

Family Guide

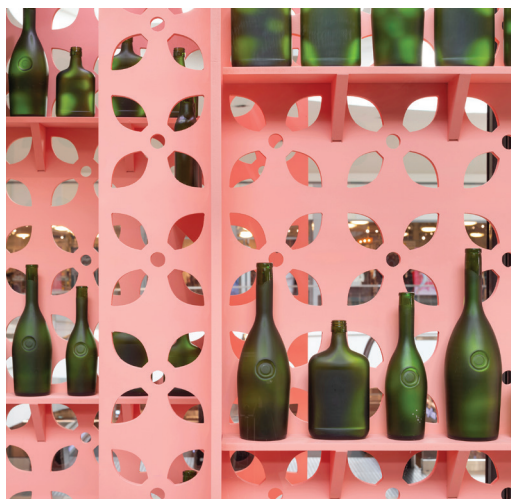
OPEN HOUSE

HEATHER HART
EDRA SOTO
RODNEY TAYLOR

DOMESTIC THRESHOLDS



Albright-Knox
Northland



LET'S BEGIN

by checking out Edra Soto's sculptures. The bottles you see are just some of those she has collected while walking her dogs. She calls this daily routine "urban beachcombing."

BEACHCOMBING

means searching—
or "combing"—
a beach for
interesting things,
such as seashells

URBAN refers
to something
related to a city



After cleaning the bottles, Soto places them on shelves inspired by patterned screens commonly seen on buildings in Puerto Rico, where she grew up.



Have you ever picked up objects to take home while walking along a beach or a path?



DRAW!

Do you collect things in other ways? Is there anything you want to collect? Draw your collection on the shelf



Rodney Taylor



LOOK!

Take a look at the houses in Rodney Taylor's paintings. They are inspired by what he could see from his home on the East Side of Buffalo.

Do they look or feel familiar to you?

Look at the colors he used and notice how they are different from one painting to the next. Why do you think he used those colors?

Which painting is your favorite?

WHY?

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DRAW!

Add your own drawings to the houses below to show the different seasons.

What would you include to make it look like winter?



WINTER



SUMMER

How about summer?

Heather Hart



Over the last year, Heather Hart visited Buffalo a number of times to talk with Buffalonians and gather ideas for her work.

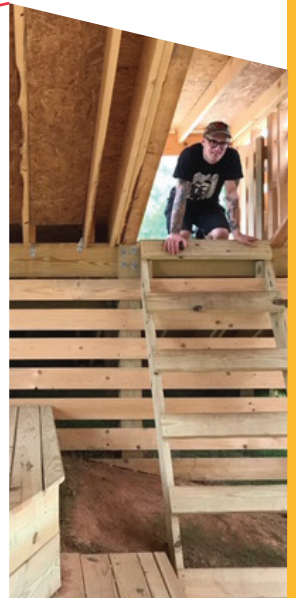
Imagine you're on top of the roof of your house. Do you see anything that is far, far away? Write or draw your ideas below.

Build your own rooftop using blankets, pillows, or other materials around your house.

When you go under your roof, what do you feel like doing?
Do you want to sit on the floor?
Do a little dance? Lie down and look up?



Where would you prefer to be:
on top of a roof or underneath? Why?





NOW THINK BACK TO ALL OF THE ARTWORKS YOU SAW TODAY.

Notice that each artist represented their idea of home in different ways.

What type of art would you create to represent your idea of home?

Why do you think this exhibition is called **OPEN HOUSE?**

What do you think of when you hear that phrase?
