

GAIL SPAIEN

Lives in South Portland, Maine

EDUCATION

San Francisco Art Institute, M.F.A. University of Southern Maine, B.F.A.

ONE & TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2021	Still Life with Water, Nancy Margolis Gallery, online
2020	Museums of Old York, George Marshall Store Gallery, York, ME
2019	Bonsai Cottage, AD Gallery, University of North Carolina, Pembroke, NC
	Renegade Mirage, Carol Calo Gallery, Stonehill College, Easton, MA
2017	Serenade, Ogunquit Museum of American Art, Ogunquit, ME
2016	Still-Lifes and Botanicals, Coastal Maine Botanical Garden, Boothbay, ME
2014	Dozier Bell and Gail Spaien, Aucocisco Galleries, Portland, ME
2013	New Paintings, Ellen Miller Gallery, Boston, MA
2012	The World Over, Institute of Contemporary Art, Portland, ME
2010	Between: Gail Spaien and Ahmed Alsoudani, Aucocisco Galleries, Portland, ME
	In Winter, Garden, Archive Project 6, Miller Block, Boston, MA
2008	Garden Archive, Project 4, Museums of Old York, George Marshall Store Gallery, York, ME
	Garden Archive, Project 5, William Scott Gallery, Provincetown, MA
2006	New Work, Miller Block Gallery, Boston, MA
2004	Damon Lehrer and Gail Spaien, William Scott Gallery, Boston, MA
2003	Charm, Museums of Old York, George Marshall Store, York, ME
2002	Samplers and Mourning Paintings, Aucocisco Galleries, Portland, ME
2001	Domestic Time, Vanier Gallery, Tucson, AZ
2000	Counting, Colby College Museum of Art, Waterville, ME
	Art Houston: Introductions, Jack Meier Gallery, Houston, TX
1998	At the Edge of Wind, Robert Clements Fine Arts, Portland, ME
1992	New Work, Gump's Gallery, SF, CA
1991	Introductions '91, Gump's Gallery, SF, CA
1989	Visiting Artist Exhibition, Center Gallery, University of Maine, Gorham, ME
1985	Gail Spaien and Heather Wilcoxon, Diego Rivera Gallery, San Francisco Art Institute, SF, CA



SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021	NMG Summer Pop-Up, Nancy Margolis Gallery, online
2020	Mixing it Up, Maine Jewish Museum, Portland, ME
	20, Zero Station, Portland, ME
2019	Flowering: Inside/Outside, Nancy Margolis Gallery, New York, NY
	Perfection, Able Baker Contemporary, Portland, ME
	SPF 32, Ulmer Brewery, Brooklyn, NY
2017	American Genre: Contemporary Painting, Institute of Contemporary Art, ME
	The 2016 Grant Recipients, Provincetown Art Assoc. and Museum, Provincetown, MA
	Impact, Art Museum, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH
	Take Flight, Museums of Old York, George Marshall Store Gallery, York, ME
2016	Bounty, Institute of Contemporary Art, Portland, ME
2015	20 Year Anniversary Show, Museums of Old York, George Marshall Store Gallery, York, ME
2014	New Acquisitions, University of New England, Portland, ME
2011	Momentum, Museum of Old York, George Marshall Store Gallery, York, ME
2010	Collected Nature, Miller Block, Boston, MA
2009	Economies of Scale, Miller Block, Boston, MA
	Winter Salon, Denise Bibro Fine Art, New York, NY
2008	Out There: Mediated Landscape, Institute of Contemporary Art, Portland, ME
	New Natural History, Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME
2007	Biennial, Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME
	Nature/Nurture, Miller Block, Boston, MA
2006	Peaceable Kingdom, Museums of Old York, George Marshall Store Gallery, York, ME
2005	Inside/Outside, Miller Block Gallery, Boston, MA
	Pretty Sweet: The Sentimental Image in Contemporary Art, DeCordova Museum, Lincoln, MA
	Transcribing Time: Grace DeGennaro, Gail Spaien, Alice Spencer, Maine Center for Contemporary
	Art, Rockport, ME
	Momentum: PCF Advancement Grant Finalists, George Marshall Store Gallery, York, ME
	Gallery Artists, William Scott Gallery, Provincetown, MA
2002	Elements Gallery, Rockland, ME
	York Public Library, York, ME
2001	Domestic Culture, Institute of Contemporary Art, Portland, ME
	Elements Gallery, Rockland, ME
	John Beuche Gallery, Northeast Harbor, ME
	Abstraction: 22 Visions, Maine Art Gallery, Wiscasset, ME
1999	Accord III, Museums of Old York, George Marshall Store Gallery York, ME



1998	Biennial, Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME
	O'Farrell Gallery, Brunswick, ME
1997	Faculty Exhibition, Colby College Museum of Art, Waterville, ME
	Picking up the Pieces, Museums of Old York, George Marshall Store Gallery, York, ME
	3 Painters, 2 Sculptors, Between the Muse, Rockland, ME
	Summer Salon, Robert Clements Gallery, Portland, ME
1996	Skowhegan at 50: A Maine Legacy, Baxter Gallery at Portland School of Art, Portland, ME
	December International, June Fitzpatrick Gallery, Portland, ME
	Miniatures, Between the Muse, Rockland, ME
1995	Contemporary Collage, Frick Gallery, Belfast, ME
	Annual, Center for Maine Contemporary Art, Rockport, ME
1994	Visual Artists Showcase, Boston Center for the Arts, Boston, MA
1993	Solstice Tree Project, Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME
	The Unique Print, Center for Maine Contemporary Art, Rockport, ME
1992	O'Farrell Gallery, Brunswick, ME
	Small Views, Large Spaces, Turtle Gallery, Deer Isle, ME
	Claudia Chaplin Gallery, Stinson Beach, CA
1991	Seascapes, Center for Maine Contemporary Art, Rockport, ME
1990	Crocker-Kingsley Annual, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA
	Individual Artist Grant Finalist Exhibit, Marin Arts Council, Mill Valley, CA
1989	Bay Arts 89, San Mateo Arts Council, San Mateo, CA
	Natsoulas Novelozo Gallery, Davis, CA
1988	Exhibition 88, Sun Gallery, Hayward, CA
	Overview, Walter Athol McBean Gallery, SF, CA
1987	Exchange, San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, San Jose, CA
	Masters 87: SF Art Institute Graduate Exhibition, Fort Mason, SF, CA
1986	Marin Arts Council Invitational
	Woman Arts, Sausalito Bay Model, Sausalito, CA
1985	Headlands Center for the Arts, Group Exhibition, Sausalito, CA



RESIDENCIES, GRANTS, AWARDS

Varda Artist Residency, Residency Fellowship, Sausalito, CA
Lillian Orlowsky and William Freed Foundation, Grant Award
Maine Arts Commission, Project Grant Award
New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, Artist Advancement Grant
Maine Arts Commission, Visibility Grant Award
Maine Arts Commission, GIG Grant Award
Maine Arts Commission, GIG Grant Award
Djerassi Foundation Resident Artists Program, Fellowship, Woodside, CA
Crocker Art Museum, Merit Award, Sacramento, CA
Millay Colony for the Arts, Fellowship, Austerlitz, NY
Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Scholarship, SFAI
Headlands Center for the Arts, Seminar-in-residence, Sausalito, CA
Whitelands College, University of London, London, England

SELECTED PUBLIC & PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

David H. Koch Center for Cancer Care at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NY Fidelity Investments, MA

Portland Museum of Art, ME

University of Southern Maine, ME

University of New England, ME

Intuit Corporation, CA



PUBLICATIONS

Radar Poetry, editions 26 + 27, radarpoetry.com

American Genre: Contemporary Painting, catalog for the exhibition, curated by Michelle Grabner, ICA, Portland, ME, 2018

Maine Arts Journal: The UMVA Quarterly, The Wave of Creativity, Dietlind Vander Schaaf, Features and Essays, Summer 2018, online

MaineToday.com, With Two Weeks Until it Closes, American Genre Beckons Fans of Contemporary Painting, Bob Keyes, August 28, 2017

Portland Press Herald, September 18, 2016, At the Institute of Contemporary Art, an exploration of 'Bounty' in all its forms, Dan Kany

New American Painting, Northeast issue 116, Juror: Michelle Grabner

Two Coats of Paint, Snap: A Visit to Maine College of Art, November 2014

Maine Home and Design Magazine, Annual Art Issue, 2014

Boston Globe, Gail Spaien, New Paintings, Cate McQuaid, March 20, 2013

Boston Globe, Critics Pick, March 13, 2013

Portland Phoenix, Serious Thoughts in a Frivolous Season, Nicholas Schroeder, November 7, 2012

Down East Magazine, Feature: Maine Art In Season, Edgar Allen Beem, May 2011

Art New England, Reviews, Gail Spaien and Ahmed Alsoudani at Aucocisco Galleries, Carl Little, Nov/Dec 2010

Portland Phoenix, In Grave Detail: Light and Heavy Connections "Between" Two Artists, Nicholas Schroeder, November 19-25, 2010

Maine Sunday Telegram, After Making it Big, MECA Grad Returns to Artistic Roots, Bob Keyes, October 31, 2010

Fosters Daily Democrat, Local Artist Wins Grant for her Unique Work, J. Claffery, October 4, 2010

Portsmouth Press Herald, Artist Wins \$25,000 Grant to Build Studio, Jeanne Mccartin, October 2, 2010

Boston Globe, Winter's Weight and What Lies Below, Cate McQuaid, February 17, 2010

Maine Home and Design, Canvas, Suzette McAvoy, May 2009

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Maine Home and Design, Canvas, Suzette McAvoy, May 2009

Portland Phoenix, Seeking Relevance, Ken Greenleaf, December 3, 2008

Yankee Magazine.com/blogs, Out There, Edgar Allen Beam, November 2008

Mixed Media/Maine Today.com, Natural Instincts, Jamie Thompson, October 5, 2008

Accent Magazine, Modern Art Meets Natural History, Jamie Thompson, March/April 2008

American Artist, Quick Sketches, April 2007

Art New England, Sentimental Journey: Time and Memory in Pink and Gray, Susan Boulanger, June/July 2005

The Wire, Profile, Rebecca Cox, May 2004

Art New England, Review, Maine Charm: Paintings by Gail Spaien, Mary Behrens, October-November 2003

Portsmouth Herald, Profile: Charm, Waterworks, Jeanne McCartin, July 1, 2003

Maine Sunday Telegram, Doisneau offers a lot to like with one lingering question, Philip Isaacson, February 17, 2002

Maine Times, Vol. 33 No. 40, Those Who Can Teach, Edgar Allen Beem, February 15, 2001

New American Painting, Volume 20, February 1999

Channel 13 TV, One of 5 featured artists, Nov. 15, 1998, Portland Museum of Art Biennial Exhibition, WGME-TV video production

Maine Times, Metaphysics Made Manifest, A Surprising Turn in Portland's Ambitious Biennial, Edgar Allen Beem, November 19, 1998

Sun Journal, The Art Biennial, Pat Davidison Reef, November 20, 1998

Maine Sunday Telegram, At Maine College of Art, Faculty Boldly Shows its Stuff, Philip Isaacson, January 25, 1998

Maine Sunday Telegram, Frick Exhibit's an Elegant Mix of Collages, Assemblages, Philip Isaacson, August 13, 1995

Maine Sunday Telegram, Maine Coast's 15th Annual Juried Show Strongest in Years, Philip Isaacson, June 13, 1993

The Sacramento Bee, Works of Content, Victoria Dalkey, April 22, 1990

San Jose Mercury News, San Francisco Art Institute/San Jose University Exchange: Part two, Dorothy Burkhart September 4, 1987

The Pacific Sun, The Arts Review, Jack Van der Meulen, May 3-9, 1985