

In the galleries: Powerful messages that require few words

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Leslie Parke: Particle Wave and Beth

Kaminstein: Ceramics On view through June 3 at Cross MacKenzie Gallery, 1675 Wisconsin Ave. NW. 202-337-7970. crossmackenzie.com.



Beth Kaminstein's ceramic leaf platter on view at Cross Mackenzie Gallery. (Beth Kaminstein/Cross Mackenzie Gallery)

Also at the gallery, and quite compatible with Parke's photography, is Beth Kaminstein's earth-toned, nature-evoking stoneware. The trays and bowls are irregular in shape, marked with pebble-like forms and finished with different glazes on the same pieces. The Florida artist titled the two larger trays with the word "leaf," but they also suggest oyster shells. Shimmery and eccentrically beautiful, her work appears as much found as made.