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Colby Caldwell *spent*

Exhibition on view:
March 23 – May 5, 2012

Opening Reception for the artist:
Friday, March 23, 7-9pm

Civilian Art Projects presents Colby Caldwell: *spent*, an exhibition of new photography. The exhibition opens to the public on Friday, March 23, and will be on view through Saturday, May 5, 2012 at Civilian Art Projects in downtown Washington, DC.

Colby Caldwell's *spent* series is new photographic work based on shotgun shell casings of varying ages and in varying states of decay found throughout the rural farm where he lives in St. Mary's County, Maryland. Through scanning these shells at high resolution and presenting them on stark white backgrounds, the artist has imported what might be called "refuse" into the domain of photography, presenting the material almost as billboards touting memory and the passage of time.

Caldwell's work is in the collection of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington DC, the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX, the National Museum of American Art, Washington DC, and the Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, LA. Caldwell received a BFA from the Corcoran College of Art and Design in 1990 and currently lives and works in St. Mary's City, MD, and Asheville, NC. His work has been shown both nationally and internationally since 1988.

The publication "gun shy" accompanies the exhibition, including writings by Frank Goodyear, Ferdinand Protzman, Joe Lucchesi, Jayme McLellan, and Bernard Welt. The publication is 80 pages, with 50 full color reproductions. Artist copies in a limited edition of 10 contain a signed archival pigment print.

The exhibition Colby Caldwell: *gun shy* at HEMPHILL from March 24 through May 26, 2012 will run concurrently with the exhibition Colby Caldwell: *spent* at Civilian Art Projects, Washington DC, from March 23 through May 5, 2012. <http://civilianartprojects.com>