

Colleen Gunderson

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My body of work uses photography to accentuate naturally occurring connections and understated beauty. Highlighting a few elements at a time seeks to draw out the poetic within the everyday. Birds, branches, sky, and water frequently help tell the story. Pigment-based ink and 100% cotton rag fiber paper provide rich depth and texture to the finished prints.

Rooted in a generational appreciation of nature and art, my process begins as meditative. Time spent on regular walks through the woods during childhood is foundational to my practice. Visits to Door County art studios — especially the Robert L. Pence Gallery — had a formative influence on my work. While exploring natural environments, I try to remain open to signals both in and around me. Ultimately, the choice of subjects to photograph is intuitive.

Selected Exhibitions and Awards

2024 *Winter's Garden*. Riverfront Arts Center. Stevens Point WI

Juror: Diana K. B. Hoover, professor of graphic design, University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point

2023 *78th Art Annual*. Neville Public Museum. Green Bay WI

Juror: Emily Schlemowitz, senior curator, Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts

2023 *Art of Water VII*. James May Gallery. Milwaukee WI

Curator: Kendra Bulgrin, owner and director, James May Gallery

2023 *Perspectives*. Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts. Fond du Lac WI

Jurors: Debra Brehmer, owner and director, Portrait Society Gallery of Contemporary Art, Milwaukee WI and Leslie Iwai, installation artist and sculptor, Middleton WI

2022 *Mother / Nature*. Alverno College Art and Cultures Gallery. Milwaukee WI

Jurors: Wisconsin Visual Artists members

2018 *The Hal Prize*. Peninsula Publishing & Distribution. Baileys Harbor WI

(Honorable Mention) Judge: Carl Corey; photographer, Guggenheim Fellow, author; River Falls WI

2016 *26th Annual Midwest Seasons*. Center for the Visual Arts. Wausau WI

Juror: Diane Canfield Bywaters, professor of art, University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point

2015 *25th Annual Midwest Seasons*. Center for the Visual Arts. Wausau WI

Juror: Helen Klebesadel, director of the Wisconsin Regional Art Program, University of Wisconsin–Madison

2014 *Visions XVI*. Riverfront Arts Center. Stevens Point WI

(Honorable Mention) Juror: Susan Morrison, professor of art, University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point

2014 *CoPA: The People in Your Neighborhood*. Museum of Wisconsin Art. West Bend WI
Curator: Graeme Reid, director of collections and exhibitions, Museum of Wisconsin Art

2013 *CoPA 7th Annual Midwest Juried Exhibition*. Walker's Point Center for the Arts. Milwaukee WI
Juror: Karen Irvine, chief curator and deputy director, Museum of Contemporary Photography at
Columbia College, Chicago IL

2013 **Four-person exhibition**. *The Spring City Fine Art Photographers Show*. Studio 723. Waukesha WI

2013 *Visions XV*. Riverfront Arts Center. Stevens Point WI
(**Honorable Mention**) Juror: Daniel John O'Neal, artist, Stevens Point WI

2012 *CoPA 6th Annual Midwest Juried Exhibition*. Walker's Point Center for the Arts. Milwaukee WI
(**First Place Award**)
Jurors: Graeme Reid, director of collections and exhibitions, Museum of Wisconsin Art, West Bend WI
and Annemarie Sawkins, PhD; independent curator, art historian, art consultant; Milwaukee WI

2012 *Visions XIV*. Riverfront Arts Center. Stevens Point WI
Juror: Diana K. B. Hoover, professor of graphic design, University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point

Selected Bibliography

2023 *Perspectives 2023*. Wisconsin Visual Artists. ([catalog](#))
2022 *Mother / Nature at Alverno College*. Wisconsin Visual Artists. (catalog)
2018 *The Hal Prize*. Peninsula Publishing & Distribution. ([annual publication](#))
2013 *7th Annual Midwest Juried Exhibition*. Coalition of Photographic Arts. (catalog)
2012 *CoPA's sixth annual juried show at Walker's Point*. Urban Milwaukee. ([review](#))
2012 *6th Annual Midwest Juried Exhibition*. Coalition of Photographic Arts. (catalog)
2011 *Capture Wisconsin: Wisconsin Through the Eyes of Wisconsin Photographers*. Pediment
Publishing. (book)

Professional Service

2013–2016 Advisory board. Riverfront Arts Center. Stevens Point WI
2013 Gallery assistant. Ellison Bay Pottery Studios. Ellison Bay WI
2012–2014 Exhibitions committee. Coalition of Photographic Arts. Milwaukee WI
2012–2014 Editor and contributing writer. copamilwaukee.com. Milwaukee WI
2011–2012 Communications liaison. Stevens Point Area Public School District. Stevens Point WI
(contributing photographer and writer to the *Stevens Point Journal* and *The Portage County Gazette*)

Membership

2022–present Wisconsin Visual Artists — Professional (juried)