

TRASH ART AS A SOLUTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

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Garbage is the symbol of our consumption society nowadays. Production inevitably leads to consumption and its negative effects on nature. A lot of people see trash as one of the current environmental problems, but few of them can find it as objects of amazing visual art and the best way to point out this issue. Trash art is very popular and much in demand in the modern art lately, artists try to turn unwanted things or waste material such as used paper, empty tins and bottles, etc. into beautiful and fantastic installations. Tons of garbage pollute entire forests, oceans, rivers and nature as a whole. For this reason it is not surprising that some people start to fight this problem right now.

Julie Cherch from Kenya, the founder of the project of waste treatment into the animal`s sculptures, says: "We use these products as a way to send people the message that we have to start thinking about negative effects of our careless and how we turn environment into something toxic and awful." [1]

Julie is not the only one who cares about nature, this theme is very popular with modern artists. Lots of them create sculptures, installations, pictures and even clothes and accessories from junk. Australian artist Hamish Munro finds a new purpose for the non-recyclable latex material, he constructs colorful and bright necklaces from balloons. He says: "These particular balloons are saved from a dismal existence clogging up landfills around the world". [2]

Every year exhibitions of modern art keep on taking place in the different parts of the world and trash art is a big part of these events. Artists learnt to create incredible and beautiful works from mundane for us objects. At times, things that seem unnecessary and old can become something new and wonderful.

One of these artists is Peter McFarlane, he thinks that his mission is creating captivating, re-contextualized forms from objects of life. "Everything I encounter

presents possibilities for my art," says McFarlane. "Everything has potential. Any and all objects can be used to create something, to make and re-make what I find in the world. The process requires searching for the materials that will commit me to original work, and intimately connect me to a self-engendered vision. The objects or images I contend with are not necessarily the art, but they always function as the language to serve the idea." [2]

Thus, trash art is the best way to show people current environmental problems of our world. Few of us can see the actual issue, so this art returns other to real life and raises the issue about our future. And its main goal is awakening responsibility for ecological status of nature.

People view trash art as a solution to some environment problems, material for creating amazing works. Every year trash art becomes more popular. So maybe, some day it can be effective for our future. Junk can be a beautiful thing, if you can see it.

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