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## Cutting 'Edge'

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Brooklynites know better than anyone the havoc that development can wreak on a habitat. So on Saturday, Dec. 4, the Kentler International Drawing Space in Red Hook will host an artist's talk on "Observing the Edge," the gallery's current show, which features works on paper relating to flora and fauna with habitats threatened by progressive development.

"Not everyone appreciates fringe wildlife, they mostly think it's debris," said Kentler director and co-founder Florence Neal. "Red Hook is a perfect [example], because many people — except those who lived here — ignored Red Hook and the beauty that's here. It takes people to stop and recognize that beauty comes in all forms and that people shouldn't destroy things that aren't new."

With these thoughts in mind, Neal invited Jennifer McGregor, senior curator at the Wave Hill public garden in the Bronx, to lead the Dec. 4 discussion about the show McGregor curated, which includes work by Amy Talluto (top), Arlene Sunshine, Bob Braine and Leslie Reed (below) among others.

"We knew that Jennifer's interest is in nature, and I think that during her visit to Kentler, she realized the changes that were going on in Red Hook and they were of interest to her."

And anyone who has seen plants, or any other living creatures, displaced by development will surely want to take notice.

*"Observing the Edge" will be on view through Dec. 22 at the Kentler International Drawing Space (353 Van Brunt St. at Wolcott Street in Red Hook). The artist's talk will take place at 4 pm on Dec. 4. Attendance is free. For information, call (718) 875-2098 or visit [www.kentlergallery.org](http://www.kentlergallery.org).*

