



T e r e s a S t a n l e y

McKinleyville, CA

Artist Statement

The paintings and drawings on display in this exhibition are from a new series that I call *EDEN*. When I began this series earlier this winter, I made the decision to create my own private version of paradise, one that existed as an alternative to the realities of the unsettling changes happening in the natural world. I began this work by imagining a garden-like space that offered a pleasant retreat from my worries, although the plants I depicted bore only a passing resemblance to anything in the natural world. In my painted environment, flowers, plants and trees seem to be constructed rather than grown, built from snippets and scraps of information. I am interested in creating images of beauty but recognize that there is also an undercurrent of environmental anxiety lingering in the background. However, being interested in the idea of paradoxes, I welcome this contrast.

My work is abstract but I am guided by a strong narrative impulse. My process is intuitive and I prefer to puzzle out the painting through the process of making rather than starting with a concrete plan or image. My work courts uncertainty and chaos while also desiring control, analysis and rationality. I am drawn to the natural world but feel a strong affinity for architectural spaces. My paintings are humorous but come from a sincere and heartfelt place. I feel comfortable working within these contradictions.

Random events, people, and objects informed this series. Among them climate change, my late father's electronic schematic drawings, the music of Alice Coltrane, readings in Greek mythology, the color in Matisse's paintings, Ikebana, and my interactions with the natural world, specifically the plants and birds that inhabit my small garden. I take it all in and let it wash over me in all its wonderful confusion.

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Selected Solo and Two Person Exhibitions

- 2019 Teresa Stanley: Eden Blue Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 2018 Teresa Stanley: Reservoir Bryant Street Gallery, Palo Alto, CA
- 2017 Teresa Stanley: The Water Seekers HSU Third Street Gallery, Eureka, CA
- 2015 Teresa Stanley: Paintings Annex Gallery, CSU Sacramento
Teresa Stanley: The Mid-Day Garden Bryant Street Gallery, Palo Alto, California
- 2012 Teresa Stanley: New Paintings Bryant Street Gallery, Palo Alto, California
Teresa Stanley: Treasure 555 California Street Lobby, San Francisco, CA
Teresa Stanley: Treasure 199 Fremont Street Lobby, San Francisco, CA
- 2011 Teresa Stanley: New Paintings Bryant Street Gallery, Palo Alto, California
- 2009 Teresa Stanley: Paintings Piante Gallery, Eureka, California
- 2006 Teresa Stanley: Works on Paper 2004-2006 Stellar Somerset Gallery, Palo Alto, California
- 2004 Teresa Stanley: New Paintings Stellar Somerset Gallery, Palo Alto, California
- 2003 Leslie Price/Teresa Stanley New Paintings Humboldt State University, First Street Gallery
- 2002 Off the Canvas: Geometry and Space Olive Hyde Gallery, Fremont, California
- 1998 Teresa Stanley: Moving Pictures Pence Gallery, Davis, California
Teresa Stanley/Stephanie Peek: 3-D Painters Modesto Junior College Art Gallery, Modesto, California
- 1997 Teresa Stanley: Recent Paintings Carnegie Museum, Eureka, California
- 1996 Teresa Stanley: New Paintings and Drawings Reese Bullen Gallery, Humboldt State University
- 1991 Introductions 91: Teresa Stanley and Shelley Jordan William Sawyer Gallery, San Francisco, California

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2019 Hold Dear, LaFontsee Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI
Revive LaFontsee Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI
Open Ended LaFontsee Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2018 Common Threads, Clay and Canvas Gallery, Eureka, CA
Coalesce LaFontsee Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2017 The Art of the Flower Blue Gallery, Kansas City, MO group invitational
William Rainey, Theresa Robinson, Robert Roth, Teresa Stanley 4-person exhibit Blue Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 2016 HSU Staff and Faculty Haldan Gallery, South Lake Tahoe Community College, CA
- 2014-17 San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art Connect & Collect, San Jose, CA
- 2014 Parallel Play Prographica Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2013 Botanically Inclined Morris Graves Museum of Art, Eureka, California
- 2012 Affordable Art Fair Los Angeles (with Anelle Gandleman Fine Art, NY)
Art: Hamptons International Art Fair, New York (with Anelle Gandleman Gallery, NY)
- 2011 Abstraction Piante Gallery, Eureka, CA
Affordable Art Fair NYC (with Anelle Gandleman Fine Art, NY)
Introduction Group Show K. Imperial Fine Art, San Francisco, CA
San Francisco Art Fair (with Bryant Street Gallery) SF, CA
- 2010 Faculty Exchange Exhibit California State University, Stanislaus, CA



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- 2008 Red Dot Art Fair, New York, New York (with Bryant Street Gallery)
2nd Biannual Exhibition of Small Work Todd Gallery, Middle Tennessee State University. Juror Dave Hickey (catalog)
- 2007 10th Anniversary Art Exhibit Golden Foundation for the Arts, New Berlin, New York (catalog)
- 2005 The Art of the Small Painting Stellar Somerset Gallery, Palo Alto, California
- 2003 African Artists/American Artists American Embassy, Nairobi, Kenya
Artists Council 34th Annual National Juried Exhibition Palm Springs Desert Museum
46th Annual International Award Exhibition San Diego Art Institute
International Juried Show New Jersey Center for Visual Arts
- 1999 Regional Invitational Exhibition First Street Gallery, Eureka, California
Northern National Juried Exhibition Nicolet College, LRC Gallery Rhinelander, Wisconsin
- 1997 Abstraction '97 II The Stage Gallery, Merrick, New York
National '97 Exhibition ARTernatives, San Luis Obispo, California
Exemplary Contemporary Eloise Pickard Smith Gallery, UCSC
Summer Show: Gallery Artists Joan Roebuck Gallery, Lafayette, California
The Third Dimension Center for the Visual Arts, Oakland, California
- 1996 Concerning Wood Joan Roebuck Gallery, Lafayette, California
- 1995 Rational and Emotional Abstractions:: Lee Musgrave, Deb Ramsey and Teresa Stanley Wiseman Gallery, Rogue Community College, Grants Pass, Oregon
Women Artists 95 Matrix Gallery, Sacramento, California
Teresa Stanley (3-person exhibit) SF MOMA Artist's Gallery San Francisco, California
About Abstraction: Teresa Stanley (5-person exhibit) Bedford Gallery, Regional Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek, California
- 1994 Small Extravagances Gallery 57, Fullerton, California
Drawn to Abstraction Sebastopol Center for the Arts, Sebastopol, California
4th Annual Works on Paper Bolinas Museum, Bolinas, California
- 1993 Tribute William Sawyer Gallery, San Francisco, California
Gallery Artists William Sawyer Gallery, San Francisco, California
- 1990 Bay Arts Annual San Mateo Arts Council, San Mateo, California
- 1989 Paper in Particular Columbia College/Missouri Arts Council, Columbia, Missouri

Publications

- 2019 Manifest Gallery, "International Painting Annual No. 9" an exhibition in print (hardcover book)
- 2018 Murphy, Rachel and Weber, Dalton "The Water Seekers" (exhibition catalog)
- 2016 Studio Visit Magazine Summer 2016, Open Studio Press
Woven Tale Press Volume IV, No. 8 October 2016
- 2010 Reyner, Nancy Acrylic Innovations: Styles and Techniques of 64 Visionary Artists Northlight Books, October 2010
- 2010 Studio Visit Magazine Volume 11, Summer 2010, Open Studios Press
- 2010 Humboldt State University Faculty Exchange Show CSU Stanislaus (catalog)
- 2008 Nuell, Lon, Hickey, Dave "12 x 12 Tennessee State University" (exhibition catalog)
- 2007 Murray, Mary E. "Golden Foundation for the Arts 1997-2007" (catalog for the 10th Anniversary Exhibition)
- 2004 Stellar, James "Teresa Stanley: Paintings" (catalog)
- 2003 Robertson, Gwen "Teresa Stanley: Keyholes" (exhibition catalog)



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Selected Bibliography

- 2018 Gopinath, Gabriëlle "Authentic Threads" review The North Coast Journal, July 5, 2018
- 2017 Gopinath, Gabriëlle "Water Seekers and Pretty Ones" review The North Coast Journal October 4, 2017
Butler, Wendy "Art Waves: Teresa Stanley" Interview on KHSU about my exhibit at Third Street Gallery
- 2016 Jaegar, Emily "Interview: Teresa Stanley: The dance between the scientific inquiry and the artistic one." Woven Tales Press, October 2016
- 2011 Evans, Richard "Abstracted" The Northcoast Journal December 1, 2011
Alderson, Julie "My 4-year-old Cannot Do This" How to Look at Abstract Painting " Humboldt Magazine Spring 2011
- 2009 Butler, Wendy "Art Waves" KHSU Radio interview about my work.
- 2004 "Golden Grant for NorCal artist" Artweek May 2004
- 2002 Beeler, Monique "Canvas can't contain this exhibit at Olive Hyde" The Argus May 2002
- 1998 Stutzin, Leo "Artists show three-dimensional works" Modesto Bee February 1998
Servis, Nancy M. "Big Plans in Store at Pence Gallery" The Davis Enterprise January 1998
Moyle, Marilyn "Third Saturday Openings" a New Trend for Davis Art?" The Davis Enterprise January 1998
Harrington, Shayne "The Pence Gallery Collection Unites Structure with Chaos with Teresa Stanley's Moving Pictures" The California Aggie February 1998
- 1997 "Painted Sculpture: Abstract art inspired by old buildings" The Times Standard September 1997
- 1995 SF MOMA News March/April 1995 pg. 19 (reproduction)
Thyme, Jolene "Abstraction Show focuses on lesser-known artists" Contra Costa Times, January 1995
- 1994 Wilson, Sally, "The Big Picture" Diablo Arts Magazine Dec/Feb 1994

Education

M.F.A., University of California, Berkeley
M.A. San Francisco State University
B.A. University of California, Santa Barbara

Awards

- 2009 Ingrid Nickleson Trust individual artists grant
2003 Samuel E. and Adele Golden Foundation Individual artist grant
2001 Humboldt State University Emeritus Faculty grant
1996 Humboldt State University Affirmative Action mini-grant
1997 2nd Place Award, Exemplary Contemporary, U.C. Santa Cruz
Juror: Peter Gordon, Head Curator, San Jose MOMA
1986 S.E.C.A. award nominee, SF Museum of Modern Art
1977 U.C. Art Affiliates Award for Excellence in Painting

Professional Experience

1991-present Professor, Art, Humboldt State University
1989-91 Lecturer, Art, San Francisco State University

Gallery Representation

Bryant Street Gallery, Palo Alto, CA
Blue Gallery, Kansas City, MO
Fresh Paint, Culver City, CA
LaFontsee Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI

