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#### Shepard Hall Gallery Displaying “Y/BEES?” Art Exhibit in July

Throughout the month of July, Library patrons can enjoy the works of artists Juan Manuel Perez Salazar and Patty Smith in their collaborative exhibit “Y/BEES?” Their two-person show is available for viewing at the Santa Maria Public Library’s Shepard Hall Gallery.

Contemporary and informative, their artwork dissects the constant chatter that obscures the precarious existence of the honeybee population. Both Salazar and Smith’s work covers a variety of medium, including the application of painterly pieces, photography, drawing, sculptural installations, and assemblage – all characterized as mixed media. Their minimalist styling will invoke the viewer to consider questions like: What is the role we play in the honeybee’s life? What happens to us when the honeybees are gone? This conceptual exhibition cross-pollinates Visual Arts with Agricultural Science research, coming together to create a contemporary parable that brings awareness to the community.

An artist reception will be held on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> in Shepard Hall at 5:30 p.m.

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