

## BLOUIN ARTINFO

### Matthew Benedict "Americana"

*Pithy Takes on Jaimie Warren, Matthew Benedict, and More*  
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Matthew Benedict, "Americana" at Alexander and Bonin, 132 Tenth Avenue, through March 9

Stepping into this exhibition recalls the experience of running across a vintage small-town pharmacy on a New England backroad, one packed with antique typewriters, mysterious trinkets, and dusty logbooks long-steeped in rural mysteries and folklore; Matthew Benedict's sculptures of objects such as a Lovecraft-inspired collection of vintage bottles strung with pendulums and a wall relief replica of a cluttered late-19th century shopkeeper's desk evoke a sense of objects once invested with histories that were both captivating and somewhat unsettling, but are now lost in a digital age.

— *Lori Fredrickson*