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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**CoCA presents *The New Neo-Naturalists***

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From March 14 – April 12, 2013, CoCA will present “The New Neo-Naturalists,” featuring the work of David Eisenhower, Lisa Gilley, and Sean Yearian.

The three artists share both a rural upbringing and formative periods on the Northwest’s Olympic Peninsula. Washington artist, Lisa Gilley, was born in Mount Vernon, and currently resides on Marrowstone Island. Sean Yearian, also a local native, grew up in Chetzemoka Park, Port Townsend, and is currently living and working in Seattle. David Eisenhower grew up in a northern Pennsylvania farming community, moved to a small town on the Chesapeake Bay in Virginia, and currently has his studio in Port Hadlock, Washington.

Belying the somewhat tongue-in-cheek show title, these artists are all engaged in serious personal explorations of the role of nature in the production of contemporary art, and have produced a manifesto:

*We the new neo-naturalists do hereby declare:*

*Our god the natural world is one with us as evidenced by our DNA connecting us to the first life on earth 3.5 billion years ago.*

*Biology is our religion.*

*We pledge*

*To continue to evolve that we may escape the fate of our bacterial ancestors in this petri dish we call earth.*

*our allegiance to the life system of this planet.*

*We strive to connect and repair this splintered destructive world with our art.*

Opening Reception, with the artists in attendance:

**Thursday, March 21, 2013 5pm – 9pm**  
**CoCA Georgetown Gallery: Seattle Design Center, Suite 258**  
**5701 6th Avenue South, Seattle WA 98108.**

This reception will take place during Open Galleries at Seattle Design Center. On Third Thursdays, designers are invited to participate in workshops during the day and the galleries stay open late for an indoor art walk that includes exhibitions and performances. This event is open to the public. Free admission and parking.

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