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NYC-BASED WOMEN'S ARTIST COLLECTIVE BRINGS A "DO IT YOURSELF" CONTEMPORARY FEMINIST SPIRIT TO FOUNTAIN ART FAIR, 2013

New York, NY – The **tART Collective** is a New York City-based contemporary feminist artist initiative currently comprised of 35 members. A colorful blend of emerging female artists practicing painting, sculpture, performance and everything in between, tART members hail from diverse backgrounds but share a need for dialogue informed by studio visits and socially-engaged exchanges. For the 8th Annual Fountain Art Fair in New York, 8 of tART's artists will represent the collective to the wider art world: **Anna Lise Jensen**, **Elsie Kagan**, **Katherine Keltner**, **Jess Leve**, **Nikki Schiro**, **Petra Valentova**, **Kathleen Vance** and **Julia Whitney Barnes**. Curated by Krista Saunders, "In Her Nature" shows works informed by encounters with the natural world within and beyond the artists' urban surroundings. Each artist is individually investigating how she shapes or is shaped by her environment. Collectively, the exhibition explores the versatility of today's emerging feminist artists and challenges generalizations by presenting a broad range of works. The entire tART Collective will be on view in the form of catalogs, zines and publications.

Fountain Art Fair

69th Regiment Armory (25th Street & Lexington Ave.) New York, NY

Friday, March 8 12-5 PM VIP/Press Preview; 5-7 Open to public; 7PM-Midnight Opening Reception Saturday March 9 12-7PM Open to the Public, 7-Midnight Saturday Night Event, Music Lineup TBA Sunday, March 10 12-5PM Open to the Public, Music Lineup TBA

tART Collective is a contemporary feminist artist collective in New York City. Members maintain their individual art practices and are committed to maintaining a close community through postgraduate studio visits, collaborations and offering support through the sharing of ideas, information and resources. The collective produces 'zines, workshops and discussions and engages communities outside the collective - often in conjunction with exhibitions.