

Gail Spaien

RESIDENCIES, GRANTS, AWARDS

- 2024 **Ucross Foundation**, Residency Award, Claremont, WY
Seligmann House at the Tides Institute, mini-residency, arranged by Tessa Green O'Brien, Addison, ME
- 2021 **The Hopper Prize**, Finalist, hopperprize.org
- 2020 **Varda Artist Residency**, Residency Award, Ferryboat Vallejo, Sausalito, CA
- 2016 **Lillian Orlowsky and William Freed Foundation**, Grant Award
Maine Arts Commission, Project Grant Award
- 2010 **New Hampshire Charitable Foundation**, Artist Advancement Grant
Maine Arts Commission, Visibility Grant Award
- 2006 **Maine Arts Commission**, GIG Grant Award
- 2004 **Maine Arts Commission**, GIG Grant Award
- 1996 **Djerassi Foundation Resident Artists Program**, Residency Award, Woodside, CA
- 1990 **Crocker Art Museum**, Merit Award, Sacramento, CA
- 1988 **Millay Colony for the Arts**, Residency Award, Austerlitz, NY
- 1986 **Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture**, Scholarship, SFAI
- 1985 **Headlands Center for the Arts**, Seminar-in-residence, Sausalito, CA

ONE AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *Upcoming: Hummingbirds in the Quince Tree*, **Ellen Miller Gallery**, Boston, MA
- 2025 *Arranging Flowers*, **Taymour Grahne Projects**, Dubai, UAE
Observed and Imagined, **Mrs.**, organized by Hilary Schaffner, Queens, NY
- 2024 NADA Miami, **Hilary Schaffner**, Independent Curator, Portland, ME
Light In Every Room: Lynne Drexler and Gail Spaien, **Moss Gallery**, Portland, ME
Gail Spaien: New Paintings, **Nancy Margolis Gallery**, New York, Online Viewing Room
- 2023 *Gail Spaien and Heather Wilcoxon*, **studio e gallery**, Seattle, WA
A Painting is a Place, **Taymour Grahne Projects**, London, England
- 2022 *Before the taking of a toast and tea*, **Nancy Margolis Gallery**, New York, Online Viewing Room
- 2021 *Still Life with Water*, **Nancy Margolis Gallery**, New York, Online Viewing Room
- 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, Maine, (Curator: Daniel Fuller, catalog)
- 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

- 2026 *A Look at ME: Paintings from Maine*, **Taymour Grahne Projects**, online, London/Dubai, UAE
Seattle Art Fair, **studio e gallery**, Seattle, WA
- 2025 *Flock*, **Moss Gallery**, Falmouth, ME
Through the Looking Glass, **studio e gallery**, Seattle, WA
2025 Biennial, **Center for Maine Contemporary Art**, Rockland, ME
Interiors, **Berggruen Gallery**, San Francisco, CA
Staying In, **1969 Gallery**, curated by Michael Yuan, Tribeca, NY

- 2024 *Artsy Foundations, Art Fair, Taymour Grahne Projects*, online
Interior World/Domestic Space, Taymour Grahne Projects, online, London, UK
Contemporary Domesticities, Taymour Grahne Projects, Cromwell Place, London, UK
- 2023 *Art and Ekphrastic Poetry, Page Gallery*, Camden, ME
Interiors, Page Gallery, Camden, ME
- 2022 *The More the Merrier, Grant Walquist Gallery*, Portland, ME
Interior, Center for Maine Contemporary Art, Curated by R. Romanski and T. Peterson, Rockland, ME
Activated Spaces, Nancy Margolis Gallery Pop-up show, Alice Gauvin Gallery, Portland, ME
- 2021 *In Here, studio e gallery*, Seattle, WA
Mixing it Up, Maine Jewish Museum, Portland, ME
Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan School Artists, Maine Jewish Museum, Portland,
- 2020 *20, Zero Station*, Portland, ME
Pam Brown, Gail Spaien, Julia Zanes, Michael Stasiuck, George Marshall Store Gallery, York, ME
- 2019 *Flowering Inside/Outside, Nancy Margolis Gallery*, NY
- 2019 *Perfection, Able Baker Contemporary*, Portland, ME (Curator, Hilary Irons)
SPF 32, Ulmer Brewery, Brooklyn, NY (Curator, Madeline Mermall)
- 2017 *American Genre: Contemporary Painting, Institute of Contemporary Art*, ME (Curator: Michelle Grabner, catalog)
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 (Curator: Sage Lewis)
- 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, Museums of Old York, George Marshall Store Gallery*, York, ME
- 2010 *Collected Nature, Miller Block*, Boston, MA
- 2009 *Winter Salon, Denise Bibro Fine Art*, New York, NY
- 2008 *Out There: Mediated Landscape, Institute of Contemporary Art*, Portland, ME (Curator: Lauren Fensterstock)
New Natural History, Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME
- 2007 *Biennial, Portland Museum of Art*, Portland, ME
Nature/Nurture, Miller Block Gallery, 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 (Curator: Nick Capasso)
- 2005 *Transcribing Time: Grace DeGennaro, Gail Spaien, Alice Spencer, Maine Center for Contemporary Art*
- 2001 *Domestic Culture, Institute of Contemporary Art*, Portland, ME (Curator: Mark Bessire, catalog)
- 1999 *Accord III, Museums of Old York, George Marshall Store Gallery* York, ME
- 1998 *Biennial, Portland Museum of Art*, Portland, 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
- 1996 *Skowhegan at 50: A Maine Legacy, Baxter Gallery at Portland School of Art*, Portland, ME
- 1995 *Contemporary Collage, Frick Gallery*, Belfast, ME
- 1994 *Visual Artists Showcase, Boston Center for the Arts*, Boston, MA
- 1993 *Solstice Tree Project, Portland Museum of Art*, Portland, ME
- 1992 *O'Farrell Gallery*, Brunswick, 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
- 1987 *Exchange, San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art*, San Jose, CA
- 1985 *Headlands Center for the Arts*, Group Exhibition, Sausalito, CA

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Contemporary Identities, International Art Magazine, Issue 28, December 2025

MAAKE MAGAZINE #17, 2025, Emily Carol Burns, Curatorial Director, October 2025

AD Middle East, October 30, 2025, *Art and Auction, Taymour Grahne Projects Finds a New Home in Dubai*, Maghie Ghali

ArtAsiaPacific, April 25, 2025, *Weekly News Roundup*; <https://artasiapacific.com/news/weekly-news-roundup-april-25-2025>

EFlux Agenda, April 10, 2025, *Opening Space in Dubai in September 2025*, Taymour Grahne Projects
Fused Magazine, April 9, 2025, *Taymour Grahne Gallery Dubai: A Fresh Chapter in Creative Travel, Art, News*, By Fused
Canvas Online, April 9, 2025, *Taymour Grahne Projects to Open Dubai Location*, Canvas Staff
Artsy News, April 9, 2025, *Taymour Grahne Projects announces launch of new space in Dubai*, Maxwell Rabb
Art News, April 8, 2025, *Taymour Grahne Projects to Open New Gallery in Dubai This Septmeber*, Daniel Cassidy
Queens Chronicle, January 22, 2025, *Duel exhibits examine nature in dueling ways*, Marlee Wollman
Decor Maine, Issue No. 6, 2024, *A Painting is a Place*, Interview by Suzette McAvoy
Portland Press Herald, Collect Nov 8, 2024, *Think you know these Maine artists? See how they evolved*, Jorge S. Arango
Penta, Collect July 25, 2024, *Artsy CEO Jeffrey Yin Is a 'Patron' Who Gravitates to Emerging Artists*, Abby Shultz
The Ekphrastic Review, June 5, 2024, <https://www.ekphrastic.net/the-ekphrastic-review/instead-of-war-by-amy-ralston-seife>
Harpers Magazine, December 2022, <https://harpers.org/archive/2022/12/new-books-december-2022/>
Maine Sunday Telegram, November 13, 2022, Review: *Each of four fall shows worth a visit...*, Jorge S. Arango
Portland Press Herald, August 28, 2022, Review: *Painters go to different depths in Portland*, Rockland shows, Jorge S. Arango
Crosscut, *The Seattle Deconstructed Art Fair returns for a second year*, Margo Vansynghe, August 2, 2021
Art New England, May/June 2021, Review: *Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan School Artists*, Carl Little
Portland Press Herald, May 23, 2021, Art Review: *Skowhegan School's Influence, Adventurousness on Display*, Jorge S. Arango
Portland Phoenix, May 19, 2021, Review: *Art Seen: Skowhegan School at the Maine Jewish Museum*, Edgar Allen Beem
Maine Arts Journal: The UMVA Quarterly, Spring 2021 *Gail Spaien: Anchoring and Suspension and Gravity and Light*, Carl Little
Portland Press Herald, February 2021, Review: *Maine Jewish Museum reopens with exemplars of art and craft*, Jorge S. Arango
Fosters Daily Democrat, Sept. 17, 2020, *A Trio of exhibits at George Marshall Store Gallery*
Radar Poetry, editions 26 +27, radarpoetry.com
Maine Arts Journal: The UMVA Quarterly, Summer 2019 *Maine in the Abstract*, Edgar Allen Beem
Flaunt Magazine, June 14, 2019, *Apply Liberally*, Tyler Mazaheri <https://archive.flaunt.com/content/spf-32>
Portland Press Herald, Feb. 18, 2019, Art Review: *Skillfully curated, Able Baker exhibition explores 'Perfection'*, Dan Kany
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
MaineToday.com, Aug 28, 2017, *With Two Weeks Until it Closes, American GenreFans of Contemporary Painting*, Bob Keyes
Portland Press Herald, Sept 18, 2016, *At the Institute of Contemporary Art, and exploration of 'Bounty' in all it's forms*, Dan Kany
Maine Arts Journal: The UMVA Quarterly, *In Defense of Painting*, Spring 2015
New American Painting, Northeast issue 116, Juror, Michelle Grabner
Two Coats of Paint, *Snap: A Visit to Maine College of Art*, November 2014
Boston Globe, March 20, 2013, *Gail Spaien, New Paintings*, Cate McQuaid
Boston Globe, March 13, 2013, *Critics Pick*
Portland Phoenix, Nov. 7, 2012, *Serious Thoughts in a Frivolous Season*, Nicholas Schroeder
Art New England, Nov/Dec 2010, Reviews, *Gail Spaien and Ahmed Alsoudani at Aucocisco Galleries*, Carl Little
Portsmouth Press Herald, Oct. 2, 2010, *Artist Wins \$25,000 Grant to Build Studio*, Jeanne McCartin
Boston Globe, February 17, 2010, *Winter's Weight and What Lies Below*, Cate McQuaid
Yankee Magazine.com/blogs, Nov. 2008, *Out There*, Edgar Allen Beam
Accent Magazine, March/April 2008, *Modern Art Meets Natural History*, Jamie Thompson
Wicked Local, Aug. 12, 2008, *Flora and facades make up art exhibit*, <https://www.wickedlocal.com/story/archive/2008/08/12/flora-facades-make-up-art/39632001007/>
Art New England, June/July 2005, *Sentimental Journey: Time and Memory in Pink and Gray*, Susan Boulanger
Arts Editor, March 4, 2005, *Plastic Refuge reviewing the exhibit Pretty Sweet*, <https://artseditor.com/site/plastic-refuge/>
Big Red and Shiny, February 14, 2005, *Guilty Pleasures*, Charles Giuliano, <https://bigredandshiny.org/7215/guilty-pleasures/>
Art New England, October - November 2003, Review, *Maine Charm: Paintings by Gail Spaien*, Mary Behrens
Portsmouth Herald, July 1, 2003, Profile: *Charm, Waterworks*, Jeanne McCartin
New American Painting, Volume 20, February 1999
Maine Times, Nov. 19, 1998, *Metaphysics Made Manifest, A Surprising Turn in Portland's Ambitious Biennial*, Edgar Allen Beem
Sun Journal, November 20, 1998, *The Art Biennial*, Pat Davidson Reef
Maine Sunday Telegram, January 25, 1998, *At Maine College of Art, Faculty Boldly Shows its Stuff*, Philip Isaacson
Maine Sunday Telegram, August 13, 1995, *Frick Exhibit's an Elegant Mix of Collages, Assemblages*, Philip Isaacson
Maine Sunday Telegram, June 13, 1993, *Maine Coast's 15th Annual Juried Show Strongest in Years*, Philip Isaacson
The Sacramento Bee, April 22, 1990, *Works of Content*, Victoria Dalkey
San Jose Mercury News, Sept. 4, 1987, *San Francisco Art Institute/San Jose University Exchange: Part two*, Dorothy Burkhart
The Pacific Sun, May 3-9 1985, *The Arts Review*, Jack Van der Meulen

INTERVIEWS, VIDEOS, VIRTUAL ARTIST TALKS

2026 **Maake Magazine**, Interview, Issue 17

2025 **I Like Your Work, Conversations with Artists**, Erika b. Hess, November

- 2024 **I Like Your Work, Studio Visit**, Artist Talk, October
I Like Your Work Studio Visit, Interview, July
Yale University Radio, Museum of Non-visible Art, July, Brainard Carey
Taymour Grahne Projects, April 8, <https://www.tiktok.com/@taymourgrahneprojects/video/7355598904324410656>
- 2023 **Full Circle: Gail Spaien and Heather Wilcoxon at studio e**, <https://studioegallery.net/Gail-Spaen-Heather-Wilcoxon>
- 2022 **Nancy Margolis Gallery**, December 3, <https://www.nancymargolisgallery.com/news/spaien-zoom-talk-2022>
- 2021 **Nancy Margolis Gallery**, June 21, <https://www.nancymargolisgallery.com/news/zoom-talk-meet-the-artists>
Hopper Prize: Interview <https://hopperprize.org/gail-spaien-interview/>
Nancy Margolis Gallery, February 16, <https://www.nancymargolisgallery.com/news/zoom-artist-talk-gail-spaien>
- 2004 **The Wire**, May 2004, *Profile*, Rebecca Cox
- 1998 **Channel 13 TV**, One of 5 featured artists, Nov. 15, 1998, Portland Museum of Art Biennial Exhibition, WGME-TV video
- 1982 **Internet Archive**, SF, https://archive.org/details/csfpal_000239, Artery, Nov. 2, 1982, **Antenna Theater**; minute 1:05

SELECTED PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Del Arco Collection, Barcelona, Spain
OZ Art NWA, Bentonville, AK
Kellie and Jeff Hepper Collection, Houston, TX
Elie Khouri Collection, Dubai, UAE
Memorial Sloane Kettering Cancer Center, NY
Fidelity Investments, MA
Portland Museum of Art, ME
University of New England, ME
Intuit Corporation, CA
Michael Baumann Collection, ME/MA
University of Southern Maine, ME

SELECTED ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- 2016 – 2022 **Maine College of Art and Design**, Professor, Core Faculty, MFA Program, Portland, ME
- 2012 – 2016 **Maine College of Art**, Chair, MFA Program, Portland, ME
- 2009 – 2012 **Maine College of Art**, Chair, Painting Program, Portland, ME
- 2011 – 2012 **Maine College of Art**, Curriculum Coordinator
- 1997 – 2000 **Colby College**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Art Dept., Waterville, ME
- 1996 – 2008 **Maine College of Art**, Adjunct Faculty / Assistant Professor, Painting and Foundation Program, Portland, ME
- 1991 - 1996 **Maine College of Art**, Continuing Studies, Early College and Adjunct Faculty, Portland, ME
- 1985 – 1987 **San Francisco Art Institute**, Student Representative to the Board of Directors, SF, CA
- 1985 – 1987 **San Francisco Art Institute**, Alumni Organization, SF, CA
- 1985 – 1987 **San Francisco Art Institute**, Teaching Assistant, Barbara Rogers, SF, CA

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2026 **Maine College of Art and Design**, Visiting Artist, Summer, MFA Program, Portland, ME
- 2022 **Maharishi International University**, Low Residency MFA, studio advisor
- 2019 **Stonehill College**, Art Department, Visiting Artist, Easton, MA
University of North Carolina, Art Department, Visiting Artist, Pembroke, NC
- 2018 **Maharishi International University**, Art Department, Visiting Artist, Fairfield, IA
- 2017 **On Genre: A Painting Symposium**, Coordinator, *American Genre: Contemporary Painting*, Portland, ME
Bowdoin College, Guest Critic, Speed Crit, Brunswick, ME
- 2016 **Maine Botanical Garden**, Lecture, *The Flower in Art, Meaning and Metaphor*, Boothbay, ME
Oberlin College Art Department, Visiting Artist, Oberlin, OH
- 2010 **A Garden Grows in the Museum**, public project for the *Objects of Wonder* Exhibition, Portland Museum, ME
Nomination: New England Art Award, *New England Journal of Aesthetic Research*, Boston, MA
Nomination: Spotlight Award, Portsmouth, New Hampshire
- 2009 **Portland Museum of Art**, *A Garden Grows in the Museum*, public collaboration, great hall installation
- 2006 **Maine Masters Series**, panel discussant w/ Carl Little, Portland Museum of Art
- 2002 **Maine Women in the Arts**, museum talk, Colby College Museum Waterville, ME
- 2001 **Teaching and Art Making**, panel discussant, First Thursdays, Portland, ME
- 2000 **Drawing on Ritual**, panel discussant, Institute of Contemporary Art, Portland
- 1998 **Is Feminism Still Relevant?** moderator, panel discussion, Maine College of Art
- 1996 - 98 **Visiting Artist Lecture Series**, Maine College of Art, coordinator
- 1996 **Haystack School of Arts and Crafts**, visiting artist, Maine Art Educator program, Deer Isle, ME

- 1995 **Maine Touring Artists Program**, Maine Arts Commission
 DeCordova Museum School, Visiting faculty, Lincoln, MA
- 1989 **U. of Southern Maine**, Visiting Artist, Painting Dept. Gorham, ME
- 1988 **Youth in Arts Program**, Marin Arts Council, San Rafael, CA
 Nightfire Theater, Production Artist for installation of *Santa Dog*, Hanson Gallery, Sausalito, CA
- 1980-83 **Antenna Theater**, Production Artist for theatrical/installation works by Chris Hardman including *Vacuum*,
 Moving Sculptures and *Artery*, Sausalito, CA
 Frank Lloyd Wright: In the Realm of Ideas, Exhibition Admin. Assist for Susan Davis Frank, Marin County Civic Center, CA
 The Well, A project of the *Whole Earth Catalog*, Admin. Assist for Susan Davis Frank, Sausalito, CA
 Masque-Arrayed, Studio assistant for artist Annie Hallatt, Sausalito, CA
 Galilee Harbor Community Association, Internal Coordinator, Sausalito, CA
- 1978 **Shoestring Theater**, production artist for parades, puppet shows, and workshops including
 mask-making and murals, Portland, ME

Education

- MFA **San Francisco Art Institute**, San Francisco, CA
BFA **University of Southern Maine**, Gorham, ME
- B. 1958 Hartford, CT