

Food-themed art exhibition opens Friday

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We're entering the foodiest time of the year, complete with farmers' markets overflowing. <u>Future</u> <u>Tenant</u> celebrates with *Bountiful*, a group exhibition exploring human relationships with food.

"At best, food can be seen as a symbol of tradition, stability, and affection; at its worst, it can represent struggles with self-esteem, waste, and substance abuse," says a press release.

The show includes paintings, photographs, illustrations ... and gummy candies ... by eight artists, including Cayla Skillin-Brauchle, David Pohl, Diane White, Kay Healy, Ruby Wang, Stephanie Shulman, Taylor Preston and Terez Lacovino.

Shulman's wooden sculpture, for instance, depicts the "weight" of a slice of cake, "and her love/hate relationship with the subject." Preston's photos depict the slow destruction of a birthday-cake setting. And Lacovino offers an interactive installation that lets visitors "cook" their own images with a toaster.

The show opens with a reception this Friday, from 6-9 p.m., and runs through Dec. 7. The gallery is open 4-8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, noon-8 p.m. on Saturdays, and 1-6 p.m. on Sundays.

On Nov. 22, from 3-5 p.m., Future Tenant will host Bountiful Harvest, a sustainable-food panel and tasting. Local organizations and restaurants will share their interest in healthy and organic eating.

Future Tenant, a nonprofit art space run by the graduate arts-management program at Carnegie Mellon University, is located at 819 Penn Ave., Downtown. Admission is free.