

what is necessity?







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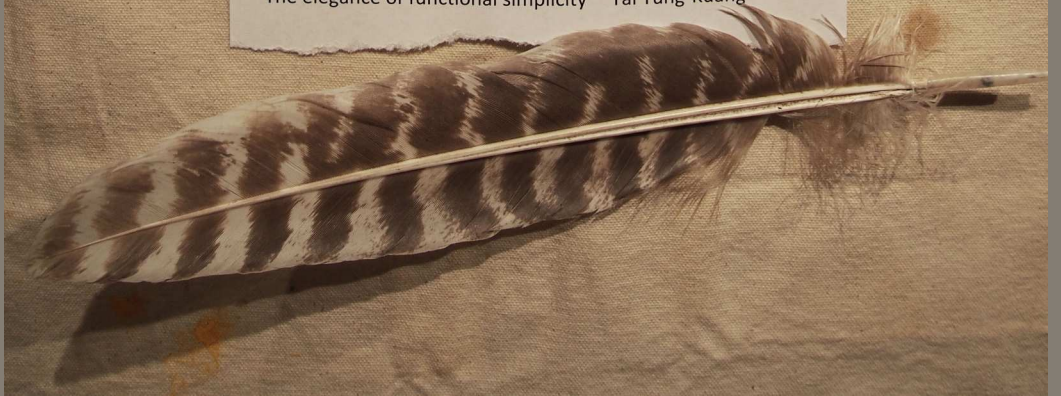
## What is necessity?

The most basic necessities of life are air, food and water which we largely take for granted, but nevertheless, we do breathe and drink and eat. What else is a necessity? If we eliminate most of the minutiae which we strive to obtain, what few things make us wish to live?

Living in a state of necessity or living simply with what is necessary requires a significant shift in our attitudes and in our aesthetic values. Qualities of humour, playfulness, courage and gratitude may be real necessities to be recognized and appreciated as truly necessary for our well-being.

This exhibition asks the question- 'what is necessity?' not metaphorically but factually, in hopes that it will invite you who are visiting to look at what has been placed here and consider what is necessary for your own continued existence.

**"The elegance of functional simplicity" Tai Yung-Kuang**



Six pillars in a line, five Tibetan singing bowls placed in the space between what is necessity?

The posture of kneeling they ask us to adopt to strike their rim and make a sound (the posture of prayer could be forgot)



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The sound they make when struck, a sound so pure it becomes a place more quiet and expansive than silence, a place necessary to remember and return to.

Five banners  
hung above  
each bowl  
what is  
necessity?  
The colour  
and texture  
of each,  
so unique  
they remind us  
we recognize  
harmony and  
beauty more  
when there is  
contrast.



Moving from one room to the other  
what is necessity?  
Curiosity







and moving itself is a necessity,  
walking on our own two feet, a self contained,  
able to change direction as easily as a ball rolls  
but we can also climb uphill.

Forty-nine jars of honey,  
a third of a season's production from one hive of bees  
what is necessity?  
Bees to pollinate the flowers,  
pollen translated into a sweet nectar  
we have stolen and eaten since before recorded time.



honey,  
the way we taste what we could only look at,  
could only hear as humming.



I ask my friend, "what is a necessity for your living?"  
And she responds, "pencil and paper"



so I put a desk in the corner  
where she can face into the open space and draw  
and a sewing machine came too as her second choice.  
It is necessary for us to do what we can do.



Sitting is a necessity  
as a time to wait and pause between moving here and there,  
a time to reflect, to ponder, and observe what surrounds.

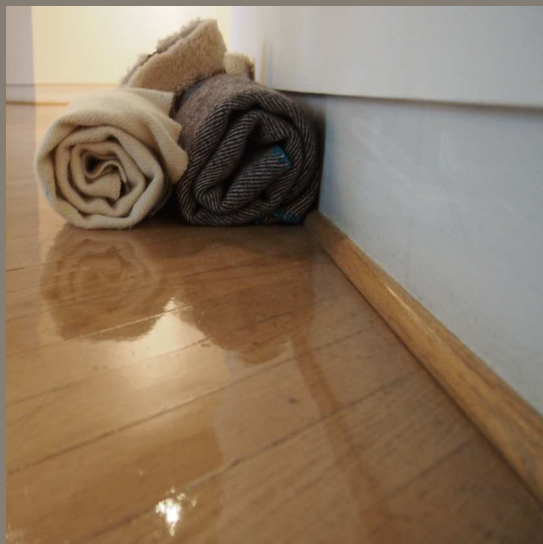


Coffee sharpens the brain's pallet, wakens the receptors and heightens perception. It is a necessary medium for inspired conversation and contemplation.

We live in a colder climate and this is the season of winter...  
warm foot wear cannot be overlooked,  
nothing is possible if feet are cold and wet



and blankets, wool if possible rolled tight,  
are light and keep out damp.





A mural painted on scrap wood  
resembling a cave wall story,  
what is necessity?





The village of people depicted here  
and the solitary figure  
reminding that we need both  
the company of others  
and our own separate space.



A sense of humour and whimsy, gratitude and courage.

And the four leggeds  
what is necessity?  
their direct unimpeded relationship to the earth,  
the way that they simply inhabit their bodies,  
read their senses and fulfill their purpose  
and the joy they give to us with their presence.



the balls...  
what is necessity?  
Play. We need to play.



Necessity gives us eyes to see  
what is here and now  
making use of and appreciating our inventions  
Creating is a collaboration with materials at hand.





wooden off cuts and ends look deliberate in their stacking pattern and plants...another necessity we can easily take for granted especially when they must be watered, I forget we can not live without them.

One hundred bags of beans and peas and lentils,  
eight hundred meals  
a necessity of food which can be stored, dry,  
made visible in this pile it has substance and weight  
more than an idea hidden in a basement  
It tells me something about time and endurance,  
about shortage and necessity.





I am learning.

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