



## BIOGRAPHY

I am an urbanscape painter working with oil on linen. I depict the commonplace and overlooked settings in my Chicago neighborhood that are nonetheless expressive of the human condition. I am particularly interested in the commercial/domestic interchanges that exist in this dense environment.

My previous art career included chairing the Life Drawing and Foundations Departments at the American Academy of Art, Chicago, where I was an instructor of drawing. I have also done magazine and book illustration and commissioned works for universities, hospitals, museums, and private collections, many of which are portraits.

My work is represented in the collections of the Dubuque Museum of Art (Iowa), the University of Illinois (Urbana), Robert Morris University (Chicago), the University of Illinois (Chicago), and the Library of Congress (Washington D.C.), among other institutions. Also see: *The Urban Tree Book* (Random House).

A graduate of Northeastern Illinois University and the American Academy of Art, I live in Chicago with my husband, the writer Arthur Plotnik.

## EXHIBIT HISTORY

### SOLO/FEATURED ARTIST

- \* *Comfort Zones: The Crossroads of Urban & Rural*, Miami University Art Museum, Oxford, OH 2018
- \* *Urban Qi*, Chicago Public Library, Chicago, IL 2013
- \* Galesburg Art Center, Galesburg, IL 2012
- \* *Urban Qi*, Quad City Arts Center, Rock Island, IL 2012
- \* Solo exhibit, Dubuque Art Museum, Dubuque, IA 12/2011-3/2012

- \* *Chicago Images*, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL 2011
- \* *Uncovering Secrets of the Urbanscape*, University of Louisville / Cressman Gallery, Louisville, KY 2010-2011
- \* Morton College, Cicero, IL 2009
- \* *Earth, Sea, & Sky*, Beverly Art Center, Chicago, IL 2009
- \* River Banks Loft Gallery, Chicago, IL 2009
- \* *Urban Sight*, Gaymont Gallery, Chicago, IL 2009
- \* *Ravenshood: Art from the Corridor*, Chicago, IL 2009
- \* *Seen in Place*, State Street Gallery, Robert Morris College, Chicago, IL 2006
- \* *What Flows Beneath*, Bell Gallery, Chicago, IL 2004 (cont.)
- \* Renner Gallery, Blackburn University, Carlinville, IL 1996
- \* *Place Markers*, Almquist Gallery, Winnetka, IL 1995
- \* Freeport Art Museum, Freeport, IL 1993
- \* Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, IL 1993
- \* Sulzer Regional Library, Chicago, IL 1991
- \* *Fendig, Forsythe & Phelan*, Wm. Engle Gallery, Indianapolis, IN 1991
- \* *The Color of Celtic*, Beverly Art Center, Chicago, IL 1991
- \* Form & Function Gallery, Chicago, IL 1990

#### **SELECTED JURIED EXHIBITS**

- \* *Chicago:INSideOUT*, Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL 2018
- \* *Woman Made Midwest Open 2018*, Chicago, IL
- \* *Northern National 2017*, Nicolet College Art Museum, Rhinelander, WI
- \* *Reunion II*, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL 2017
- \* *Illinois State Fair Professional Art Exhibit*, Springfield, IL 2017
- \* *Metro Montage 2017*, Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art, Marietta, GA 2017
- \* *DUMA Biennial 2017*, Dubuque Museum of Art, Dubuque, IA 2017
- \* *Art at the Center National Juried Exhibition 2017*, Overland Park, KS 2017
- \* *Galex 51*, Galesburg Civic Art Center, Galesburg, IL 2017
- \* *Northern National Art Competition*, Nicolet College, Rhinelander, WI 2016
- \* *Metro Montage XVI*, Marietta Cobb Museum of Art, Marietta, GA 2016
- \* *Bower Center Nat. Juried Exhibit*, Bedford, VA 2016
- \* *VMRC Exhibition*, Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community, Harrisburg, VA 2016
- \* *Southworks*, Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation, Watkinsville, GA 2016
- \* *Red*, Colors of Humanity Gallery 2016 (online)
- \* *Northern National Art Competition*, Nicolet College Art Gallery, Rhinelander, WI 2015
- \* *Illinois State Fair*, Springfield, IL 2015
- \* *Galex 49*, Galesburg Civic Art Center, Galesburg, IL 2015
- \* *Home Is Where the Art Is*, Artspace Elgin, Elgin, IL 2015
- \* *Valdosta National 2015*, Valdosta State University, GA 2015
- \* *20<sup>th</sup> Annual Regional*, Art Center of the Ozarks, AR 2014
- \* *GRIT: The Urban Landscape*, Copley Society, Boston, MA 2014
- \* *Metropolis familiaris*, Backspace Gallery, Peoria, IL 2014
- \* *Contained*, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL 2014

- \* *Metro Montage XIV*, Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art, Marietta, GA 2014
- \* Illinois State Fair, Springfield, IL 2014
- \* *Art at the Center*, Overland Park, KS 2014
- \* *Womens Works 2014*, Woodstock, IL
- \* *Northern National Art Competition*, Nicolet College Art Gallery, Rhinelander, WI 2013
- \* *Art at the Center*, Overland Park, KS 2013
- \* *Art Premier 2013*, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL 2013
- \* *NEIU Art Alumni Exhibit 2012*, Northeastern IL U, Chicago, IL 2012
- \* *Roots*, Quad City Art Center, Rock Island, IL 2010
- \* *Evanston + Vicinity Biennial 2010*, Evanston, IL 2010
- \* *Women's Works 2010*, Woodstock, IL 2010
- \* *National Art Premiere 2010*, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL 2010
- \* *American Landscape*, Maryland Federation of Art, Annapolis, MD 2009
- \* *12th International*, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL 2009
- \* *DMA Biennial Juried Exhibition*, Dubuque Art Museum, Dubuque, IA 2009
- \* *Chicago Art Open*, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL 2008
- \* *Ravenshood: Art from the Corridor*, Images Gallery, Chicago, IL 2008
- \* *Drawing on Experience*, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL 2008
- \* *Art at the Center Juried Exhibition*, Overland Park, KS 2008
- \* *Chicago, Art in the City*, Bell Gallery, Chicago, IL 2002
- \* *XII National Works on Paper*, Valdosta State U, GA 2000
- \* *Abstraction '97*, Stage Gallery, Merrick, NY 1997
- \* *Bi-State Competition*, Davenport Museum of Art, Davenport, IA 1997
- \* *Neolandscape*, Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights, IL 1997
- \* Chicago Printmakers Collaborative, Chicago, IL 1994
- \* *16th Harper College National Print & Drawing Exhibit*, Palatine, IL 1992
- \* *8th Annual Works on Paper Exhibit*, Elgin Community College, Elgin, IL 1991
- \* *Inspired in the Midwest*, Freeport Art Museum, Freeport, IL 1991
- \* *Artists and the American Yard*, Wustum Museum of Fine Arts, Racine, WI 1991

## **AWARDS**

- \* Juror's Award, *Art at the Center Juried Exhibit*, Overland Park, KS
- \* Purchase Prize, *Seen in Place*, Robert Morris College, Chicago, IL
- \* Honorable Mention, *Abstraction '97*, Merrick Gallery, NY
- \* Purchase Prize, *8th Annual Works on Paper Exhibit*, Elgin College, Elgin, IL
- \* Elizabeth T. Greenshields Grant, Montreal, Canada (two-time recipient)

## **SELECTED COLLECTIONS & COMMISSIONS**

- \* Dubuque Museum of Art, Dubuque, IA
- \* U. S. Poet Laureate Billy Collins, Somers, NY
- \* Robert Morris College, Chicago, IL
- \* University of Illinois, Chicago, IL

- \* American Library Association, Chicago, IL
- \* Gottlieb Hospital, Northlake, IL
- \* Mercy Hospital, Janesville, WI
- \* Irish American Heritage Center Museum, Chicago, IL
- \* Elgin Community College, Elgin, IL
- \* Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, IL
- \* University of Illinois, Urbana, IL
- \* Library of Congress, Washington, DC

### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS (illustrations)**

*The Urban Tree Book*, Three Rivers Press (Random House)  
Notebaert Nature Museum, Chicago, IL (permanent exhibit displays)  
American Libraries Magazine  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
The Nature Conservancy  
Chicago Review Press  
The Crossing Press  
Crain Publications  
Chicago Tribune  
Playboy Magazine