**Artist Statement**

Peter Pan

I have a fascination with children’s tales and their ability to teach, as well as transport the reader or viewer into another reality. For my project, I want the viewers to take a moment to look at the shadow box and rekindle their childhood. Drawing inspiration from Disney’s *Peter Pan*, small compartments contain scenes or objects from the film. I want each little scene to be a discovery of memorable objects; memorable in the sense that everyone has some type of encounter experience with the objects, as they are used to build the scene. The scenes are meant to be whimsical and fun and to take the viewer, child and adult alike, away from their troubles and back to childhood, where no one had to grow old and no problems existed.

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**The Story**

My mother has worsening Alzheimer’s, and I was just starting the project of cleaning out and sorting items in her chest of drawers, when I read the email calling for re-purposed treasures.

She doesn’t remember these items anymore, but I do. The sock darter was used regularly to extend the lifetime of our socks, and she wore screw-on