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Rock Jetty Deli & Food Corp

Lillian Gerson

May 30 – June 23, 2013

Opening Reception:

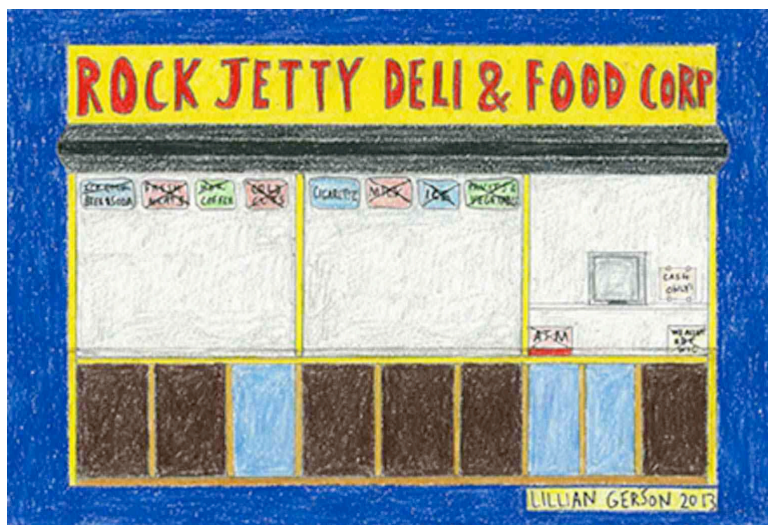
Thursday, May 30, 6–8pm

Artist's Talk:

Thursday, May 30th, 6:15pm

DUMBO 1st Thursday:

Thursday, June 6th, 6–9pm



A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce *Rock Jetty Deli & Food Corp*, an installation by 2012-2013 fellowship artist Lillian Gerson.

Gerson's first solo show, *Rock Jetty Deli & Food Corp*, documents and processes the complicated emotions of life in the Rockaways in the days, weeks, and ongoing months following Hurricane Sandy. Through scavenged materials and handmade objects, the exhibition brings attention to the small yet powerful moments of beauty that emerged from the storm's destruction.

In Rockaway, the storm changed everyone's life overnight. Gerson and countless other residents found themselves abandoning their former routines and becoming completely immersed in grassroots relief work. The artist's creative projects were put on hold for months, while focusing instead on basic survival, community, and re-growth.

Rock Jetty Deli & Food Corp features a large-scale multimedia sculpture with audio recordings documenting the peninsula under construction.

In addition to installing this exhibit in the gallery, Gerson will lead tours regularly in Rockaway. Please see the attached schedule for details.

Lillian Gerson (b.1985, Houston) lives and works in Rockaway Beach, NY. Gerson's work is concerned with the democratization and accessibility of art, bringing it away from the elitism of private cultural institutions and into the public realm. Previous installation and performance sites have been the Rockaway Beach Boardwalk, Governor's Island, Socrates Sculpture Park, and a closed Italian ice shop in Williamsburg.

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A.I.R. Gallery is located at 111 Front Street, #228, in the DUMBO neighborhood of Brooklyn. Gallery hours: Wednesday – Sunday, 11 – 6 pm. For directions please see www.airgallery.org. For additional information, please contact Alli Arnold at A.I.R. Gallery at 212-255-6651 or info@airgallery.org.

Image: *Rocky Jetty Deli & Food Corp* (sketch for installation), 2013, pencil on paper



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