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Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2019 Melanie Deal, Backlot Coffee, Evanston, IL
- 2017 Life on the Grid, Evanston Public Library, Evanston, IL
- Cut and Paste, Chicago Public Library, Independence Branch, Chicago, IL
- 2011 Synesthesia, Orland Park Library, Orland Park, IL
 - Piece by Piece, Morton College, Cicero, IL
- Lost and Found Objects, Chicago Public Library, Portage-Cragin Branch, Chicago, IL
- You Are What You Wear, A. Montgomery Ward Gallery, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
- Women and Work, Chicago Public Library, Theodore Roosevelt Branch, Chicago, IL
- Uniforms and Uniformity, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2024 My Voice, Devonshire Cultural Center, Skokie, IL
 - Well Versed, Dittmar Gallery, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
 - Collage/Assemblage, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
 - At Home, Norris Cultural Arts Center Gallery, St. Charles, IL
 - Evanston Made Group Show: Photography and Mixed Media, Gallery OTR, Evanston, IL
- Don't "Drag" Me Down: Today's Battle for Liberation, Koehnline Museum of Art, Oakton College, Des Plaines, IL
 - CAVA (Chicago Alliance of Visual Artists) Annual Members Show, Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL
 - artruck, 1100 block of Ashland Avenue, Evanston, IL
 - Absurdity: In Dada We Trust, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
 - Tickled Pink, Woman Made Gallery (online only), Chicago, IL
 - Flower Power, Gallery 901, Evanston, IL
 - Eyes Wide Open, Oak Park Art League, Oak Park, IL
 - When Homeward You Turn, Dittmar Gallery, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
 - 24th International Open, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
 - artruckish 2023, 1245 Chicago Ave. and artruck.org/artruckish, Evanston, IL
 - ROE 2.0, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
- Our Bodies, Our Health: Navigating the Wars Within and Around Us, Koehnline Museum of Art, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL
 - Group Show, Dragonfly Gallery, Chicago, IL
 - artruckish 2022, 1706 Sherman Ave. and artruck.org/artruckish, Evanston, IL
- 2021 Melanie Deal and Jerry Alt, Creative Coworking, Evanston, IL
 - Bad@ssery: Women Creating a Just Environment and World, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL
 - Evanston Made Group Show, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL
 - artruckish, artruck.org/artruckish, Evanston, IL
- Where Are We Now? Activism of the Everyday, Koehnline Museum of Art, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL
 - TOUCH, A Virtual Exhibition, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
 - Evanston Made Group Show Online, evanstonmade.org, Evanston, IL
- Fashioning the Self: You Are What You Wear?, Koehnline Museum of Art, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL
 - Show Your Paper, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL

- artruck, 1100 block of Ashland Avenue, Evanston, IL
- Evanston Made Group Show, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL
- Off the Cuff, The Saw Room at Alley Gallery, Evanston, IL
- Inside the Box, Arts of Life Gallery, Glenview, IL
- artruck inside, Bucephalus Bikes, Evanston, IL
- 2018 Quilt + Resist, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
 - Nevertheless, She Persisted: Women of Courage, Tenacity and Strength, Koehnline Museum of Art, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL
 - 21st International Open, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
 - artruck, 1100 block of Ashland Avenue, Evanston, IL
 - Evanston Made Group Show, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL
 - Central Street Art Walk, MY Piano Study, Evanston, IL
 - Love +/or Bikes, Bucephalus Bikes, Evanston, IL
- 2017 Reunion II, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
 - Evanston Made Group Show, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL
 - artruck, 1100 block of Ashland Avenue, Evanston, IL
- 32nd Juried Art Show, Wilmette Public Library, Wilmette, IL
 - artruck, 1100 block of Ashland Avenue, Evanston, IL (June and October)
 - Evanston Made Group Show, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL
 - Maike Van Wijk and Melanie Deal, Creative Coworking, Evanston, IL
- Illinois One State Together in the Arts, Hilton Orrington Hotel, Evanston, IL
- Gendering Desire, Koehnline Museum of Art, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL
 - Upcycled, IPaintMyMind Gallery, Chicago, IL
 - Contained, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
 - A Revolving Art Show, As You Like It Gallery, Evanston, IL
- Melanie Deal and Hiromi Tanaka, Creative Coworking, Evanston, IL
 - Surrounded, Roman Susan Gallery, Chicago, IL
- The Personal Is Political, Koehnline Museum of Art, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL
 - 4th Annual Green Arts Show, Noyes Cultural Center, Evanston, IL
 - Ron Rutkowski and Melanie Deal: Scapes, Morpho Pop-Up Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2011 Driven to Abstraction, Gallery 4502, Evanston Civic Center, Evanston, IL
 - Highland Park Art Walk, Highland Park, IL
- 2010 Southport Art Walk, Chicago, IL
- Works on Paper, Riverside Arts Center, Riverside, IL
 - Art Under Glass, Evanston Arts Council, Evanston, IL
 - Evanston Art Walk, Evanston, IL
 - 28th Annual Juried Art Show, Wilmette Public Library, Wilmette, IL
 - Highland Park Art Walk, Highland Park, IL
- 2008 Object of Desire, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
 - Emerging Artists, Morpho Gallery, Chicago, IL
 - 27th Annual Juried Art Show, Wilmette Public Library, Wilmette, IL
- 2007 Abstract and Geometric, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
 - From Sham to Shame, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2006 The Interim Show, Gallery Mornea, Evanston, IL
 - Here Comes the Bride, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2005 Living Artists Invitational, Fine Arts Building Gallery, Chicago, IL

- St. Charles Art & Music Festival National Juried Art Exhibition, Norris Cultural Arts Center,
 St. Charles, IL
- Man: A Well-Hung Show, The Art House, Oak Park, IL
- Illinois National Museum of Women in the Arts Grants Exhibition, Gage Gallery, Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL
 - Works on Paper, Christopher Art Gallery, Prairie State College, Chicago Heights, IL
 - Pattern and Decoration, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2003 Guest List, Gescheidle Gallery, Chicago, IL
 - Women in the New Millennium—The Artist's Perspective, Walsh Library Gallery, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ
 - Collage Artists of America Open, Brand Gallery, Glendale, CA
 - 11 Evanston Artists, Gallery Mornea, Evanston, IL
- 2002 Fifth International Open, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL (juror: Faith Ringgold)
 - Melanie Deal and Roy Robinson, Gillock Gallery, Evanston, IL
 - Censorship!, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2001 Migraine Masterpieces, Hilligoss Gallery, Chicago, IL
- Melanie Deal and David Dumo, Pearson/Scott Foresman, Glenview, IL

Publications

- cover art: ChiMe (print and online newsletter of Chicago Area Mensa), Volume 59, Number 7, July 2023
- New American Paintings, No. 95, Open Studios Press, 2011
- Living Artists, Ivy Sundell, Crow Woods Publishing, 2004
- Images of Migraine, National Headache Foundation, 2001

Grants and Awards

- Illinois Artisans Program (accepted by jury in 2005)
- Illinois Arts Council Special Assistance Grant, 2004

Education

- M.A., University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- B.A., Miami University, Oxford, OH