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## *homegrown*

July 12 – August 23, 2017

Opening Reception: Wednesday, July 12, 6 – 9pm

Transformer is proud to present *homegrown* – a 6-week summer exhibition showcasing local art, agriculture and business and examining what it means to sustain a hyper-local lifestyle in DC.

Featuring a rotating selection of works from Transformer's *FlatFile*, a program initiated in 2007 specifically to support DC based & connected emerging visual artists, *homegrown* will showcase 2D works from 40+ locally based artists in a variety of two-dimensional mediums including collage, photography, painting, drawing, silkscreens and prints, approximately 16x20" in size and smaller, priced under \$500.

Acting as a catalyst for conversation surrounding what it means to make, eat, grow and shop locally, *homegrown* partners include: **Up Top Acres** - a network of rooftop farms across the DC metro area; **Miss Pixies** – a sustainable used and vintage furniture store; & **Logan Hardware** – a co-op neighborhood home improvement store. Transformer will once again re-invent our storefront exhibition space with these partners and DC artists, to create a vision of a DC 'home' space.

Exploring intersectional themes of sustainability and the local, *homegrown* programming will include performances, conversations, and workshops from artists, farmers and independent business-owners alike.

### 2017 FlatFile Artists

Eames Armstrong	JD Deardourff	Aaron Hughes	Johab Silva
Margaret Bakke	Rex Delafkaran	Evan Hume	Casey Snyder
Jo Ann Block	Abiola Fapohunda	Becca Kallem	Hannah Spector
Erin Boland	Lloyd Foster	Chandi Kelley	Tang
Amy Boone-McCreesh	Stephen Gibson	Yaroslav Koporulin	Caitlin Teal Price
Amy Hughes Braden	Alexis Gomez	Victor Koroma	Lisa Marie Thalhammer
Amanda Burnham	Elizabeth Graeber	Katherine Tzu-Lan Mann	Jessica Van Brakle
Jessica Cebra	Adam Griffiths	Carolina Mayorga	Ashley VanGemerem
Mei Mei Chang	Tatiana Gulenkina	Ziad Nagy	Joshua Yospy
Julia Clouser	Allison Long Hardy	Ding Ren	
Cynthia Connolly	Matt Hollis	Bonner Sale	

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## OUR PARTNERS



### Up Top Acres

Across Washington D.C., Up Top Acres operates four rooftop farms totaling 1 acre in farmland. Growing a variety of produce, they sell their harvest to neighbors of the buildings they grow on and nearby restaurants. They've since harvested 60,000 pounds of food.



## PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, July 12, 6-9pm**  
HOMEGROWN Opening Reception

**Wednesday, July 19, 6-8pm**  
Watercolor Portraits with **Elizabeth Graeber**

**Wednesday, July 26, 6-8pm**  
Cocktail Making with **Up Top Acres**

**Thursday, August 3, 7-8pm**  
Performance with **Carolina Mayorga**

**Wednesday, August 9, 6-8pm**  
Exploring Edible Flowers with **Up Top Acres**

**Thursday, Aug 17, 6-8pm**  
Zine Making with **Hannah Spector**

**Wednesday, Aug 23, 6-8pm**  
Talking HOMEGROWN

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**EXHIBITION HOURS: Wednesday – Saturday, 12 -6 and by appointment.**

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