

## Not your standard mail

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Mississauga's Blackwood Gallery is inviting residents to be part of an innovative art experience.

For the third edition of the gallery's *Door to Door* series, John Marriott is setting adrift a piece of driftwood through the postal system. It is offered to the people of Mississauga to be received and returned by mail. It's sent without packaging, just postage attached, to record the marks of its travels.

If interested, e-mail

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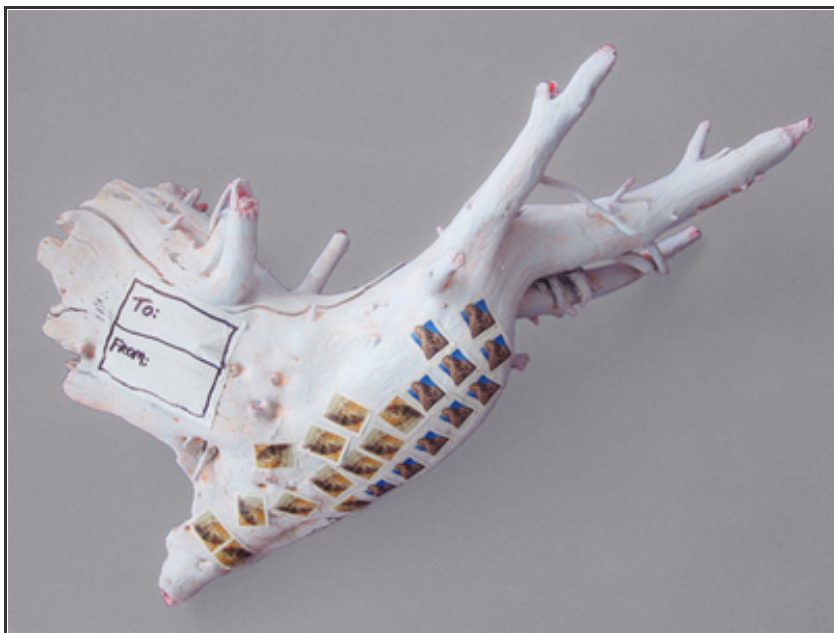
A Toronto-based multidisciplinary artist, Marriott has been producing hilarious art, featured in exhibitions nationally and internationally, for more than two decades. Marriott's co-artist in *Door to Door*, conceived by curator Christof Migone as "an exhibition which knocks on your door and delivers itself to you," is Karen Kraven, an MFA candidate at Concordia University in Montreal.

For her contribution, which she calls *Apartment Hunting*, Kraven searched for apartments on

Craigslist that were for rent in Mississauga. She took the accompanying photos and modified them.

"Sort of like an amateur interior designer, I copied the composition of the photographs that appeared in these ads and simplified the images into their abstract shapes. I removed all the furniture and changed the colours of the rooms using paint chips," she said.

Using the addresses posted in the ads, Kraven will mail her sketches to the apartments they came from.



**Driftwood.** As part of Blackwood Gallery's ongoing Door To Door series, multidisciplinary artist John Marriott will mail a piece of driftwood to city residents. *Supplied by Blackwood Gallery*

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