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# The Brush romances the stone

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**LOWELL** — How many times have you slipped a stone into your pocket, or admired a cliff, or wondered about the boulder beneath your feet?

There's something extraordinary about the geological world and that's cause for celebration in *3 Generations Romance the Stones: The Artwork and Poetry of Three Generations of Women*, opening Saturday and running through Dec. 5 at the Brush Art Gallery and Studios.

The show celebrates the beauty of the ordinary stone in paintings, photography and poetry. Carol Boileau, her daughters, Colleen Brandon and Tracy Phillips, and granddaughter Caitlin Downey pay tribute not only to their own stories, but to what they represent: a family of strong women who are enduring and smoothed by time.

On her trips to the American Southwest, Boileau sketches and paints its landscapes. Brandon has always been captivated by rocks, especially those gleaming and polished by the ocean.



From *3 Generations Romance the Stones*, by Carol Boileau

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Phillips, a portrait photographer, has turned her camera to the New Hampshire seacoast, capturing the multiple facets of reflected light and their signs of age and permanence. Downey shares her love of stone and water in her poetry.

Join the artists for an opening reception Saturday, Nov. 6, 2-4 p.m. [www.the-brush.org](http://www.the-brush.org).