

# Kirsten Stolle: Only You Can Prevent A Forest

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## City of Charleston, SC, Features Installation by Susan Lenz

The City of Charleston in Charleston, SC, is presenting *Anonymous Ancestors*, an installation by Columbia, SC, artist, Susan Lenz, on view at the City Gallery at Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Waterfront Park, through Jan. 29, 2023.

To stand within Susan Lenz's *Anonymous Ancestors* is to become immersed in the myriad of family stories handed down through generations. Thousands of anonymous, vintage photographs have been altered to create a nostalgic interior. Works include over 250 individually framed, altered images; furniture upholstered with image transferred fabric; and three sculptural garments.



View of Susan Lenz's installation

Renaissance Studies from Ohio State University.

Her work is included in Corporate and Museum Collections: The Textile Museum, Washington, DC; McKissick Museum, Columbia, SC; DP Professionals, Columbia, SC; City of North Charleston, SC; County Bank, Greenwood, SC; First Citizens Center, Columbia, SC; Hot Springs National Park, Hot Springs, AR; Great Basin National Park, Baker, NV; South Carolina Bank and Trust, Columbia, SC; Power Engineering, Charlotte, NC; Beaufort Arts Council, Beaufort, SC; Garvin Designs, Columbia, SC; Chattahoochee Valley Art Museum, La Grange, GA; Farmington Museum, Farmington, NM; Saluda Shoals Park, Irmo, SC; Florence Regional Arts Alliance Permanent Art Collection, Florence, SC; and Palmetto GBA, Columbia, SC.

Lenz has participated in selected Art Residencies including: Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Pine Spring, TX, 2021; Great Basin National Park, Baker, NV, 2020; Enos Park Residency with Springfield Art Association, Springfield, IL, 2020; Osage Arts Community, Belle, MO, 2019; Homestead National Monument, Nebraska, July 2017; PLAYA, October 2015 and December 2016 in Summer Lake, OR; The Anderson Center, May 2015 in Red Wing, MN; The Rensing Center June 2015, August 2018,

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Another view of Susan Lenz's installation

Viewers are invited to sit, browse through altered photo albums and scrapbooks while contemplating the future of their own heirlooms. Minds wander to visions of forgotten friends, past holidays, ancient occasions, former cars, and hilarious fashion trends. Yet, these are anonymous photos. They come from yard sales, auctions, and abandoned locations. Who are these people? Who really knows? The site-specific installation transforms City Gallery into a comfortable sitting parlor where the inhabitants become distant aunts and uncles, cousins, grandparents, siblings, and in-laws. They are society's family tree, our collective wall of ancestors.

Lenz received a BA in Medieval and

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Heart to Heart International  
Mercy Corps  
World Vision

### Medical Supplies

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MAP International  
Heart to Heart International  
UNICEF USA  
MedShare  
Direct Relief  
Project HOPE  
Operation USA

### Non-Medical Supplies

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Mercy Corps  
Americares  
Matthew 25: Ministries  
MedShare  
International Relief Teams  
World Help  
Project HOPE  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee  
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GlobalGiving  
ActionAid USA  
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Episcopal Relief & Development  
Catholic Relief Services  
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Heart to Heart International  
Catholic Relief Services  
GlobalGiving  
World Hope International  
Convoy of Hope  
UNICEF USA  
ActionAid USA  
World Help  
Operation Blessing International  
International Relief Teams  
Water Mission  
World Vision

### Emergency Housing

World Vision  
UNICEF USA  
A Chance In Life  
World Help  
Islamic Relief USA  
GlobalGiving  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee  
Catholic Relief Services

### Long-Term Assistance

Center for Disaster Philanthropy  
Catholic Relief Services  
World Help  
Operation Blessing International

### Other (cash/cash vouchers, logistic supply)

World Vision  
American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee  
Islamic Relief USA  
Heart to Heart International  
Church World Service  
ActionAid USA  
Americares  
Samaritan's Purse  
UNICEF USA