



Dipping Lace into Honey

Peggy Fussell

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Dipping Lace into Honey is an intimate installation of handmade lace, honey, beeswax, and animation by Peggy Fussell. Using a crocheted doily made by her great-grandmother as a pattern, Fussell creates new doilies and lace trims, then dips these pieces into honey and beeswax to create stop-motion animations. These animations are then projected onto and through the lace and handmade prints.

Throughout the gallery, lace work is displayed in a variety of forms. Pieces hang on the walls, their delicate patterns catching and diffusing the light. On the metal beams, crochet mingles with crystallized and dripping honey. A table holds lace gloves dipped in honey, the honey slowly dripping down onto the floor below as a reminder that this material is very much alive.

"My grandmothers taught me a variety of needlework techniques. While making lace for my animations, I am reminded of the warm, honey, stickiness of the lessons they passed down to me. The doilies in this exhibition inspire new conversations that recall familiar stories."

- Peggy Fussell

Dipping Lace into Honey is on view until May 15th. Come and sit with the artistry that gets passed down through patient hands and experience the lessons that are slow and warm and sticky, that stay with you long after you've left the room.

About the Artist

Peggy Fussell is a Ph.D. candidate in Screen Cultures and Curatorial Studies at Queen's University. After studying digital design at Pratt Institute, she gained professional experience in post-production, creating animation and special effects for film and television.

Her current research connects early media technologies, archival practices and the creation of craft-based animation. She has a special interest in the life and work of early animator, Helena Smith Dayton. In her teaching and artmaking practice, Peggy creates animation installations and collaborative art projects for schools, museums and arboretums.

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