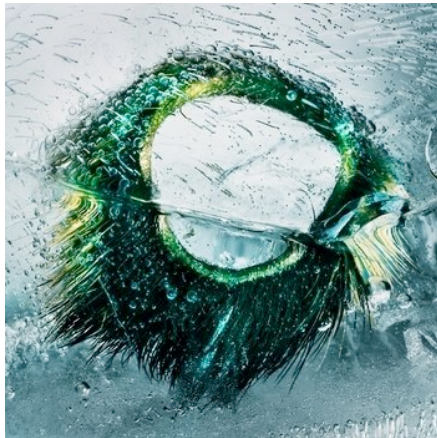
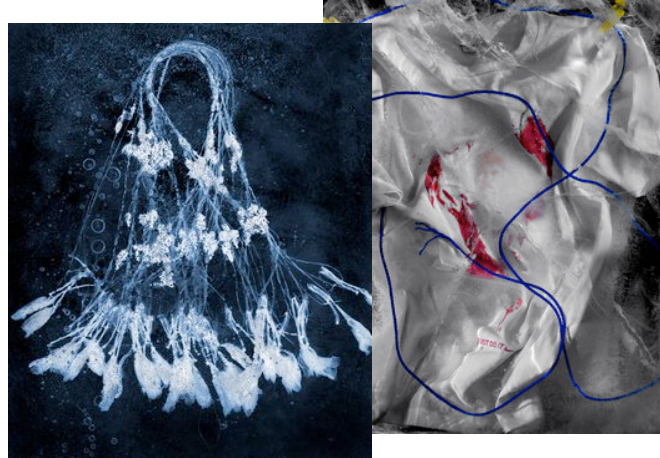


THE Swank STYLE

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THE BIG IDEA] A great alternative to your next party's ice sculpture



Today in New York's Tyler Rollins Fine Art gallery, the Manila-based photographer Tom Epperson opens his first US solo exhibition billed **12 Below**. It's a series of stunning images that involves different objects, from the legendary *pilikmata ng kambing* (you put it in the thing before you stick it...oh you know the drill, and that makes you legendary) to the iconic jolens of our childhood (toy marbles, not the Jolina doll), trapped in blocks of ice. It's both nostalgia and fear of a possible devastating future. The inspiration for the photographs was a documentary about the possibility of another Ice Age. What would happen if it were to occur in a few years? What objects would the next civilization find?

"I decided to focus my story on one family," Epperson explains in his artist's statement, "a Filipino family, and some of their most treasured belongings, most of which existed elsewhere, while some were uniquely

inherent in the Philippines." Frozen for Tom's camera include a fan old ladies bring to church (shown with rosary), a bag of daing, sampaguita flowers, the balisong, and a Pacquiao shirt.

12 Below is part of the gallery's continuing focus on Southeast Asian contemporary art. The painter Ronald Ventura will be showing his new works at Tyler Rollins in September.

Tom's frozen delights. Clockwise from top left: sampaguita lei, Pacquiao shirt and *pilikmata ng kambing*.

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THE MARCH ISSUE



THE RECOMMENDATION

**"THE FUNKY FUNNY SWISH
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*If I forgot to mention it last week, I'll put it out there right now: **Swank** is a really cool webzine. Easy to read and interesting, **Swank** is a stylish yet unpretentious read. Their blogstyle format focuses on pop culture, fashion, art, music, lifestyle, and on cool people who aren't part of the overexposed usual suspects that we see in Philippine society pages."*

--Carlos Celdran, **Walk This Way**

THE THINGS YOU SAY!

Change the way you look at magazines forever. **It's really sumptuous!** Love it. **I enjoyed going through it. Looks stylin.'** **This is really cool. How fabulous! And here I thought it was one of those "changes" that has been happening around the office. I ALMOST SHIT MY PANTS TO SEE MY FACE ON THE COVER IN YOUR FIRST ISSUE!!!!!! MY GOD. THANK YOU SOOOOO MUCH. HAHAAH TANG ENA** It's a fuckin great cover! **Been reading it since yesterday.** Very nice!!! By the way, bakit wala nang Metro Him? **Hayop sa issue not ah! Nice!** Looks really cool. **Swank is a porno mag in the states.** What