Art Activity

Create your own art inspired by the artists and exhibitions at Second Street Gallery!

DOUG YOUNG: GROW YOUR OWN CRYSTALS

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Inspired by the exhibition The Slow Death of Rocks at Second Street Gallery

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Founded in 1973, Second Street Gallery is the oldest nonprofit (501(c)3) contemporary art space in Central Virginia.
Grow your own crystals like Doug Young!

You will need:
• 1 cup of water
• Table or Epsom Salt
• Pot
• Clean Jar
• String
• Pencil or stick
• Cloth
• Teaspoon

1. With the help of an adult, slowly boil 1 cup of water.
2. Stir in 1 teaspoon of salt at a time, until you cannot dissolve any more salt.
3. Carefully, pour your mixture in the clean jar.
4. Tie your string to the middle of a pencil and cut it to a length that will hang in the mixture.
5. Sit the pencil over the rim of the jar so that the string hangs in the water.
6. Cover your experiment with a clean cloth and check on it a few times a day to watch your crystal grow!

Take notes about what you see!