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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 • *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