

## **j.frede ; Heirlooms**

*New Sculptures that investigate objects and their memories*

I am proud to present a new body of work I have completed titled Heirlooms. Consisting of 13 new sculptures Heirlooms addresses our relationship with objects and their hidden histories.

I am interested in the idea of objects holding the past while hiding their past. The memories we associate with our grandfather's watch or the blanket our mother made us, we can have strong reactions at the mere sight or smell of items whose history we can recall and these same objects are static to anyone else who sees them with no personal association.

*Is this history locked into the mantel clock whose chime mesmerized us as children or the stool we climbed atop to sneak cookies at night? Do they act as some sort of memory safe that grips its contents allowing only you to fall back into the past, for better or worse?*

The objects are still while the knotted masses hold dear or secure the items and act out as the gripping hand of ownership, tightly wound balls of tension and as growths that can be both troubling and foreign.

This new work, Heirlooms, marries my Security Sculptures with objects both from my past and objects I have no personal history with but surely invoke strong memories for strangers I have never met.

Heirlooms will be shown alongside Amanda Gordon Dunn's latest paintings, which combine the painting style of 1960s surfboards and color combinations of comic books from her youth.



Großmutter, 2012, Bavarian China, Gold Wire (180'), 3x8x8"



James Calvin, 2012, 22 Revolver, Rope, 9x7x10"



Leola Greer, 2012, Wood, Brass and Rope, 10x4x22"



Edith, 2012, Lace Tablecloth, Cord, 4x26x9"



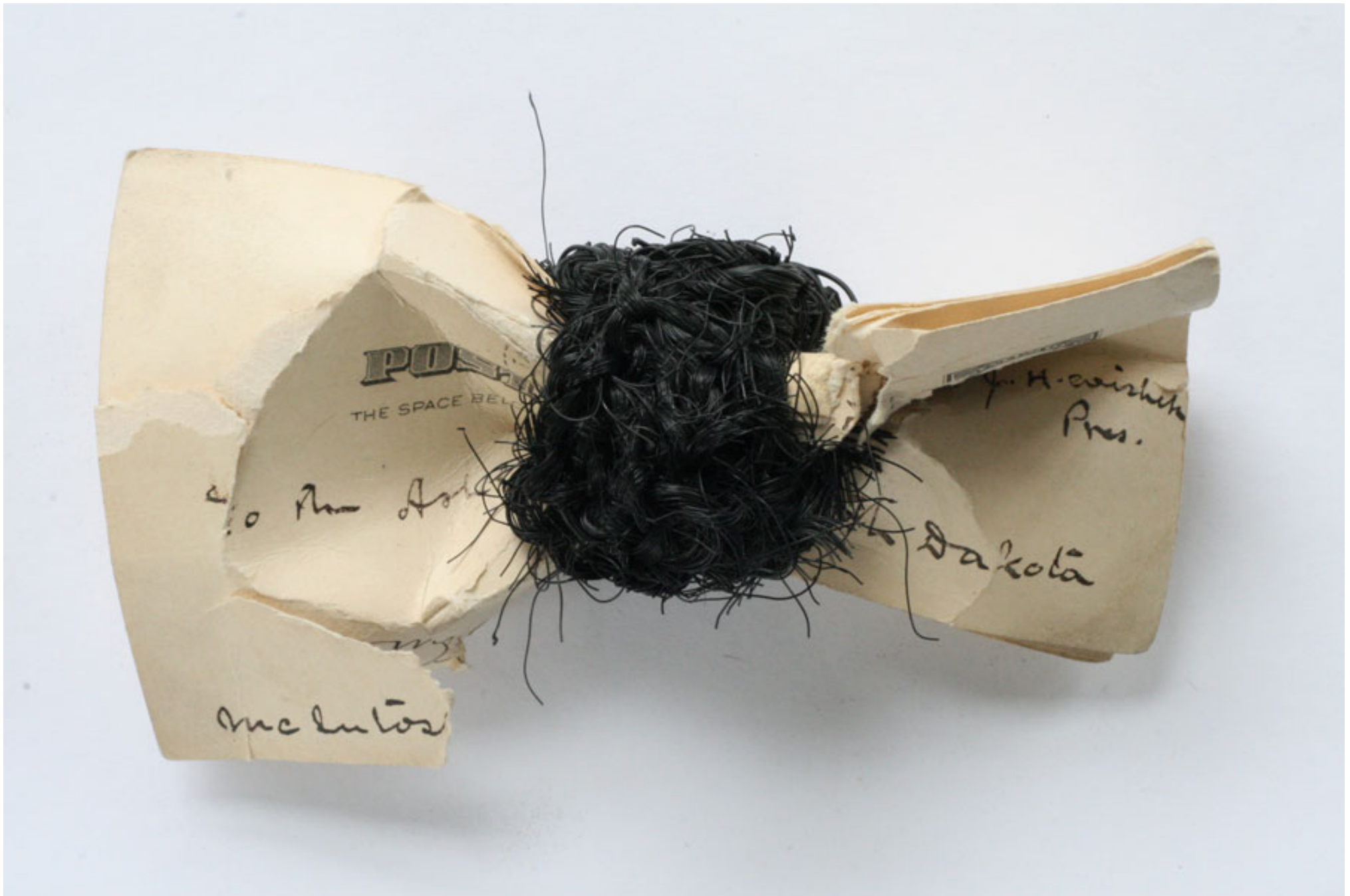
Sivells, 2012, Arrows, Rope and Leather, 4x30x4"



Sivells (orange), 2012, Arrows, Rope, 2x36x2"



Twenty Fifth, 2012, Silver Keepsake Box, Silver Leaf and Rope, 9x9x6"



Friday Morning, 2012, Postcards, Rope 1x3x5"

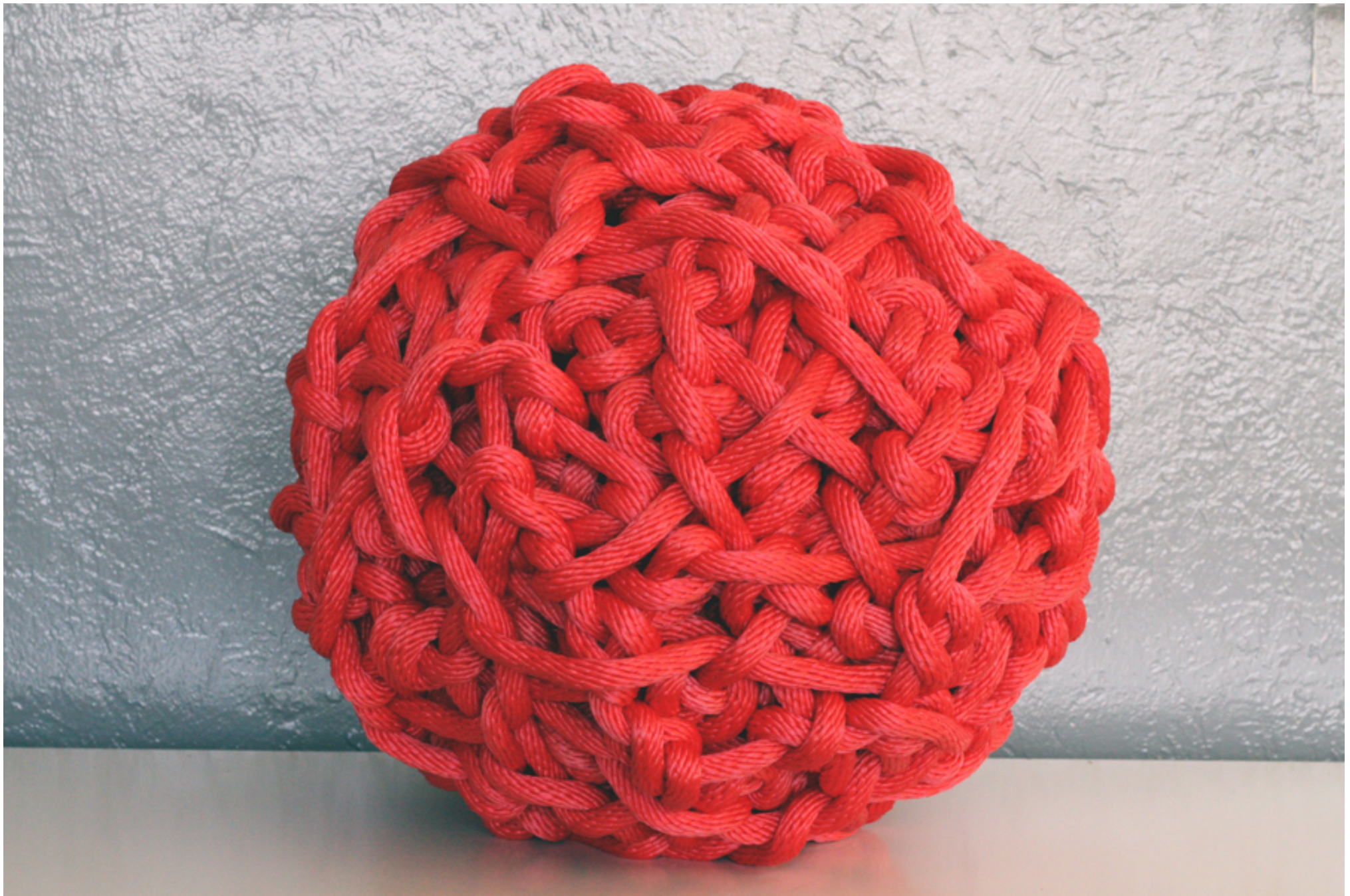




Lilth, 2012, Silver Spoon, Rope (500'), 1x6x1"



American Gothic, 2012, Pickaxe, Hammer and Rope, 20x36x15"



Untitled, 2012, rope (500'), 18x18x18"



Weisse, 2012, Wooden Stool and Rope, 24x16x16"

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