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MENDONOMA EVENTS GUIDE

Questions of 'life and decay, resilience and renewal' at LyndonDesign, opening Saturday

"Something quite special is happening in our gallery this weekend and next," said Maynard Lyndon, co-founder with his wife Lu Lyndon of LyndonDesign Gallery on The Sea Ranch. "We are fortunate and pleased to have multimedia artist Bia Gayotto as our guest artist, as part of our two-Saturdays featured exhibits for April 30 and May 7."

Gayotto, originally from Brazil, moved from Los Angeles to the north coast in 2020. Her sculpture, "Forest Whisper," was recently installed at Gualala Arts in the Global Harmony Sculpture Garden. Her exhibit at LyndonDesign, titled "Memoirs," is a series featuring several of her color photographs of decaying logs found in red-

wood forests at The Sea Ranch. With the images in this exhibit, Gayotto raises questions about life and decay, resilience and renewal, deforestation and global warming, Maynard said.

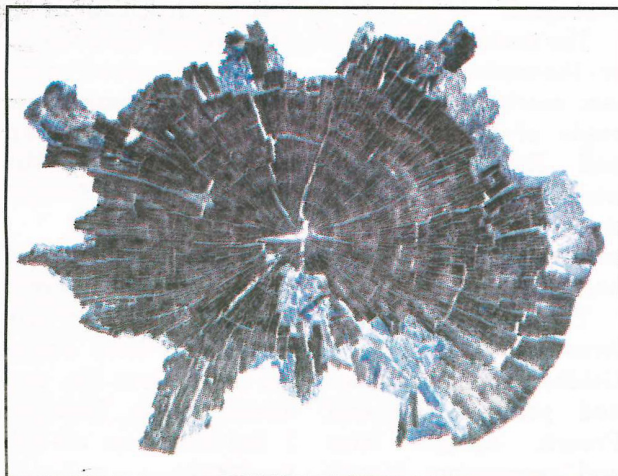
"After I learned that redwoods have the potential to sprout from a single stump, I began exploring," Gayotto said. "Through a post-production process that filters light which, like an X-ray, reveals a 'memoir' written by trees, one can see the lines, stains, and scars, and my images become like an historical account." Through an additional process in printing her photographs, where slight blue-purplish colors appear, one can see the tree's ability to store tons of gallons of water and fire-resistant

tannins in its trunk, she explained. These attributes "enabled redwoods to survive drought and fire over several centuries."

Bia Gayotto earned an MFA from UCLA in 1996 and her work has been featured in several major museums from Los Angeles to New York, from Athens, Greece, to São Paulo, Brazil, as well as in numerous galleries.

"In artist 'residencies' in Brazil, Taiwan, Canada, and America, her exploratory artworks have gained much attention and praise," Maynard said.

LyndonDesign Gallery is located at 1000 Annapolis Road on The Sea Ranch. It is open Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by appointment by emailing lyndondesign@me.com.



"Memoirs," 14"x 16" color print by Bia Gayotto. Photo courtesy of the artist.