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Pictured: "It Will Come Back" by artist Libby McArthur.

Coping with the Pandemic: The search for a sense of control

An exhibition of photographs by Libby McArthur is now on display at South Suburban College.

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL—The Art & Design Department of South Suburban College is pleased to announce a special guest artist exhibition entitled *Coping with the Pandemic: The search for a sense of control* by Libby McArthur. The series of photographs are now on display in the Photo Four Gallery at South Suburban College from Tuesday, March 1st through Friday, April 22nd with an Artist Talk on Tuesday, March 15th from 1-2 p.m., in the Photo Four Gallery.

Libby McArthur is an art teacher and artist, born and raised in the suburbs of Chicago. She has a Bachelor's in Art Education and a Master's in Art. When the pandemic started, McArthur's anxiety was ripping her apart and she began searching for ways to make her photography more meditative. As she began manipulating her photographs, she found the process of duplicating, rotating, and cropping her photos extremely therapeutic. As she worked, she found some days her photographs seemed more pointed and darker, while others seemed light and airy. But most often they began reflecting her moods and became an easy coping mechanism for her to detach from the worry around her, and the pain of so many caused by this uncertain time.

The SSC Photo Four Gallery is open Monday-Thursday, 9-5 p.m. The galleries are closed on weekends and holidays. The public is welcome to visit art exhibitions and receptions at no charge. Temperature checks, masks and social distancing are required on campus. For more information, please call Pamela Planera (708) 596-2000, ext. 2211 or email at pplanera@ssc.edu. SSC is located at 15800 South State Street, South Holland, Illinois.

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