



"A LIFE LIVED", 2011, 24 X 36 X 2.5 MIXED MEDIA ON PANEL, RESIN COATED

# MIKE WEBER

## HOMESTEAD

SHOW DATES

**JANUARY 19 – FEBRUARY 19**

OPENING RECEPTION

**THURSDAY**

**JANUARY 19**

**6:30 – 8:00PM**



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Mike Weber spent his childhood exploring rural farmland outside of St. Louis, Missouri. Like any inquisitive child, he was drawn to investigate the abandoned homesteads that dotted the landscape. These forgotten buildings, full of history and littered with hints of their grandiose past, left a lasting impression on the youngster. Recalling his experiences in these abandoned homes brings up mysterious childhood emotions for Weber.

“Late evenings provided the most magical experiences. The atmosphere of the home would shift as the light trickled through cracks and revealed the Victorian patterns on decaying plaster walls lined with aged wooden slats and rusted nail heads. The rays of light captured the still dust suspended in flight. Fragments of wall coverings loosened by gusts of ghostly winds would dance thru the air as if nature was setting free centuries of forgotten memories. The materials were dark, stained and rich in texture and color that had evolved, darkened and aged over centuries. This pictorial language that some would find haunting and disturbing, I found inspiring.”

