

## SAINT-GAUDENS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



**Cal Lane:** *It Was Never Like This*  
September 16, 2017 – October 31, 2017

The Trustees of the Saint-Gaudens Memorial are proud to present the work of Cal Lane in her exhibition *It Was Never Like This*, showing at the Saint-Gaudens Picture Gallery located at 139 Saint-Gaudens Road in Cornish, NH.

Cal Lane works with dualities, creating delicate intricate pieces from solid steel by cutting away the material into lacey fabrications. She approaches her work with a sense of humor, pointing fun at gender roles ingrained in the often male-dominated machismo of sculptural expression. Her work explores the tension between a string of oppositions: masculinity and femininity, practicality and frivolity, strength and delicacy. Lane will be showing a variety of work that she describes as “industrial doilies,” repurposing symbols of labor such as a wheel barrel and oil drums, as well as more abstracted pieces. She will also be installing a large-scale floor piece out

dirt and sand, echoing the same lacey aesthetic of her steel work, but presenting the viewer with the inevitability that the labor-intensive intricacy of the piece will eventually be swept away. It asks us to consider the life line of the work and again presents us with the tension of opposition; the juxtaposition of sand and steel.

Cal Lane is a Canadian native, born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, but spent her formative years on Vancouver Island in British Columbia. Lane returned to Nova Scotia to study art at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. She graduated with her Bachelor of Fine Arts in 2001, whereupon she moved to New York to continue her studies. In 2005, she completed her Masters of Fine Arts at the State University of New York. Lane has exhibited widely in both group and solo exhibitions across the U.S. and Canada, and was the recipient of residencies at both the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia in 2002, and the Boor Sculpture Studio in Albany, NY in 2012. Lane currently lives and works in New York’s Putnam Valley.

*It Was Never Like This* will open with a reception on Saturday September 16, 2017, from 4:00 – 6:00pm and a talk from the artist at 5:00pm. The Picture Gallery is located at 139 Saint-Gaudens Road, Cornish, NH.

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 *the picture gallery at Saint-Gaudens*

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