* and *Under the Same Flag*, we will have one wall where visitors can post their messages. Have something to say? Say it!

You can bring a poem, a letter, a song, a message, a note that expresses your feelings, your wishes and dreams for you, your family, friends and for the future of our country.

Bios:

Claudia Ruiz Gustafson: Claudia is a fine art photographer based in Massachusetts with a background in photojournalism. She currently runs her own portrait and event photography business while teaching creative photo workshops in the Boston area. Claudia's work has been exhibited internationally. She holds a BA in Communications from Universidad de Lima, and a Professional Photography Certificate from Kodak Interamericana de Perú.

Angela Ackerman: Angela studied illustration at Rhode Island School of Design and completed her Masters in Education at Framingham State University. She's currently an

art teacher at Christa McAuliffe Charter School where she is Artist in Residence to help all students and all faculty create high quality products in their Expeditionary work as well as their classrooms. Angela is a two-time Fund for Teachers grant recipient and she recently participated in a Photojournalism Workshop with Maine Media College in Crete summer of 2018.