

HOLLY SEARS

Awards

- 2012 **The Basil H. Alkazzi Award for Excellence in Painting**
- 2010 **Commission, Laminated Glass Windows - Metro-North Railroad Station, Tarrytown, NY** (installed Fall 2012) MTA Arts for Transit and Urban Design, with funding by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
- 2003, 2001, 1999 **Fellowship at Virginia Center for the Creative Arts** - Sweet Briar, Virginia

Solo & Two Person Exhibitions

- 2023 **Hudson River Explorers: Prints by Holly Sears** Hudson River Museum – Yonkers, NY
- 2012 **Holly Sears: Hudson River Explorers** solo exhibition Kenise Barnes Fine Art – Larchmont, NY
- 2012 **Holly Sears: Hudson River Explorers** Hudson River Museum – Yonkers, NY
- 2010 **Holly Sears & Wendy Rolfe “Dream Awake”** two person exhibition Tria Gallery – New York, NY
- 2007 **Holly Sears “Species, Genus, Family, Kingdom”** solo exhibition Metaphor Contemporary Art - Brooklyn, NY
- 2005 **Holly Sears** solo exhibition Joyce Goldstein Gallery - Chatham, NY
- 2003 **Holly Sears “Sightings”** solo exhibition Metaphor Contemporary Art Gallery - Brooklyn, NY
- 1991 **Holly Sears “New Paintings”** solo exhibition Ruth Siegel Gallery - New York, NY
- 1983 **Holly Sears “Unsure Times”** solo exhibition Anderson Gallery - Richmond, VA
- 1981 **Holly Sears “String Loves”** solo exhibition Richmond Artist’s Workshop - Richmond, VA

Group Exhibitions

- 2018 **Water Over the Bridge** curated by D. Dominick Lombardi and Amanda Cooper, Morean Arts Center, St. Petersburg, FL
- 2017 **Dark and Stormy Night: The Gothic in Contemporary Art** curated by Barthomew Bland, Lehman College Art Gallery, Bronx, NY
- 2016 **Bedazzled** Lehman College Art Gallery, Bronx, NY
Land, Air, Place Project: ARTspace, New York, NY
- 2015 **Small Works** Sirona Fine Art Gallery, Hallandale Beach, FL
Art Palm Beach Sirona Fine Art Gallery, Hallandale Beach, FL
- 2013 **Eye On The Storm** curated by D. Dominick Lombardi, Bob Rauschenberg Gallery, Fort Meyers, FL and Housatonic Museum in Bridgeport, CT
- 2012 **Size Matters: Small Works from the Fine Art Collection** New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, NJ
- 2012 **Postcards from the Edge** - Benefit for Rockland Center for the Arts (ROCA), Nyack, NY
- 2011 **40th Anniversary Celebration at Apella** -Benefit auction for Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (VCCA) – New York, NY
- 2010 **Fresh Paint** Rockland Center for the Arts - Nyack, NY
- 2009 **Natural History** Central Booking - Brooklyn, NY
Stayin Alive Metaphor Contemporary Art Gallery - Brooklyn, NY
- 2008 **Gifts from the Studio** Kenise Barnes Fine Art - Larchmont, NY
Art Obama Auction Brooklyn, NY
Leave nature to nature Art Gate Gallery - Chelsea, NY
- 2007 **Punchbowl** Metaphor Contemporary Art Gallery - Brooklyn, NY
The Drawing Show Joyce Goldstein Gallery - Chatham, NY
- 2006 **Mischief** Metaphor Contemporary Art Gallery - Brooklyn, NY

- 2006-8 **Art in Embassies Program, U.S. Department of State, Tel Aviv 2006**, Tel Aviv, Israel
Scope Hamptons Fair Metaphor Contemporary Art - Brooklyn, NY
Works on Paper Benefit Kentler International Drawing Space - Brooklyn, NY
- 2004 **Breathing Space** Metaphor Contemporary Art Gallery - Brooklyn, NY
Enchantment Glyndor Gallery, Wave Hill - Bronx, NY
- 2003 **Bestiary** 55 Mercer Gallery - New York, NY
The Birds II Edward Hopper House - Nyack, NY
Paper Metaphor Contemporary Art Gallery - Brooklyn, NY
- 2002 **Affordable Art Fair NYC** Metaphor Contemporary Art Gallery - Brooklyn, NY
The Birds OCCC Gallery - Demarest, NJ
Botanical Gardens: The Birds and the Bees Kenise Barnes Fine Art - Larchmont, NY
& The Gallery at Pfizer Learning Center - Rye Brook, NY
Treehouse Metaphor Contemporary Art Gallery - Brooklyn, NY
- 2001 **Poetic Information** Metaphor Contemporary Art Gallery - Brooklyn, NY
- 2000 **Pier Show Eight** Brooklyn, NY
- 1991 **Birds in Science and Art** Bergen Museum of Art and Science - Paramus, NJ
- 1990 **Faith in the Fin de Siecle** Marymount Manhattan Gallery - New York, NY
- 1989 **Landscape: A Travelogue Painted from Memory, Imagination or Reality** Ruth Siegel Gallery – New York, NY
- 1985 **The Printed Surface** Churchman-Fehsenfeld Gallery - Indianapolis, IN
- 1984 **Vincennes Herron Faculty Show** Vincennes University Gallery - Vincennes, IN
- 1983 **Biennial Faculty Exhibition** Herron Gallery - Indianapolis, IN
Virginia Museum Biennial Virginia Museum of Fine Art - Richmond, VA
5/5 Tredegar Iron Works Richmond, VA
Alumni of the Masonic Temple Anderson Gallery - Richmond, VA
Brixton Exchange Show Brixton Co-op - Brixton, England
2nd Degree Art Fayerweather Gallery - Charlottesville, VA
- 1982 **New Picture Show** Jewish Community Center, Richmond, VA
- 1981 **North - South** A.R.T.S. Gallery - New York, NY

Collections

NYU Langone Medical Center, New York, NY
Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, NY
New Jersey State Museum, Trenton, NJ
Bank of America
Best Products Collection - Sidney and Frances Lewis, Richmond, VA
American Telephone and Telegraphy, IL
Dr. Harry Steinberg and Nola Zirin, NY
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Morgenstern, Highland Park, IL
numerous private collections

Bibliography

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- ["Water Over the Bridge: Contemporary Seascapes"](#) Exhibition Catalog, By D. Dominick Lombardi, Curator, 2018
- ["Dark and Stormy Night: The Gothic in Cotemporary Art"](#) Exhibition Catalog, January, 2018 ["Bedazzled"](#) Exhibition Catalog, January, 2017
- ["Filling a Niche"](#) American Art Collector, January, 2015
- ["Eye On The Storm"](#) Exhibition Catalog, By D. Dominick Lombardi, Curator, 2013
- ["Migratory Art"](#) By James Balestrieri, American Art Collector, November, 2012
- ["Visions of Hudson Valley Creatures at Kenise Barnes Fine Art"](#) By Joyce Newman, Environmental Reporter, The Loop, November 28, 2012
- ["Tuesday Tour of the Hudson Line: Tarrytown"](#) By Emily (Cat Girl), IRideTheHalemLine blog, September 18, 2012
- ["Hudson River Explorers"](#) By Bonnie Aldinger, Frogma blog, October 18, 2012
- ["Fantastical Overpasses: Our New Train Art"](#) By Krista Madsen, Tarrytown Patch, August 6, 2012
- ["Scenes From Nature, Buoyant and Surreal A Review of 'Hudson River Explorers,' in Yonkers"](#) By Sylviane Gold, New York Times, Aug 31 & Sept 2, 2012
- [Art Auction at 40th Anniversary Celebration at Apella](#) – benefit for Va. Center for the Creative Arts
- [Holly Sears](#) artinbrooklyn.com online publication, May 2009 Artist Feature
- ["Art Exit" Monthly Publication – ArtGate Gallery – July 2008](#) Artist Feature
- ["Art in Embassies Exhibition, United States Embassy Tel Aviv"](#) *Exhibition Brochure* US Department of State, Washington, D.C., May 2007
- ["Enchantment"](#) *Exhibition Brochure* Glyndor Gallery, Wave Hill - Bronx, New York 2004
- ["From Romantic to the Edgy, Works that Compel - Enchantment"](#) *Review - New York Times July 25, 2004* - by D. Dominick Lombardi
- ["Holly Sears"](#) *Exhibition Catalog* Metaphor Contemporary Art, essay by Dominique Nahas - Brooklyn, New York 2003
- ["The Next Juried Show"](#) *Exhibition Catalog* Virginia Museum of Fine Art - Richmond, Virginia 1983
- ["Alumni of the Masonic Temple"](#) *Exhibition Catalog* Anderson Gallery - Richmond, Virginia 1983
- ["The Tredegar Iron Works Exhibition"](#) *Exhibition Catalogue* Richmond Federated Arts Council - Richmond, Virginia 1983

Education

- Multimedia Studies, 1998-2000 & 2007 - NYU
- MFA in Painting and Lithography, 1983 - Virginia Commonwealth University - Richmond, Virginia
- BFA in Painting and Printmaking, 1977 - Virginia Commonwealth University - Richmond, Virginia