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“until something else comes along”

A survey of work by Saffell Gardner from the 1970's to the present

22 August – 20 September, 2014

Exhibition Opening Reception: Friday 22 August from 7 to 10 pm

featuring music by Marion Hayden and friends

Artist's talk and gallery tour: Saturday 13 September at 6pm

Gallery: 9338 Campau, Hamtramck, MI 48212

Regular Hours: 1pm – 5pm Saturdays.

Other hours by appointment, please contact campau9338@airpost.net

Directions: 9338 Campau is on the east side of Joseph Campau just north of Holbrook.

Background:

Over a career spanning five decades, Saffell Gardner has created a large body of work that combines a consistent and highly personal symbolic vocabulary with a relentless desire to experiment through new materials and techniques. Working largely within the tradition belated recognized as Afro-Futurism, and in many ways inheriting the legacy of his father Pleze Gardner, a self-taught metaphysician, Gardner uses his practice to imagine and explore the past, present and future of the African diaspora in America. This show will combine a representative survey of his career with new work created specifically for this exhibition.

Biography:

A life-long Detroit, M. Saffell Gardner holds BFA and MFA degrees in painting from Wayne State University. He has exhibited in Brazil, Ghana, Jamaica and throughout the United States, including a solo show at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History in 2000. He has performed major commissions for the City of Detroit and the Detroit Public Schools and his work is in numerous collections including the Henry Ford Hospital, the City of Detroit, the Detroit Medical Center and Blue Cross Blue Shield.