



Image: Detail of *Untitled Greenland (Sled Dog Colony with Crows #2)* by Victoria Crayhon

# Gallery 2023: A Year in Review

January 2023–December 2023



Image courtesy of Brandon Constant

# About

## About Us

Gallery 263, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is currently one of only a handful of art galleries in Cambridge and the only art gallery in the community of Cambridgeport. In addition to exhibitions, we host art workshops, an artist-in-residence program, weekly yoga, weekly life drawing, a weekly writing group, and many other events throughout the year.

## Mission

Gallery 263 is a nonprofit creative space committed to advancing contemporary art. Our conceptually driven exhibitions and enriching community programming foster the lifelong engagement of artists and visitors.

# Staff + Board

## Staff

Douglas Breault,  
Exhibitions  
Director

Sophia Day,  
Operations  
Director

Allison Gray,  
Communications  
Director

## Board of Directors

All board members are volunteers.

David Craft, Co-founder

Jaime Guyon

Laura Kathrein, Vice President

Olivier Kibbey

Emily Lam

Steven Miller

Kirsten Sims, Treasury Officer

Rebecca Smith

Joe Talloen

Ben Wallace

Lucy Yan, President

# Overview of Exhibitions

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## Exhibitions

In 2023, the gallery presented 13 exhibitions with art from local and national artists. Four of the exhibitions were solo shows, one was a two-person show, and eight were group shows.

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## Solo Shows

Of the gallery's four solo shows, two were the artist's first-ever solo exhibitions.

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## Juried Calls for Art

The gallery held three juried exhibitions that were juried by external jurors.

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## Exhibition Proposal Series

Three of the exhibitions were part of the gallery's Exhibition Proposal Series. Two of these were solo shows; one was a two-person exhibition.

# Art Programming by the Numbers

1.8k+

## Visitors

The exhibitions that took place in 2023 drew more than 1,800 visitors to the gallery.

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## Receptions

Each exhibition included a reception to celebrate the artists, amounting to 13 receptions in total. Gallery receptions are free and open to the public.

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## Exhibition Programming

The gallery hosted three exhibition events—including artist talks by Victoria Crayhon and Maris Van Vlack—and a film screening by Lilan Yang.

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## Workshops

Two art-making workshops were held: a zine-making workshop to celebrate a newly installed zine box at the gallery and a printmaking workshop.

# List of Exhibitions



**January 5–February 4, 2023**

Where We Wander

a group exhibition curated by Gallery 263

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**February 9–March 11, 2023**

bittersweet

a group exhibition juried by Vanessa Leroy

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**March 16–April 15, 2023**

Distant Early Warning Line

a solo show by Victoria Crayhon

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**April 20–May 20, 2023**

Hand Me Down

a group exhibition juried by LaiSun Keane

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**May 22–27, 2023**

Morse School Art Show

a show by local elementary schoolchildren

# List of Exhibitions (Continued)



**June 8–June 24, 2023**

Cambridge Community Exhibition  
a group show of work by Cambridge artists

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**July 2–9, 2023**

Now Introducing Mr. Blank  
a solo show of work by the late Griffin Fisher

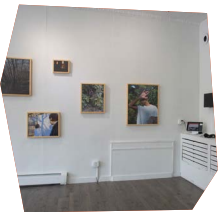
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**August 20–28, 2023**

Nowhere Near  
a solo show by artist-in-residence Lilan Yang

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**September 7–October 7, 2023**

Once Through a Lens  
a show by Jonathan Mark Jackson & Ali Newhard

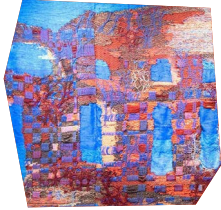
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**October 12–November 4, 2023**

New Language: Contemporary Abstraction  
a group exhibition juried by Daniela Rivera

# List of Exhibitions (Continued)



**November 9–December 9, 2023**

Fiberscapes

a solo show by Maris Van Vlack

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**December 13–January 6, 2023**

The View From Mars

a group exhibition curated by Gallery 263

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**September 2023–August 2024**

Small Works Project

small works by 12 artists



# Virtual Exhibitions

**Thank you**

Thanks to the generosity of Rtangent, a Massachusetts-based company, the gallery offered three virtual tours of exhibitions this year. Rtangent's interactive platform allows interpreters to virtually lead a group of people through a guided experience of a physical or virtual space. When a narrator is not present, users are able to explore the space on their own. Each of these virtual exhibitions accompanied in-person shows.



## Distant Early Warning Line

A solo exhibition by Victoria Crayhon that explores international presence in Greenland and its multi-pronged attempt to benefit from climate change—specifically the ice melt.



## Once Through a Lens

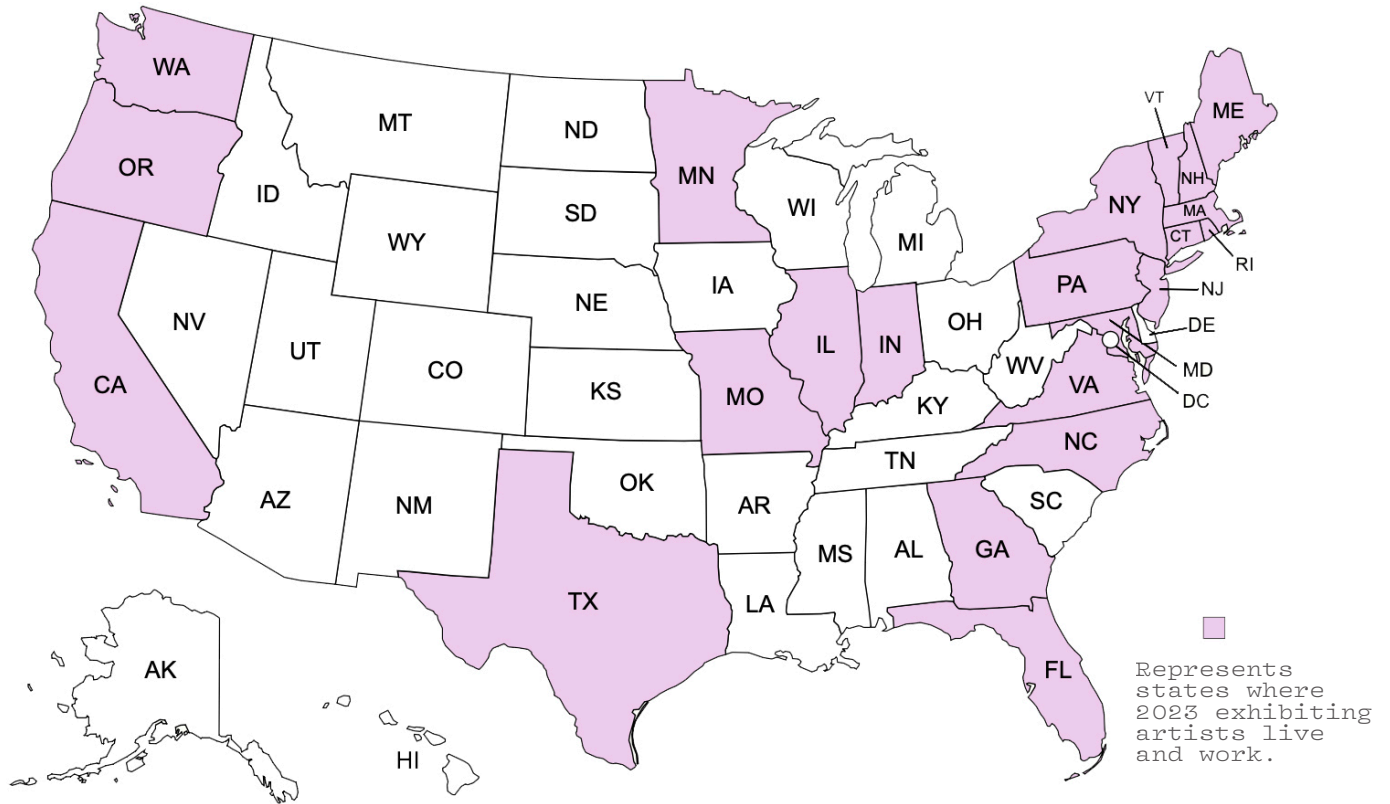
A two-person exhibition by Jonathan Mark Jackson and Ali Newhard that considers how the landscape of New England has structured their identities.



## Fiberscapes

A solo show by Maris Van Vlack that presents wall tapestries and woven studies inspired by topography to investigate changing geological landscapes.

# Artist Impact



**129**

The gallery exhibited the work of 129 artists from across the United States.

**98**

Of the exhibiting artists, 98 were New England-based.

**853**

The gallery received more than 853 submissions for solo and group exhibition proposals and national calls for art.

**31**

Of the exhibiting artists, 31 were from outside of New England.

**300**

Through the Morse School Art Show, the gallery presented the work of nearly 300 children.

# Small Works Project

The Small Works Project features work by Massachusetts-based artists in the gallery's flat files and online on the gallery's website. All Small Works Project artists have work on view for one year. After that time, a new cohort is selected by a competitive jury process.

In September, the gallery welcomed a new cohort of 12 Small Works Project artists. This was the third year of the project. Work by this cohort includes photography, mixed media, painting, prints, and more.

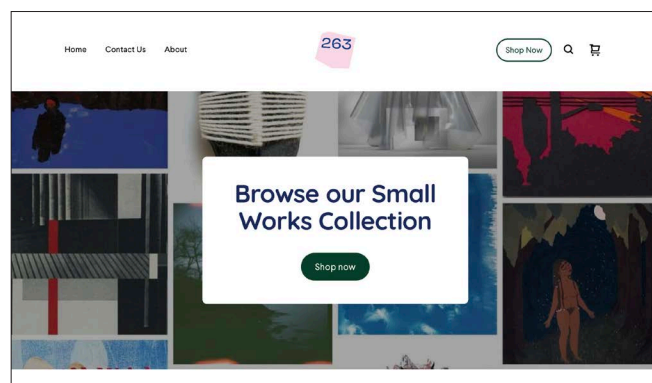


## 2023–2024 Artists

Nina Bellucci  
 Krystle Brown  
 Kate Castelli  
 Mayté Castillo  
 Madge Evers  
 Charles Kim  
 Alessandro Lopresti  
 Tiffany Megumi Gerdes  
 Zoe Schein  
 Chase Spearance  
 Amy Lou Stein  
 Tianying Yu

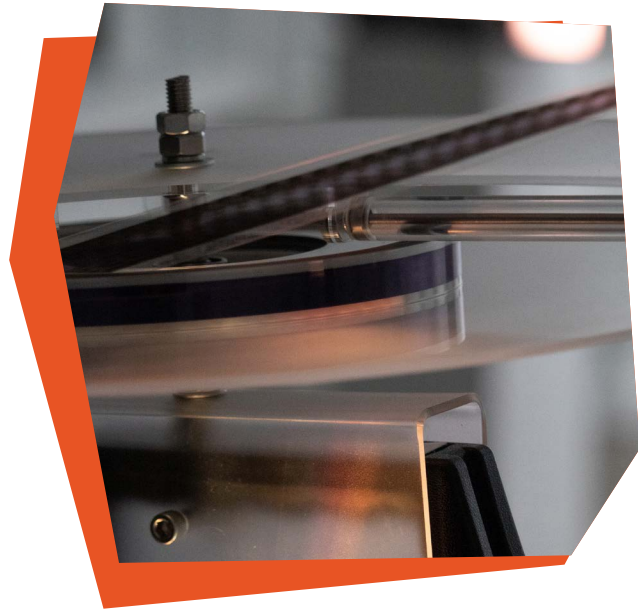
## Online Shop

This fall, the gallery launched its first-ever online shop, featuring Small Works Project work. Shoppers are able to purchase art online with both local delivery and in-store pickup available.



# 2023 Artist in Residence

After a competitive jury process with more than 60 applications, Lilan Yang was selected as the summer 2023 artist in residence. Yang created work in the gallery from July 10 through August 19. The residency culminated in a one-week solo showcase titled *Nowhere Near*, featuring photographs and experimental film installations.



Images courtesy of artist-in-residence Lilan Yang

# Programs + Events

In 2023, the gallery held yoga twice a week, life drawing once a week, a new weekly writing group, and three fundraising events.

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## Yoga

Yoga took place 93 times at the gallery. Yoga is offered twice a week.

41

## Life Drawing

Life Drawing Boston, a local group, held 41 life drawing sessions at the gallery.

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## Writing Group

A new writing group, which met seven times in 2023, was launched in November.

15<sup>th</sup>

## Birthday Bash

In June, Gallery 263 celebrated its 15th birthday with a Birthday Bash fundraiser.

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## Foraged Banquet

In the fall, the gallery hosted a Foraged Banquet fundraiser with 40 guests.

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## Holiday Art Sale

In 2023, the gallery hosted one art sale fundraiser. This event took place in December.



# Private Event Rentals

With high tin ceilings, plentiful natural light, and a revolving display of artwork, the gallery is a beautiful and unique venue for private events. Whether it's a special celebration, workshop, fundraiser, wedding, corporate, or performance event, Gallery 263 offers an intimate and memorable experience.

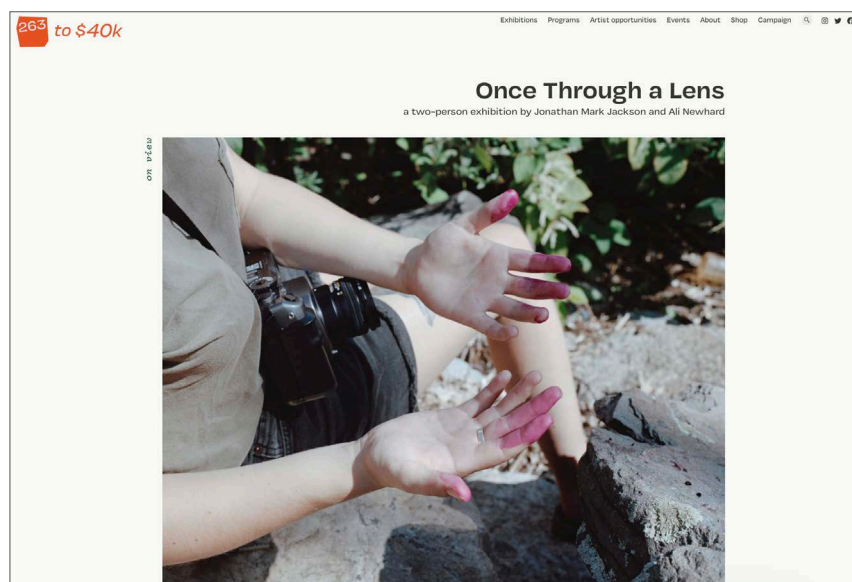
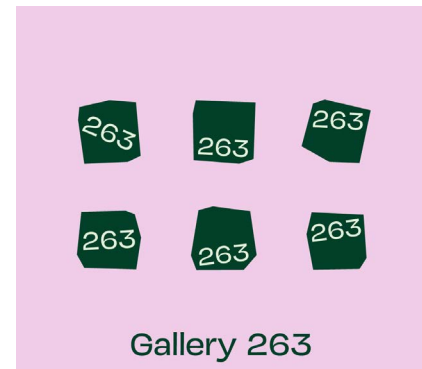
In 2023, the gallery hosted many types of private events, including holiday parties, music, a birthday party, an engagement celebration, and more.



# New Brand Identity + Website

In the spring, the gallery launched a new brand identity and website. This fresh take on the gallery's visual expression and redesigned website coincides with the celebration of Gallery 263's 15th year. The new website features a clean design, streamlined navigation, and an emphasis on imagery. A revitalized brand palette with a broad spectrum of colors enlivens and reflects the versatile nature of the organization. The logo exists in multiple shapes and colors to mimic the gallery's multifunctional space and character. Along with these changes, the gallery converted its domain to a .org address to highlight its 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.

Gallery 263 is extremely thankful for all of the pro-bono work completed to make this project come to fruition. We are grateful for the generosity of Ben Wallace, former Gallery 263 board president, for leading the project, creating the brand identity, and delivering the website. We are also in gratitude to Izzy Walter, graphic designer at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and friend of the gallery, for designing the new logo.



# Thank you

As a nonprofit art space, Gallery 263 relies on its community to keep programs running and staff supported. A sincere thank you to:

## **Jurors**

Vanessa Leroy, Juror of *bittersweet*

LaiSun Keane, Juror of *Hand Me Down*

Daniela Rivera, Juror of *New Language: Contemporary Abstraction*

## **New Brand Identity + Website (Pro-bono work)**

Ben Wallace, Project lead, creator of brand identity and new website

Izzy Walter, Designer of new gallery logo

## **Virtual Exhibitions**

Emily Lam and Tom Little, cofounders of Rtangent, who created three virtual tours of exhibitions.

## **Foraged Banquet Volunteers**

Jaime Guyon, Chief Visionary and Organizer

David Craft, Chief Forager

Kate Merrill, Chief Cocktail Officer

## **Donors**

Thank you to everyone who could financially support the gallery in 2023. The gallery couldn't do it without you.

We would also like to thank the Gregor Family for your ongoing support and for providing a matching donation for our fundraising campaign.

Image: Gallery co-founder David Craft speaks with guests at the 2023 Foraged Banquet fundraiser. Ticket sales from this event support our nonprofit organization.

Image courtesy of Brandon Constant





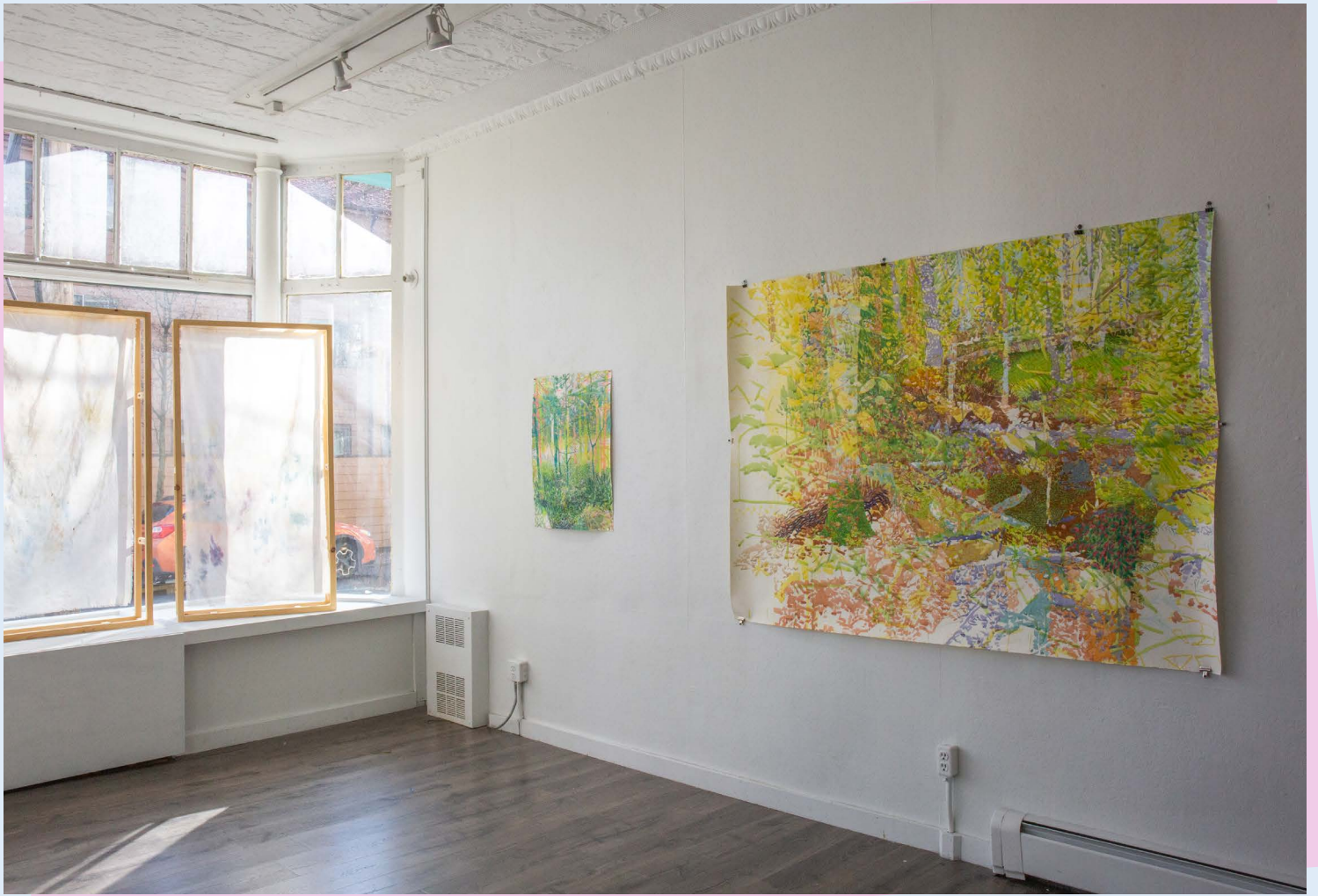


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