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Selected Solo Exhibitions

2026 • *Melanie Deal,* Curt's Cafe, Evanston, IL
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 • *Small Works Members Show,* Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
• *Happy 250th, America,* Devonshire Cultural Center, Skokie, IL
• *Building Blocks: What Are We Building With?,* St. Charles Arts Council Gallery, St. Charles, IL
• *Presence and Absence: The Space Between,* Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL
• *He, She, They, Them,* ShadowBoxx Gallery, Waukegan, IL
• *Bloom: Art of Flowers, Foliage & Fruit,* Oak Park Art League, Oak Park, IL
• *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 • *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
• *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
• *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
- *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

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
- *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

2016
- *32nd Juried Art Show,* Wilmette Public Library, Wilmette, IL
- *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