

Gail Wight

Under the Influence:

Benzedrine, Caffeine, Chloral hydrate, LSD, Marijuana, Mescaline, 2012

6 drawings (solar burn) on vellum

36 x 48 " each

Courtesy of the Artist

Each of these six solar burn “drawings” was taken from studies done in 1948 by the pharmacologist P.N. Witt, in which he dosed spiders with pharmaceuticals and then set them loose in picture frames to spin webs.

Wight transferred images of the webs onto vellum, drawing them with graphite. She then methodically burned the images into the surface using the sun and a magnifying glass.

