

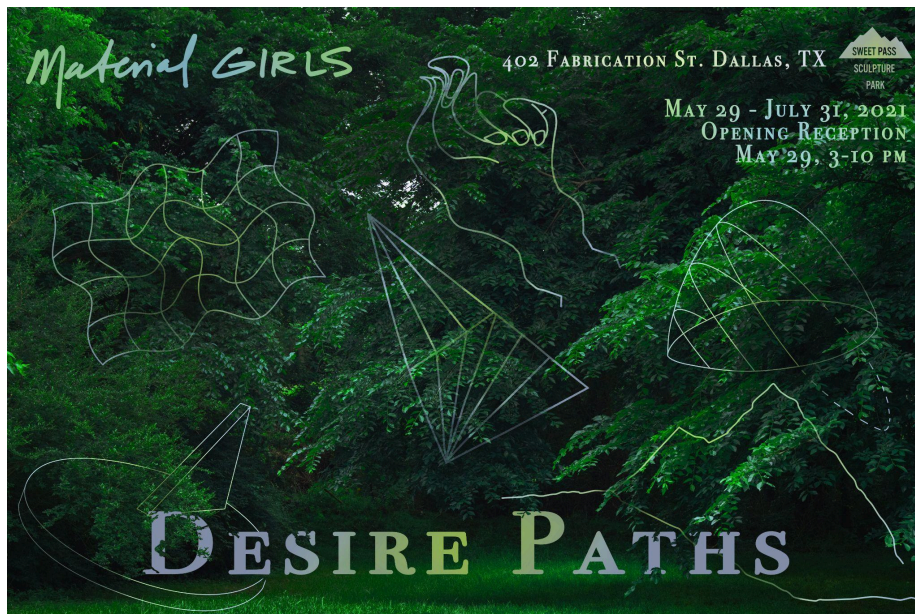
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**Sweet Pass Sculpture Park presents**  
**Material Girls: *Desire Paths***  
**May 29 – July 31, 2021**

*A site-responsive, outdoor installation pairing custom benches with sculptures, sounds, and text to create a meandering path within the landscape of Sweet Pass Sculpture Park. [Material Girls](#) are a non-hierarchical, feminist collective from NY, Austin, and LA. Core members include Cameron Cameron, Claire Lachow, Devra Freeland, Gracelee Lawrence, Rachael Starbuck, and Hilliary Gabryel.*



***Desire Paths*** reflects on notions of navigation and wayfinding— how we orient ourselves in space, traverse distances, draw lines between disparate poles, and tie ourselves together. During the pandemic, physical and technological communication evolved to compensate for gaps and proximity; new tools for language and methods of interaction were established to approximate closeness, but were left wanting.

Craving touch and intimacy, *Desire Paths* attends to the tactile and topographical body of the landscape. Lengths of brightly colored ropes weave through the park, tracing a simple line drawing across lush green fauna and inviting visitors to mirror, or playfully subvert, its direction. Planted along this route are an edition of six custom benches, acting as islands, nodes, or way stations— individual stars within a larger constellation. Each bench facilitates a sculpture made by the individual members of MATERIAL GIRLS in response to the broader theme. In proximity to each bench, visitors will find a small mirror engraved with an enigmatic symbol. These plaques tie the artworks to words and images found in a correlating zine, co-authored by the collective.

Navigation and wayfinding are necessarily contextual – one’s position can only be defined in relation to other objects and environmental cues. Accordingly, the works in this exhibition are repositories for sensory information distilled from the environment of the park. Perhaps in reaction to the all-digital regime of the pandemic, these sculptures reference decidedly more ancient technologies along with the classical natural elements that were thought to animate them – sun, wind, earth, water, and aether. Cameron’s sundials track the movement of the sun’s path across adorned surfaces. Rachael’s softly wavy, porous umbrella translates changing light into a shady caress. Hilliary’s sail-like sunshade reflects brightness, while allowing itself to be whipped into motion by the prevailing wind. Claire’s anthropomorphic windsock turns a business suit into conduit for the whims of the breeze. Gracelee’s ear-shaped well listens attentively only to collect the morning dew. Devra’s memorial bench provides a place in the aether to absorb the feelings and contemplate intangibility. An accompanying audio piece, made in collaboration with musician Ben Seretan, offers brief portals to new places and marks the passage of time with swells of sound, allowing the viewer an alternate method to orient themselves in time, as well as space.

### **Material Girls – *Desire Paths***

**SP2 presents *Two Video Works* by Claudia Bitran**

**May 29 – July 31, 2021**

**Opening Saturday, May 29, 3 – 10pm**

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*Founded in 2018 by Tamara Johnson and Trey Burns, Sweet Pass Sculpture Park is a 501(c)(3) organization located on an acre lot in West Dallas. Its programming highlights emerging and mid-career artists in an outdoor setting on a rotating basis with a focus on project-based exhibitions. Sweet Pass is dedicated to experimentation, community engagement, and creating systems that exist in the gaps between ideas of gardens, green spaces, and public spaces while supporting contemporary art. All donations are tax deductible and go directly to support our vision by helping to maintain the park, pay artist stipends, and provide materials for our education programs. [www.sweetpasssculpturepark.com](http://www.sweetpasssculpturepark.com)*