

Janice La Motta

Professional Experience

2009-present Independent Art Consultant, Avon, CT
2012-2014 Artistic Director, Charter Oak Cultural Center, Hartford, CT
2009-2012 Arts Program Director, Billings Forge Community Works, Hartford, CT
2008-2009 Owner/Director, La Motta Fine Art, Hartford, CT
2005-2007 Owner/Director, Paesaggio Fine Art, Hartford, CT
1991-2005 Owner/Director, Paesaggio Gallery, West Hartford, CT
1994-2008 Director, 100 Pearl Gallery, Hartford, CT
1986-1990 Curator, New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT
1985-1986 Collections Manager, New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT
1984-1985 Assistant Director, MS Gallery, Hartford, CT
1984 Gallery Director, Hotchkiss Yates Gallery, Ogunquit, ME
1981-1983 Manager, Pucker-Safrai Framing, Simsbury, CT
1981-1986 Freelance figure model, various art schools, universities and art guilds throughout CT
1979-1980 Administrative Assistant/Gallery Assistant, Real Art Ways, Inc., Hartford, CT
1978-Present Exhibiting Visual Artist

Related Experience

2014 Grant review panelist, Evelyn Preston Memorial Trust Fund, Hartford, CT
2013 Grant review panelist, Evelyn Preston Memorial Trust Fund, Hartford, CT
Moderator, Alumni Forum, Hartford Art School, Univ. of Hartford, West Hartford CT
Grant review panelist, City of Hartford Business Development Grant, Hartford, CT
Grant review panelist, Evelyn Preston Memorial Trust Fund, Hartford, CT
Juror, National Arts Program CRT, Hartford, CT
2012 Grant review panelist, Evelyn Preston Memorial Trust Fund, Hartford, CT
Juror, National Arts Program Community Renewal Team, Hartford, CT
Interviewer, Charles Cajori/Tom Doyle, documentary video, Behnke Doherty & Associates, Washington, CT
2011 Grant review panelist, City of Hartford, Arts & Heritage Jobs Grant, Hartford, CT
Juror, *Double Digits*, Artspace Gallery, Hartford, CT
2010 Presenter/panel participant, Alliance for Artists Communities, annual conference, Providence, RI
Juror, National Arts Program CRT, Hartford, CT
2009 Grant review panelist, Art in Public Spaces, Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism, Hartford, CT
2008 Co-curator, *Speak to Me - Connecticut Biennial 2008*, Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT
Grant reviewer, New Boston Fund Individual Artist Fellowship, Great Hartford Arts Council, Hartford, CT
2007 Grant review panelist, The Edward C. & Ann T. Roberts Foundation, West Hartford, CT
Grant review panelist, New Boston Fund Individual Artist Fellowship, Great Hartford Arts Council, Hartford, CT
2006 Grant review panelist, Art in Public Spaces Art Program, Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism, Hartford, CT
Grant review panelist, New Boston Fund Individual Artist Fellowship, Great Hartford Arts Council, Hartford, CT
2005 Grant review panelist, New Boston Fund Individual Artist Fellowship, Great Hartford Arts Council, Hartford, CT
1995-2005 Curator, MIRACLES Art Auction, Benefit art auction & exhibition, Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center, Hartford, CT

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- 1997-1998 Curator, *Walker's Exhibits: Works of Art from the Private Collections of Alumnae Families of The Ethel Walker School, Sotheby's*, New York, NY
- 1997 Curator, *Food for Thought Art Auction*, Benefit art auction, Share Our Strength - Taste of the Nation, Hartford, CT, (local effort of nationwide fundraiser)
- 1993 Co-Chairperson, *Paint the Parks Art Auction & Exhibition*, Knox Parks Foundation, Hartford, CT

Visiting Artist | Lecturing | Teaching

- 2014 Instructor, Private Critique Group, Avon, CT
- 2005-2014 Guest Lecturer, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT
- 2010 Presenter, *Taking Care of Business, Career Strategies for Visual Artists*, statewide workshops sponsored by Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism, CT
- 2008 Panel Participant, *Artists in Real Time*, Hartford, CT
Instructor, Professional Practices workshop, Farmington Valley Arts Center, Avon, CT
Instructor, Private Critique Group, West Hartford, CT
- 2006/2007 Adjunct Professor, Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, Old Lyme, CT
- 2006 Guest Lecturer, Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, Old Lyme, CT
Moderator, panel discussion, *A Place for Art*, 100 Pearl Gallery, Hartford, CT
- 2005 Panelist, *Nostalgia Symposium*, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT
- 2004 Guest Lecturer, Lyme Academy of Fine Arts, Old Lyme, CT
- 2003 Guest Lecturer, Women's Caucus for Art, Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT
- 2002 Visiting Artist, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT
- 2001 Visiting Artist, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT
Visiting Artist, Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, Old Lyme, CT
Guest Lecturer, Stamford Museum, Stamford, CT
- 2000 Visiting Artist, Conard High School, West Hartford, CT
- 1999 Panel Participant, *Mysteries of the Earth* exhibition, Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT
Guest Lecturer, The S.A.S. Gallery, Housatonic, MA
- 1998 Panel Participant, *Marketing Your Art*, Farmington Valley Arts Center, Avon, CT
- 1997 Visiting Artist, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
- 1994 Visiting Artist, Trinity College, Hartford, CT
Visiting Artist, Kingswood Oxford School, West Hartford, CT
- 1993 Visiting Artist, Watkinson School, West Hartford, CT
- 1992 Visiting Artist, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT
- 1986-1990 Lecturer, New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT
- 1985-1986 Drawing Instructor, The Art Guild, Farmington, CT

Education

- 1986-85 Studio Tutorial with George Chaplin, Trinity College, Hartford, CT
- 1978 BFA, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT

Professional Affiliations

- 2006-Present Alumni Committee, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT
- 1995-Present Board of Corporators, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT
- 2014 President, Studio Artists Association, Farmington Valley Arts Center, Avon, CT
- 2011-2012 Member, Alliance for Artists Communities
- 2010, 2005 Gray Cancer Center Art Committee, Hartford Hospital, Hartford, CT
- 2009 Community Engagement Committee, Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, CT
- 2008 Marketing Committee, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT

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2003-2009	CLARE Gallery Art Committee, Saint Patrick/Saint Anthony Church, Hartford, CT
1994-1997	Executive Board, Canton Arts & Antiques Alliance, Canton, CT
1992-1993	Marketing Committee, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT
1985-1990	Member, New England Museums Association
1985-1987	Member, New England Registrars Association

Honors | Awards

2002	Best of Hartford 2002, Hartford Advocate, Hartford, CT (for Paesaggio Gallery)
1999	Weir Farm Visiting Artist Fellowship (awarded for 1999/2000 year)
1996	"Ten Amazing People", Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center, <i>SPIRIT</i> magazine feature
1987	Blanche E. Colman Award, Boston, MA. (travel throughout Italy)
1987	Connecticut Artist's Under 35 Award, 24th Annual Beth El Exhibition
1986	Binney & Smith Award, 57th Annual Connecticut Women Artists Exhibition
1985	Art Framing Award, 56th Annual Connecticut Women Artists Exhibition
1977	Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities
1977-1976	Scholarship, Hartford Art School

Selected One Person Exhibitions

2015	Five Points Gallery, Torrington, CT, <i>Chandeliers & Candelabrum</i>
2009	Japanalia, West Hartford, CT, <i>Floras + Botanicals, A Survey</i>
2007	Gallery on the Green, Pawling, NY, <i>Flora</i>
2006	Paesaggio Fine Art, Hartford, CT, <i>Flora</i>
2004	Paesaggio Gallery, West Hartford, CT, <i>penumbra</i>
2002	Paesaggio Gallery, West Hartford, CT, <i>Memento Mori</i>
2000	Paesaggio Gallery, West Hartford, CT, <i>Floralia</i>
1998	Paesaggio Gallery, West Hartford, CT, <i>Pentimento</i>
1995	Paesaggio Gallery, Canton, CT. (two person)
1994	The Captain's Bookshelf, Asheville, NC
1993	Paesaggio Gallery, Canton, CT, <i>Flowers</i> Julie Heller Gallery, Provincetown, MA
1992	Frick Gallery, Belfast, ME Julie Heller Gallery, Provincetown, MA
1991	Paesaggio Gallery, Hartford, CT, <i>Homages</i>
1991	Gallery of Contemporary Art, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT, (two person)
1988	MS Gallery, Hartford, CT, (two person)
1987	Erector Square Gallery, New Haven, CT, (two person)
1986	Homer Babbidge Library, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT
1985	Norbert Gallery, Miss Porter's School, Farmington, CT MS Gallery, Hartford, CT, (two person)
1984	Promenade Gallery, Bushnell Memorial, Hartford, CT
1984	Hotchkiss Yates, West Hartford, CT Hotchkiss Yates, Ogunquit, ME
1983	Norfolk Library, Norfolk, CT
1982	MS Gallery, Hartford, CT

Selected Group Exhibitions

2011	Artspace Gallery /Paper New England, Hartford, CT, <i>MS Redux</i> Canton Gallery on the Green, Canton, CT, <i>Word-Art 2011</i>
2007	Paper/New England, West Hartford, CT, <i>Focus Hartford</i> Gallery Eleven, Hartford, CT, <i>Island Reflections</i>

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- 2006 Paesaggio Fine Art, Hartford, CT, *Heart in Hand*
- 2004 Sailor's Valentine Gallery, Nantucket, MA
- 2003 Paesaggio Gallery, West Hartford, CT, *Holiday Salon*
- 2002 University of Connecticut, West Hartford, CT, *Of the Land*
- 2001 Stamford Museum, Stamford, CT, *Weir Farm Visiting Artists 2000*
Paesaggio Gallery, West Hartford, CT, *Collecting At Paesaggio: A Tenth Anniversary Celebration*
- 1998 Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT, *Mysteries of the Earth* (four person)
Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT, *Landscape Observed, Remembered, Invented*
The Cooley Gallery, Old Lyme, CT, *All Paintings Great and Small*
Paesaggio Gallery, West Hartford, CT, *Holiday Salon*
Paesaggio Gallery, West Hartford, CT, *Selections*
Paesaggio Gallery, West Hartford, CT, *For the Roses*
- 1997 Paesaggio Gallery, Canton, CT, *Small Works*
- 1996 450 Broadway Gallery, New York, NY, *Reflections on the Divine*, Curated by Howard Lerner
Chuck Levitan Gallery, New York, NY, *Flowers on Grand*, Curated by Elaine Weschler
Unionville Museum, Farmington, CT.
Paesaggio Gallery, West Hartford, CT, *Small Works*
- 1994 One West Arts Center, Fort Collins, CO, *Pencil To Paper*, Curated by Leroy Twarogowski
The Police Building, New York, NY, *Landscape: Seen and Remembered*, Curated by Janie Paul, organized by Organization of Independent Artists
Paesaggio Gallery, Canton, CT, *Flowers*
Paesaggio Gallery, Canton, CT, *Gallery Artists*
- 1993 Washington Art Association, Washington, CT, *New England Landscape Painters*
- 1992 Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT, *Matters of the Heart*
The Cooley Gallery, Old Lyme, CT, *All Paintings Great and Small*
Paesaggio Gallery, Hartford, CT, *Selected Landscapes*
- 1991 Frick Gallery, Belfast, ME, *Gallery Artists*
Inman Gallery, Houston, TX, *Small Landscapes*
Paesaggio Gallery, Hartford, CT, *Ten for Ten*
Connecticut State Legislative Office Building, Hartford, CT
- 1990 Bachelier-Cardonsky Gallery, Kent, CT, *A Peaceable Kingdom*, (three person)
Frick Gallery, Belfast, ME, *Works on Paper*
Connecticut Gallery, Marlborough, CT, *A Connecticut Landscape Show*
- 1989 The Art Guild, Farmington, CT, (three person)
Aetna Institute Gallery, Hartford, CT. *The Birdhouse Invitational*
MS Gallery, Hartford, CT (Two person)
- 1988 The Art Guild, Farmington, CT, *Nightworks*
- 1987 Wooster Community Center, Danbury, CT, *Connecticut Light*
Connecticut Gallery, Marlborough, CT
- 1986 Joseloff Gallery, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT, *Hartford Art School Invitational Alumni Exhibition*
MS Gallery, Hartford, CT, *Anniversary Exhibition*
New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT, *Connecticut Academy 76th Annual Juried Exhibition*
MS Gallery, Hartford, CT, *Gallery Artists*
Aetna Institute Gallery, Hartford, CT, *Five Galleries Group Exhibition*
John Slade Ely House, New Haven, CT, *Connecticut Women Artists 57th Annual Exhibition*
The Art Guild, Farmington, CT, *Faculty Exhibition*
- 1985 22 Wooster Street Gallery, New York, NY, *Invitational Exhibition*
Pump House Gallery, Hartford, CT, *Invitational Inaugural Exhibition*
- 1985 William Benton Museum, Storrs, CT, *Connecticut Academy 75th Annual Juried Exhibition*
Joseloff Gallery, Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT, *Connecticut Women Artists 56th Annual Exhibition*

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- 1985 The Art Guild, Farmington, CT, *Faculty Exhibition*
Jewish Community Center, Bloomfield, CT, *7 Emerging Artists Under 30*
- 1984 MS Gallery, Hartford, CT
Tribeca Gallery, Farmington, CT, *Group Exhibition*
Artworks Gallery, Hartford, CT, *Open Juried Show*
- 1983 MS Gallery, Hartford, CT, *Anniversary Exhibition*
Tribeca Gallery, Farmington, CT
Canton Artists Guild, Canton, CT, *Member's Show*
- 1982 Artworks Gallery, Hartford, CT, *The Hartford Show*
- 1981 Canton Artists Guild, Canton, CT, *Open Show*
Canton Artists Guild, Canton, CT, *Member's Show*
South End Community Services, Hartford, CT.
Temple Beth El, West Hartford, CT, *18th Annual Beth El Exhibit*
- 1980 Artworks Gallery, Hartford, CT, *Self Portrait Show*
Image Co-Op, Montpelier, VT, *Color Xerography*
- 1979-78 Hartford Art School, West Hartford, CT, *East Coast Schools Traveling Photography Exhibition*

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- Cover art, *The Walls of Circumstance*, by Dennis Barone, Pivotal Press Series, Avec Books, 2004.
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- William Zimmer. "From 5 Artists, the Fruits of a Retreat", *The New York Times*, May 20, 2001.
- Patricia Rosoff. "Still Lives and Quiet Places, Paesaggio Gallery at Ten Years", *Hartford Advocate*, March 22, 2001.
- L. P. Streitfeld. "Internalizing Landscapes At Weir Farm", *The Advocate & Greenwich Times*, May 20, 2001.
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- "A Place For Art and Family", *Country Living magazine*, Vol 19 No. 3, March 1996.
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- Jude Schwendenwien. "Floral works by 9 artists at Paesaggio's new locale", *The Hartford Courant*, April 10, 1994.
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- Wendy Jackson. "Double Vision", *Hartford Advocate*, February 4, 1993.
- Wendy Jackson. Review, *Art New England*, August/September, 1993.
- Phil Isaacson. Review, *Maine Sunday Telegram*, June 14, 1992.
- Jude Schwendenwien. Review, *Art New England*, April/May, 1992.
- Susan Wadsworth. "Art As Influence", *Hartford Advocate*, November 14, 1991.
- Susan Wadsworth. Review, *Art New England*, October/November, 1991.
- Vivien Raynor. "New Gallery in Hartford Offers Varied Works by 10 Artists", *The New York Times*, Aug 11, 1991.
- Jude Schwendenwien. "Exhibit's Easy Feeling Spotlights 10 Artists", *The Hartford Courant*, July 7, 1991.
- Karin Niesyn. "Vistas of the Mind", *The Fairfield County Advocate*, May 9, 1991.
- "La Motta/Dente Make Intimate Gestures", *SHU Spectrum* (Sacred Heart University), April 18, 1991.
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Bernard Hanson. "'5 Galleries 'at Aetna Is A Fine Survey of State Scene'", *The Hartford Courant*, June 1, 1986.
Bernard Hanson. "New Haven Show Much More Than Just 'Women's Art'", *The Hartford Courant*, June 22, 1986.
Bernard Hanson. "Hartford Does Hartford at Pump House Gallery", *The Hartford Courant*, August 18, 1985.
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Publications

Catalogues produced by the Artist:

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Jonathan Armstrong Scoville (1937-1996), Land & Skies, 2007. Essay and catalogue design.
Published on the occasion of the exhibition, *Land & Skies at Paesaggio* at 100 Pearl, Hartford, CT and at Gallery on the Green, Pawling, NY.
Walker's Exhibits: Works of Art from the Private Collections of Alumnae and Families of The Ethel Walker School, 1998. Essay and catalogue design.

Exhibition catalogues produced for the New Britain Museum of American Art:

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The 1991 Invitational, (Gregory Crane, Guy Goodwin, Joan Nelson, Ellen Phelan), Essay and biographies.
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The 1988 Invitational, (Eugene Brodsky, Michael David, Terence LaNoue, John Newman, Katherine Porter), Essay and biographies.
The 1987 Invitational, (Nancy Burson, Christopher Hewat, Mel Kendrick, John Lees, MiklosPogany, Mark Innerst, Gregory Amenoff), Essay and biographies.
The Elizabeth Buchanan Collection, 1989, Essays on highlighted artists from the bequest.
Connecticut Now, 1985, (Charles Cajori, Carol Kreeger Davidson, Ken Morgan), Introduction and biographies.
Connecticut Now, 1983, (Judith Dworkin, Deborah Muirhead, Judith Streeter), Introduction and biographies.
Connecticut Now, 1984, (James Grashow, Michael Harnett, Eve Ingalls, Tom Zetterstrom), Introduction and biographies.