



Transformation at "Unfurl."

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A glimpse of the American flag can bring on a surge of national pride — or disgust. Does our banner stand for justice, or are red, white, and blue just the gang colors of a global bully? Artists debate at "**Unfurl**," an exhibition of nontraditional flags that criticize

the republic for which they stand. Coolest is Shannon Spanhake's *Transformation*, which replaces our flag's starry quadrant with containers of blue chemicals filled with white microorganisms, whose fight to survive and thrive symbolizes our country's conquest fetish. Stand up and salute at today's opening reception (or catch outdoor displays through Sept. 17) at 6 p.m. at Pond, 324 14th St. (at Valencia), S.F. Admission is free; call 437-9151 or visit www.muckety-muck.org. — **Joyce Slaton**

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