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Mine, Yours, Ours: Kitchen and Familial Stories

January 20–February 17, 2024 | Reception: Saturday, January 20 | 4–7 PM CST

Artists Walkthrough: Saturday, February 17 | 2–4 PM CST

Juried by Archana Shekara



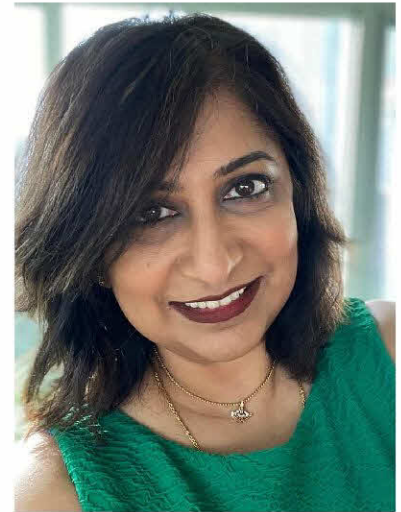
Victoria Gerson: *Vovó's (Grandma's) Recipe Book (2023)* – photography and digital

CHICAGO—Woman Made Gallery (WMG) is proud to present *Mine, Yours, Ours: Kitchen and Familial Stories*, a group exhibition with work by 30 artists. Curated by Archana Shekara, the timing for this theme is most fitting after a season filled with festivities and food traditions. Impacted by their diverse upbringings, the artists in this exhibition lovingly share food-related tales flavored with cherished memories and nostalgia. The opening reception will be held on Saturday, January 20, from 4 to 7 p.m. at WMG's new location: 1332 S. Halsted St., Chicago, IL 60607. Regular gallery hours are Thursdays through Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

In the initial call for art, Archana Shekara wrote: “*Our kitchens tell our unique story. The way we eat, the ingredients we buy, the utensils we use, the foods we cook and serve, and the familiarity of tastes are influenced by our ancestral cultural roots and amalgamated identities. Food is an expression of our cultural experiences and emotions. It brings people together during joyful celebrations or sorrowful moments. Food binds us socially and helps build community and foster a sense of belonging. It is a catalyst for creating cross-cultural awareness, understanding, appreciation, and respect. Food is the first level of digesting another culture.*”

Exhibiting Artists: J White Burton, Emilia Chang, Kelly Ciurej, Cathleen Cramer, Amrita Datta, Idil Duman, Isabelle Camillo Engelson, Yumi Erica Fukuda, Megan Fulton, Victoria Gerson, Annikah Godard, Sara Anais Gonzalez, Jen Lau, Ludi Leiva, Nora Moore Lloyd, Lisett Lopez, Mildred Annani Mercado, Courtney Nzeribe, Zsófia Ötvös, Sameena Jabeen Rao, Natalie Reynoso, Pranavi Rohit, Abby Rosenberger, Summer Shin, Mary Ellen Sisulak, Alicia Staples, Christl Stringer, Noemi Taboada Gomez, Karina Yanes, Ting Zhou

About the Juror: Archana Shekara is an Indian American artist and designer. At Illinois State University, she is a professor of Graphic Design, the co-director of Ethnic Studies, and the creative director of Design Streak Studio, a research-based social innovation lab focusing on human-centered service design. Shekara uses design as a tool to build cross-cultural understanding, acceptance, and respect.



As a socio-cultural researcher, Shekara investigates her transnational identity by understanding racial equity and decoloniality through a brown cultural lens and creates critical awareness using ethnographic narratives. Her creative expression takes on various forms, such as designing typefaces, curating immersive participatory experiences, and building interactive installations using mixed and various emerging digital media that evoke multisensory responses. See Archana Shekara's website for more information: <https://www.theherproject.art/>.

Mine, Yours, Ours: <https://womanmade.org/mine-yours-ours-kitchen-and-familial-stories/>

Gallery Hours: Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, noon–5 PM

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