

ARTS GALLERY PICK

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PAUL BOWEN, DANIEL RANALLI, BERT YARBOROUGH ArtStrand, 494 Commercial St., Provincetown. 508-487-1153. Through Wednesday. www.artstrand.com

ArtStrand, the Provincetown gallery founded last year, has moved to roomier digs in the East End. The group show up now runs from the sparseness of Zen gardens to juicy expressionism. Paul Bowen falls in the middle of that spectrum; his earthy sculptures made from found wood and scraps of metal now orbit around white plaster balls. Bowen excels in maintaining a tension between dissolution and resolution: Is his world falling apart or coming together? As with most folks, it's both. Daniel Ranalli draws in the sand with a

rake, then photographs his drawings, as in "Lachan Strand #1" (above). The achingly vivid color photos capture a moment of perfect harmony that a breeze will sweep away. Meanwhile, Bert Yarborough lets his hand go wherever his paintbrush takes it. His small outdoor studies of birds and detritus on the beach have feverish color and deft, loose brushwork; his larger landscapes shimmer with nightmarish apparitions in the sky. The three artists have one thing in common: passionate commitment to the moment of creation.

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