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The Cynthia Winings Gallery in Blue Hill presents "Fallen Elders," a collaboration with artist Chris Doyle. Pictured is "Fallen Elders," by Chris Doyle, four watercolors on paper. *Photo courtesy of Chris Doyle*

The Cynthia Winings Gallery in Blue Hill presents "Fallen Elders," a collaboration with artist Chris Doyle. Comprising four large-scale artworks arranged in the woods, "Fallen Elders" represents a memorial to those who have passed from the coronavirus. Each black

and white watercolor drawing depicts the root system of a fallen tree, intricately depicted with hours of careful observation by Doyle.

Doyle writes, “Every year the forest loses some elders to the wind. This year, it seems like more than the usual number of trees have been uprooted. During this unprecedented period of mourning for those lost in the time of COVID-19, I found myself surveying the forest and marveling at the new life springing from earlier fallen trees. These drawings of exposed root systems are a kind of memorial to those people who, now fallen, continue on as sources of inspiration during this season of loss.”

Visitors are welcome to follow the Walking Path behind the First Congregational Church of Blue Hill from Tenney Hill and find the artworks installed in the woods. As one walks along the path, there is a place where the woods open up, and one can imagine the forest as a sanctuary, or place of refuge.

“The Cynthia Winings Gallery is excited to display these Chris Doyle drawings in a way that brings nature and art together. We can be healed by a visit to the woods, and through this memorial installation of the Fallen Elders, be brought to a profound moment of remembrance and reflection,” Winnings said in a news release.

“Fallen Elders” is a one-day art installation planned for Wednesday, August 12, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a rain date of Thursday, August 13. T For more information, visit cynthiawiningsgallery.com or contact the gallery via email at info@cynthiawiningsgallery.com.

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