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Scott Hocking examines discarded urban artifacts and documents our fading industrial age. His previous works have involved building structures such as mounds, ziggurats, and pyramids from abandoned materials inside various, forgone spaces; documenting their construction; and leaving them to be destroyed or found by future explorers. For his exhibition in the Front Room, Hocking researched the history of Native American mound structures once prevalent in what is now the city of St. Louis. Mapping out locations where these mounds once stood—parking lots, vacant industrial areas, parks, and even a riverside "tent city"—Hocking collided past and present, setting contemporary conditions against reenactments of forgotten histories.

Guest curated by Cole Root

Scott Hocking was born in Redford
Township, Michigan, in 1975, and has lived
in Detroit since 1996. His work has been
exhibited throughout the United States,
Europe, Asia, and Australia, including at the
Detroit Institute of Arts; Cranbrook Art
Museum, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; Museum
of Contemporary Art Detroit; Kunst-Werke
Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin;
the Van Abbemuseum, Eindhoven, the
Netherlands; and Kunsthalle Wien, Vienna.

