

Capture My Neighborhood Gallery Activity

Looking Questions:

- Describe what you see in this photograph.
- Where is your eye drawn to? Why?
- Is there anything you can recognize? Explain.
- Where would you find an object like this?
- What do you think is behind the locked door? Beyond the frame of the image?
- What do you think the artist's message is? Explain.

About the Artwork:

Do you like to take walks around your neighborhood? That is what Howard Brunner likes to do when he takes his photographs. He has said that walking in his neighborhood is like a **meditation**. This is a quiet time that he can use to take time for himself and observe his surroundings and pay attention to what is happening in the present moment. Are there times in your life that you have experienced where you want to be quiet and calm?

When Brunner takes his walks, he doesn't have an idea or plan in mind before he begins. He likes to **improvise** when he is taking his images with his digital camera, similar to a jazz musician. The images that he makes come out of a connection he feels with the place or object. He has said he makes the photograph "out of gratitude". What do you think this means?

Capture Your Neighborhood Activity:

Brunner has taken an image of an object in his neighborhood. Where do you live? What does your neighborhood look like? Create a photo collage of details of your neighborhood. Create a story with your image. If you could give it a title, what would it be? Sketch some ideas on the back of this paper. Use a camera of your choice for your final work.



2004-0061, 2004, Howard Brunner (b. 1947), Archival pigment print, James A. Michener Art Museum Collection