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### **Selected Solo Exhibitions**

- 2024 • *Salmagundi*, Village Hall Art Gallery, Lincolnwood, IL
- 2019 • *Melanie Deal*, Backlot Coffee, Evanston, IL
- 2017 • *Life on the Grid*, Evanston Public Library, Evanston, IL
- 2013 • *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
- 2008 • *Lost and Found Objects*, Chicago Public Library, Portage-Cragin Branch, Chicago, IL
- 2007 • *You Are What You Wear*, A. Montgomery Ward Gallery, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2005 • *Women and Work*, Chicago Public Library, Theodore Roosevelt Branch, Chicago, IL
- 2004 • *Uniforms and Uniformity*, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2026 • *Abstractions: Seeing with the Mind's Eye*, The Fulton Street Collective, Chicago, IL
  - *Swipe Left*, The Fulton Street Collective, Chicago, IL
  - *NAWA (National Association of Women Artists) Winter Small Works*, thenawa.org (online only)
- 2025 • *Winter Art & Craft Expo*, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL
  - *Recent Works*, Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art, College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL
  - *Feminist Responses in a Tumultuous Time*, Koehnline Museum of Art, Oakton College, Des Plaines, IL
  - *Melanie Deal and Angela Murphy*, Creative Coworking, Evanston, IL
  - *Evanston Made Group Show*, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL
  - *Metamorphosis: The Art of Transformation*, Dittmar Gallery, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
  - *Artful Antics*, Norris Cultural Arts Center Gallery, St. Charles, IL
- 2024 • *Inflection Point: Gender Futures, Political Possibilities*, Koehnline Museum of Art, Oakton College, Des Plaines, IL
  - *Artistic Expression by Today's Woman*, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL (curator: Fran Joy)
  - *CAVA Annual Members' Show*, North Shore Art League, Winnetka, IL
  - *artruck*, 1100 block of Ashland Avenue, Evanston, IL
  - *There's No Place Like Home: Evanston Made Group Show*, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL
  - *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
- 2023 • *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

- *ROE 2.0*, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2022 • *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
- 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
- 2020 • *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
- 2019 • *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
- 2016 • *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
- 2015 • *Illinois One State Together in the Arts*, Hilton Orrington Hotel, Evanston, IL
- 2014 • *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
- 2013 • *Melanie Deal and Hiromi Tanaka*, Creative Coworking, Evanston, IL
- *Surrounded*, Roman Susan Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2012 • *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
- 2009 • *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
- 2004 • *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
- 2000 • *Melanie Deal and David Dumo*, Pearson/Scott Foresman, Glenview, IL

### **Publications**

- article: “Pattern Play: Melanie Deal” by Chandler Calderon, *The University of Chicago Magazine*, Vol. 117, No. 2, Winter 2025
- article: “Mensa Artist Melanie Deal” by Kathryn Queeney, *ChiMe*, Vol. 60, No. 6, June 2024
- cover art: *ChiMe* (print and online newsletter of Chicago Area Mensa), Vol. 59, No. 7, July 2023
- article: “The Art of Making Art: Melanie Deal” by Jean Cunningham, *Evanston RoundTable*, October 17, 2022
- included in *New American Paintings*, No. 95, Open Studios Press, 2011
- included in *Living Artists*, Ivy Sundell, Crow Woods Publishing, 2004
- included in *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