

The Dust on Butterflies' Wings  
*A Pastel Invitational*





Jerald Melberg Gallery is pleased to present a new invitational exhibition of artists from across the United States who are known for their mastery in pastel. The title of the exhibition comes from a well-known quote by Wolf Kahn that resonates with pastels artists and admirers alike: *Pastel is the dust on butterflies' wings*. This velvety medium is capable of remarkable diversity if directed by a proficient artist, one who can capture its opposing realms of delicacy and power. As a group, these artists capture the softness of landscapes and grit of the city as well as crisp detail of figuration and the emotion and immediacy of abstraction.

An objective of this pastel invitational is to investigate this duality through the work of fifteen artists using pastel in the 20th and 21st century. Included are perhaps the two greatest living pastel artists in America, Wayne Thiebaud and Wolf Kahn. In addition to artists represented by the gallery, such as Charles Basham and Esteban Vicente, we are pleased to introduce the work of artists new to the gallery, including Joyce Stillman-myers, Jack Whitten, Margaret Bowland and Jimmy Wright. We also welcome the opportunity to once again showcase Janet Fish, Robert Peterson and Yvonne Jacquette.

Left:  
Janet Monafó  
**GUMDROP** 2011  
Pastel on Paper  
10 x 6 inches

Cover:  
Charles Basham  
**MT PISGAH (STUDY)** 2016  
Pastel on Paper  
9 x 11 3/4 inches

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## Charles Basham



Charles Basham  
**PARKWAY CURVE** 2016  
Pastel on Paper  
8 1/2 x 18 inches



Charles Basham  
**GROWING WARMER** 2005  
Pastel on Paper  
26 x 41 inches



Charles Basham  
**HILLSIDE PASTURE (FOGGED IN)** 2016  
Pastel on Paper  
19 1/2 x 30 inches

# Margaret Bowland



Margaret Bowland  
**SOMEONE TO WATCH  
OVER ME** 2011  
Pastel on Paper  
56 x 68 inches

## William Partridge Burpee (1846-1940)



William Partridge Burpee (1846-1940)  
**TWO MASTS**  
Pastel on Paper  
9 x 10 1/2 inches





William Partridge Burpee (1846-1940)  
**SHIP HEAD ON**  
Pastel on Paper  
14 x 10 1/2 inches



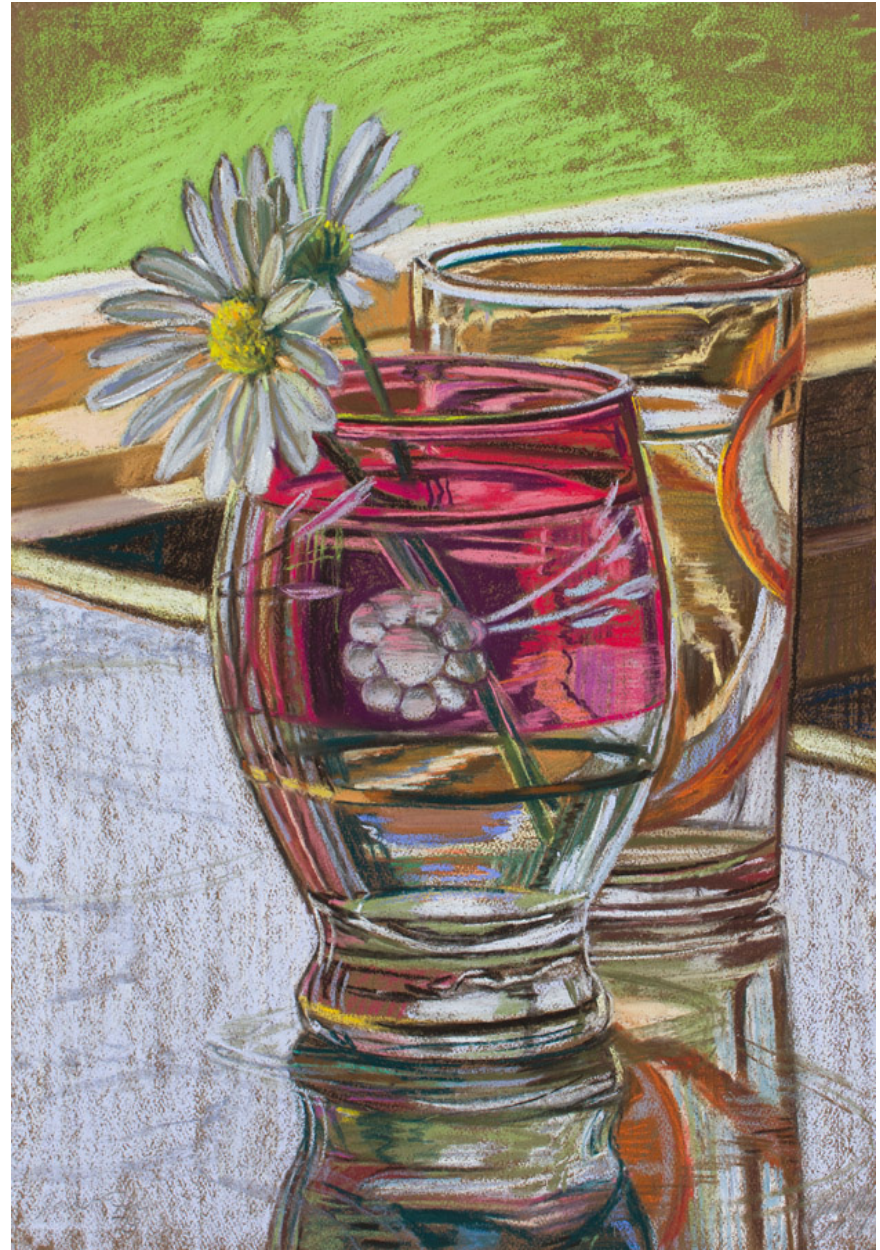
William Partridge Burpee (1846-1940)  
**ANCHORED SHIP**  
Pastel on Paper  
9 1/4 x 10 1/8 inches

## Raul Diaz



Raul Diaz  
**LA BAHIA: LA PESCA ATARDECER** 2013  
Pastel and Mixed Media on Paper Mounted on Wood Panel  
51 1/4 x 68 1/2 inches

Janet Fish



Janet Fish  
**DAISIES** 1973  
Pastel on Paper  
22 1/4 x 15 3/4 inches

## Susan Grossman



Susan Grossman  
**BASS LAKE, BLOWING ROCK** 2017  
Charcoal and Pastel on Paper Mounted on Board  
19 3/4 x 26 1/2 inches



Susan Grossman  
**BASS LAKE II, BLOWING ROCK** 2017  
Charcoal and Pastel on Paper Mounted on Board  
20 1/2 x 25 3/4 inches

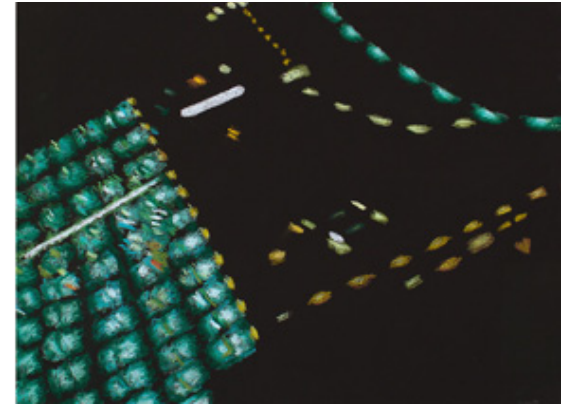


Susan Grossman  
**FROM THE BLUE RIDGE, BLOWING ROCK** 2017  
Charcoal and Pastel on Paper Mounted on Board  
21 1/4 x 26 1/4 inches

# Yvonne Jacquette



Yvonne Jacquette  
GILSEY HOUSE AND BROADWAY BUILDINGS I 2009  
Pastel on Paper  
17 1/2 x 28 1/4 inches



Yvonne Jacquette  
**ABOVE AUGUSTA, FROM HELICOPTER I** 2006  
Pastel on Paper  
22 1/2 x 29 3/4 inches (each)  
26 1/2 x 106 inches (overall)

## Wolf Kahn



Wolf Kahn  
**MORNING BARN** 1980  
Pastel on Paper  
17 5/8 x 24 inches





Wolf Kahn  
**UNDER A PALE BLUE SKY** 2014  
Pastel on Paper  
15 x 20 inches



Wolf Kahn  
**PURPLE SLOPE** 2005  
Pastel on Paper  
7 x 9 3/4 inches



Wolf Kahn  
**WINDBREAK** 1996  
Pastel on Paper  
6 x 8 inches



Wolf Kahn  
**RED UPHILL** 2002  
Pastel on Paper  
12 x 18 inches



Wolf Kahn  
**DARK RED HORIZON II** 2016  
Pastel on Paper  
9 x 11 1/2 inches



Wolf Kahn  
**PALE PINK SKY** 2016  
Pastel on Paper  
12 3/4 x 15 1/2 inches

# Janet Monafo



Janet Monafo  
**WHITE STACK** 2005  
Pastel on Paper  
50 x 41 inches



Janet Monafó  
**COPPER CLUSTER** 2008  
Pastel on Paper  
37 x 49 inches



Janet Monafo  
**PILE WITH DIPPERS** 2003  
Pastel on Paper  
21 3/4 x 20 3/4 inches





Janet Monafo  
**GOURD ON GOLD** 2003  
Pastel on Paper  
29 x 22 inches

## Robert Peterson



Robert Peterson (1943-2011)  
**RED APPLES WITH PLASTIC SACK** 2004  
Pastel on Paper  
31 1/2 x 47 1/2 inches



Robert Peterson (1943-2011)  
**FOUR CHERRIES** 1998  
Pastel on Paper  
26 3/4 x 19 1/2 inches



Robert Peterson (1943-2011)  
**THREE RED DELICIOUS APPLES** 1994  
Pastel on Paper  
19 1/4 x 26 1/2 inches

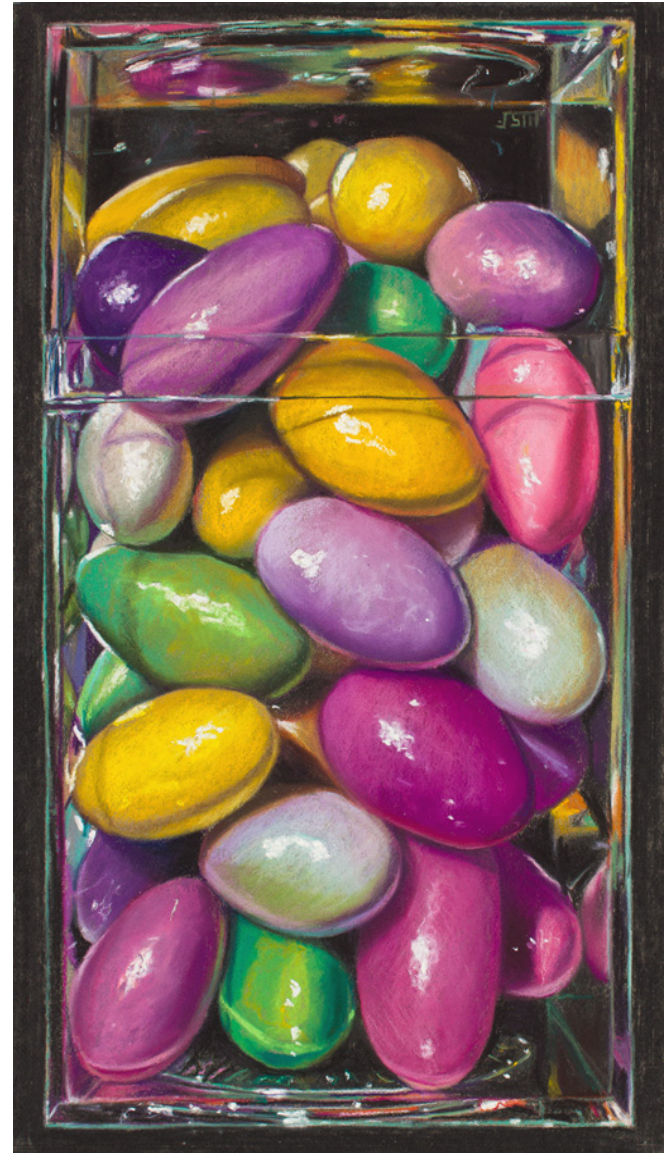
Joyce Stillman-myers



Joyce Stillman-myers  
**SWEET BABY SINK**  
Pastel on Paper  
16 1/4 x 18 3/4 inches



Joyce Stillman-myers  
**CUT ROCKS I**  
Pastel on Paper  
21 1/2 x 12 1/2 inches



Joyce Stillman-myers  
**JORDAN ALMONDS** 1981  
Pastel on Paper  
21 1/4 x 11 3/4 inches



Joyce Stillman-Myers  
**UNTITLED** 1991  
Pastel on Paper  
23 1/2 x 13 1/2 inches



Joyce Stillman-myers  
**UNTITLED** 1991  
Pastel on Paper  
16 x 24 1/4 inches

## Wayne Thiebaud



Wayne Thiebaud  
**RED HAired GIRL** 1980  
Pastel on Board  
14 3/4 x 9 inches





Wayne Thiebaud  
**STUDY FOR COLOMA RIDGE** 1967  
Watercolor and Pastel on Paper  
10 x 8 1/4 inches



Wayne Thiebaud  
**PEAR AND STRAWBERRY** 1984  
Pastel on Paper  
5 5/8 x 5 inches

## Esteban Vicente



Esteban Vicente (1903-2001)  
**UNTITLED** 1996  
Pastel on Paper  
22 x 30 inches



Esteban Vicente (1903-2001)  
**UNTITLED** 1988  
Collage with Charcoal and Pastel on Paper  
19 1/2 x 22 3/4 inches

# Jack Whitten



Jack Whitten  
**UNTITLED** 1969  
Pastel on Paper  
20 x 26 inches



Jack Whitten  
**UNTITLED** 1969  
Pastel on Paper  
20 x 26 inches



Jack Whitten  
**UNTITLED** 1969  
Pastel on Paper  
20 x 26 inches

# Jimmy Wright



Jimmy Wright  
**SUNFLOWER ON CRIMSON NO. 1** 2008  
Pastel on Paper  
29 x 22 1/2 inches





Jimmy Wright  
**BLACK LEAF** 2005  
Pastel on Paper  
29 1/2 x 22 1/2 inches



Jimmy Wright  
**SUNFLOWER WITH BLUE PETALS** 2010  
Pastel on Paper  
21 x 13 inches

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Wolf Kahn



Sticks of pastel in Wolf Kahn's studio, NYC

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