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**Exhibition** The Tree House Project  
**Artist** Jennie Suddick  
**Place** Open Space, 510 Fort Street, 2nd floor  
**Artist Talk & Workshop** Saturday 16 June at 2:00pm  
**Opening reception** Thursday 21 June at 7:30pm  
**Dates** Wednesday 13 June - Saturday 28 July  
**Admission** Admission is free, but donations are welcome

## The Tree House Project

Victoria — Finally: a chance to share all you learned dreaming up tree houses or building forts in the backyard as a child.

Toronto-based artist Jennie Suddick's exhibition *The Tree House Project* envisions the tree house as both a personal space and a realm of the imagination, a lens through which to consider changing landscape, autonomy, and nostalgia.

During June of 2017, Suddick invited the Victoria community to share unrealized childhood plans for tree houses and other forts in a workshop held at Open Space. From the collaborative sketches assembled, she has created scale paper architectural models and detailed drawings that bring new life to these thwarted childhood ambitions. Many of the translated images and drawings are hybrids of the concepts shared by multiple participants. For Suddick, these hybrids "link common experiences or ideas in a tangible form."

*The Tree House Project* is ongoing, expanding as visitors are encouraged to engage with it and contribute their own varied perspectives, stories, and ideas in the form of drawings shared with the exhibition. The public is invited to visit with the artist while she is in residency at Open Space from June 13-22 from 3-5 pm.

Please join us on Saturday, June 16 at 2:00 pm for an artist talk and tree model making workshop. The opening reception will be held at 7:00pm on Thursday June 21, in concert with MediaNet's opening for *Origins* by Nicholas Vandergugten.

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