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AT A GLANCE

Exhibition: BLUE DOES NOT MEAN SKY: A City Gallery Group Show
Artists: Judy Atlas, Meg Bloom, Phyllis Crowley, Rita Hannafin
Where: City Gallery, 994 State Street, New Haven, CT
When: Friday, January 5 - Sunday, January 28, 2024
Artist Reception: Saturday, January 13, 2:00 - 4:00
(snow date: Sunday, January 14, 2:00 - 4:00)
Artists in the Gallery: January 7 - Phyllis Crowley
January 14 - Judy Atlas
January 21 - Meg Bloom
January 28 - Rita Hannafin
Gallery Hours: Friday - Sunday, 12pm - 4 pm, or by appointment

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Abstract painter Judy Atlas expresses her exploration of the patterns, shapes, lines and movements found in nature and everyday life. Her paintings in this exhibit return to her “flux” series, communicating the sense or state of always flowing, yet never ending.

Meg Bloom finds beauty in the imperfect and impermanent. Through her sculptures and mixed media works, her art marks moments of transience as she responds to the world around her. Her art almost always references nature and reflects the increased urgency she feels to respond to the chaos and destructiveness in the environment, whether natural or man-made.

Phyllis Crowley combines photographs to make new relationships that bring her closer to the original emotional experience. The images speak to each other, create different ideas and associations, often emphasizing elements that are subdued in each original. The process is similar to building a story sentence by sentence; or even more, in writing a poem with the words carefully chosen, and the placement critical.

Rooted in a traditional quilt-making background, art quilter Rita Hannafin explores abstraction to express a new perspective of personal images that inspire her. Her series in this group show begins with an orderly vista and morphs into a chaotic construct. The underlying emotion is the energy of New York City which serves to unify the work.

Offering a unique opportunity to explore abstract art in a variety of media, BLUE DOES NOT MEAN SKY is free and open to the public. It will be on view from January 5 through January 28, with an Artist Reception on Saturday, January 13, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. (Snow date Sunday January 14 2:00 - 4:00). City Gallery is located at 994 State Street, New Haven, CT 06511. Gallery hours are Friday - Sunday, 12pm - 4 pm, or by appointment. For further information please contact City Gallery, info@city-gallery.org, www.city-gallery.org.

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IMAGE

Treasure, Judy Atlas, 30 x 24", acrylic on canvas, 2023

New York Energy, Rita Hannafin, fused & stitched textiles, commercial and hand dyed cloth, 2023

The Ghost of Oneself, detail, Meg Bloom, handmade paper, 5'x1'x10"

Darkness Gathers, Phyllis Crowley, Pigment Print, 19.75 x 45 in

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