

Babette C. Wheelden

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ARTIST STATEMENT

I believe in artists inspiring artists. I incorporate learning with my artistic practice. My work is cyclical, it is born out of a combination of my education, experiences and those I educate. This allows for my perspectives as an artist to grow and expand while fusing traditional and contemporary. My art is about identity, perspective, and some subtle humor.

Born in Minnesota, educated outside of Chicago, my life moved east to New England in the late 1990's. Since moving to New England I am drawn to the landscape and environment. My work is primarily painting and photography but I also create wearable art inspired by the same muse, my view. As a self-diagnosed AO (Aesthetically Obsessed) I am intentionally finding myself in beautiful and inspiring locations. With this I create...

GALLERY REPRESENTATION

Helen Thomas, 2 Main Street, Andover, Massachusetts, 01810
Newburyport Art Association, Newburyport, MA 01950

SELECT EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 The Human Portrait, Photo Artfolio, Boston, MA
- 2026 Big Works Shared Spaces, Gallery at Trades Mill, Amesbury, MA
- 2026 Field Notes: Art and Science, Newburyport Art Association, Newburyport, MA
- 2026 Line Work, Newburyport Art Association, Newburyport, MA
- 2025 Hometown Stories, Newburyport Art Association, Newburyport, MA
- 2025 Abstracts, Newburyport Art Association, Newburyport, MA
- 2025. Landscapes, Real or Imagined, Rhode Island Center for Photographic Art, Providence, RI
- 2025 Public Places, Private Spaces, Loading Dock Gallery, Lowell MA
- 2025 Cancer - 2025, Gallerium/Artsy.net juried, Ontario, Canada
- 2025 Colorium, Gallerium/Artsy.net juried, Ontario, Canada
- 2025 Palette to Palate, Group Show 2025, Helen Thomas, Andover, MA
- 2025 Food Story, The Book of Arts, Biafarin, Vancouver, Canada
- 2025 The Sound of Silence, Cultural Center of Cape Cod
- 2025 Emotions, Gallerium/Artsy.net juried
- 2025 Elysium, Hope, Memory, and Meaning, Gallerium/Artsy.net juried
- 2025 Heat and Light, Photo Artfolio, Boston, MA

2025	Shadowsapes, Photo Artfolio, Boston, MA
2024	White and Texture, Cultural Center of Cape Cod
2024	30th Annual Juried Members' Exhibition, Griffin Museum of Photography
2024	30th Annual 2024, Variations, Marblehead Art Assoc, Marblehead, MA
2024	Memory in Moment, Photo Artfolio, Boston, MA
2023	Unexpected #20, Charles Fine Arts, Gloucester, MA
2023	HOPE, Bowers Gallery, Center for the Arts, Brooks School, MA
2023	True Beauty, Exhibizone, Biafarin Online Exhibition
2022	28th Annual Juried Members' Exhibition, Griffin Museum of Photography
2022	Reflection, NAEA Member Juried Exhibition, virtual gallery
2022	Inspired Views, Montserrat Gallery, Beverly, MA
2022	Dove il Massigatore, Robert Lehman Gallery, North Andover, MA
2020	Faculty Show, Brooks School, North Andover, MA
2019	Holiday Show, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME
2018	PLAY, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME
2017	Italia, Gruss-Bard Gallery, Kents Hill, ME

SELECTED AWARDS

Scholastic Art Awards, Teacher of Excellence, 2015, 2022, 2023, 2025

Ruth and Waldo Holcombe Chair, Brooks School, 2022

Faculty Service Award, Kents Hill School, 2014 and 2017

[Admission Quest Schools with Coolest Class](#), 2014

Byron Smith Capstone Award, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 1993

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Robert Lehman Art Center, Brooks School, North Andover, Massachusetts

Kents Hill School, Kents Hill, Maine

George H. Bass Center for the Arts, Maine

Gail and Jay Rowe, Winthrop, Maine

Linda and Robert Ray, Manchester, Maine

Walter and Luke Wiacek, Winthrop, Maine

School of the Art Institute, Chicago, Illinois

EDUCATION

PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY, Plymouth, New Hampshire, M. ED., Integrated Arts
SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO, Chicago, Illinois, Graduated Studies,
public sculpture

BARAT COLLEGE, Lake Forest, Illinois, B.F.A., Ceramic Sculpture and Art History, Byron
Smith Capstone Fellowship Award

COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

President Elect and Board of Directors, Art Association of New England Prep Schools , 2024 to Present

Juror, Newburyport Art Association, 2025

Educators Advisory Board Member, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts, 2015 to Present

Events Chair, Cobbosseecontee Lake Association, 2023 to Present

Member of Kennebec Valley Art Association, Hallowell, Maine, 2010 to Present

Vice President- Board of Directors, Children's Discovery Museum, Augusta, Maine 2005 to 2010

Vice President- South Carolina Early Childhood Association, 1995 to 1997

PUBLICATION

A lesson on the art and science of observation in partnership with Colby Museum of Art, Kents Hill School and Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency, p. 16-17

[The Edith O'Donnell Institute of Art History, University of Texas 2018 Art Museums and Medical School Partnership Programs resources](#)

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

As an educator and lead learner, my goal is to build and be a part of an inclusive culture encouraging, supporting, and celebrating diverse voices. Uniqueness fuels our creativity and connects us as artists and as a community.