



Routines

Dana Piazza

Art Austerlitz - September 4th - 26th - 12-4PM

Opening Reception - September 4th - 12-4PM

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“Routines,” Dana Piazza’s first solo exhibition at Art Austerlitz, features a breadth of works on paper, panel and canvas ranging from 2014–2021. Emblematic of the artist’s approach to building compositions through a delicate balance of chance and control, this selection of work illuminates the trust and assurance of a studio practice so rooted in routine. Installed within a space as intimate and charged as this historic church on such expansive and sublime grounds, correlations are drawn between a meeting place such as a church and the studio. Space dedicated to a ritualistic buildup of energy between either multiple beings or one’s own mind, actions, and materials provides both



comfort and consistent growth. An electric momentum emerges within the confines of these interior spaces, one which is indicative of Piazza's process.

Within each composition, patterns—sometimes geometric and sometimes organic—emerge, resulting in abstract imagery reminiscent of recognizable forms such as fabric, grass, or screens. The fallibility of the hand is integral to the development of each composition: one mark leads to the next and the next, and over time, a final, unplanned form emerges from this chain reaction. A habitual methodology compelling movement along a path ad infinitum defines this body of work as a whole.

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Left image: *Fibers 21*, 2021, acrylic on yupo heavy, 26 x 20 inches

Right image: *Zigzags 19*, 2021, acrylic on yupo heavy, 14 x 11 inches

Art Austerlitz is the contemporary art program of Old Austerlitz, housed in the historic 1853 Austerlitz Christian Church on the grounds of Old Austerlitz. Its program features contemporary art from regional artists. It is located on the west side of Route 22, slightly north and across the street from the main campus of The Austerlitz Historical Society, Old Austerlitz, at 11550 Route 22.
