

GALLERY FLASHPOINTS

News from the Gallery Scene

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Maine

SPACE, a Portland-based arts nonprofit, is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. As part of the continued celebrations, **SPACE** is presenting a special exhibition, *Assembly*, a group show spanning a range of mediums, from paint to plants to people, reflecting and exploring the history of innovative artistry and social justice that have defined the first two decades of **SPACE**. *Assembly* features artists Emily Carris-Duncan, Erin Woodbrey, E. Saffronia Downing, MCXT, Landon Newton and olivier. The show is on view through September 17.

The **Grant Wahlquist Gallery** of Portland has been chosen as one of 25 galleries across the nation to join the **New Art Dealers Alliance (NADA)** gallery membership. **NADA** is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing community support, opportunities, and a voice to the contemporary art world. The organization is comprised of over 250 galleries, art spaces, advisors, curators and more internationally. The Gallery's membership to **NADA** will provide them with the means and opportunity to work cooperatively with a vast network of contemporary art collaborators.

Massachusetts

The **Brush Art Gallery & Studios** celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. The **Brush**, a non-profit arts organization that houses eleven artist studios and operates a gallery in addition to community outreach and education programs, held a 40th birthday party on August 18 featuring hors d'oeuvres from **Community Teamwork's YouthBuild Lowell Culinary** and **Anna Jabur-Omoyeni** and entertainment from singer-songwriter **Greg Descoteaux**. Proceeds from the event will be used to support the **Brush** as it enters the next stage.

Beacon Gallery celebrates its fifth anniversary this November. Founded in 2017 by Boston native **Christine O'Donnell**, this contemporary art gallery has had social impact at the forefront of its programming. "I wouldn't be doing this if I wasn't doing social impact work, if I didn't feel like I was teaching people something, talking to people about something, if I wasn't curating shows that I thought made people think," **O'Donnell** said. **Beacon Gallery** will



The **Brush Art Gallery & Studio** interior hall in Lowell, MA. Photo: Bob@SilverFoxStudios.US, aka Bob Stegmaier.

continue to expand its social impact and community engagement as well as broadening the artistic lens of the gallery by bringing in guest curators and artists-in-residence over the next five years and beyond.

Bernay Fine Art has moved to a new home on the corner of Main and Railroad streets in Great Barrington. Located at 296 Main Street, this new corner space places the gallery in a premier downtown location. **Bernay Fine Art** was founded in Chicago, IL, in 2008 and moved to the Berkshires in 2019. The gallery focuses on contemporary fine art in a variety of mediums with an emphasis on artist promotion. The Gallery will be able to reach more people and draw more eyes in its new accommodations.

The Scott Barrow Studio/Gallery has moved to 40 Railroad Street, Suite 1 in the Triplex Shops in Great Barrington. **Barrow** is an award-winning career photographer who has spent his life shooting on location around the world, and whose work has been exhibited for 40 years. He's worked in the Berkshires for some time now and had been previously located in Lenox. Visitors can enjoy a sampling of **Barrow's** art in this new, bright and spacious location in downtown Great Barrington.

Gallery Sitka is celebrating its eighth anniversary this summer. Founded in 2014 as a part of **Sitka Designs**, the gallery has held several locations and pop-up galleries, including **Martha's Vineyard** and **Newport, RI**. It now operates out of **Shirley, MA**. **Gallery Sitka** is home to some of the finest abstract contemporary artists working today, and chooses work that beautifies a space while uplifting the viewer.

Incorporated in 1897, the **Society of Arts + Crafts** is celebrating its landmark 125th anniversary this year. The Society is hosting an online exhibition, *CraftBoston: Jubilee*, through October 16. *CraftBoston* features the varied works of the finest contemporary craft artists from around the country, from industry newcomers to well-established members of the craft community. Pieces are available to view and purchase on the Society website. There are also events both in-person and online planned alongside *CraftBoston*, the schedule for which can also be found on the website.

New Hampshire

Aplomb Gallery is a new portrait gallery founded and run by contemporary portraitist **Danielle Festa**. The gallery is set to host six shows a year, two group shows, three solo, and