

HOME



Cicely Aikman, Gideon Bok, Alan Bray, Lois Dodd
Jeff Epstein, Melanie Essex, Breehan James, Elisa Jensen
Bernard Langlais, K. Min, Jody Payne, Jay Stern,
Barbara Sullivan, Nancy Wissemann-Widrig

Melanie Essex - Guest Curator

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Curator's Note:

The idea is to consider “home” not only as a place/refuge/interior but as muse - an essential element of an individual's creative identity and process.

Each of these artists addresses this in their own way - from the forthright domesticity of Cicely Aikman to Gideon Bok's studio portraits, Alan Bray's intricate nests, Lois Dodd's water pistols, Jeff Epstein's bird feeder, Breehan James's camp environments, Elisa Jensen's rich interior/exterior dialogues, the welcoming pet of Bernard Langlais, K. Min's sun-soaked room, Jody Payne's view of the house across the field, Jay Stern's luscious yet subversive spaces, Barbara Sullivan's provocative apron, and Nancy Wissemann-Widrig's entranced reader.

I learned more from looking at this work than I could possibly conjure up on my own. It is a pleasure.

Melanie Essex
September 2023



AFTERNOON NAP OF LADYBUG 1974
oil on linen, 32 x 32 inches

Cicely Aikman
(American 1923 -2013)



MOM/MRS. HONEY/BEING THERE 2022
oil on linen 49 x 44 inches (nfs)

Gideon Bok



REBUILT NEST 2023
casein on panel 11 1/2 x 9 inches

Alan Bray



SUMMER PARAPHENALIA 1973
oil on panel 16 x 14 inches

Lois Dodd



BIRD FEEDER WITH REFLECTION, 2022
oil on linen 40 x 50 inches

Jeff Epstein



RESTING AT CAMP 2015
oil on canvas 38 x 50 inches

Breehan James



BACKYARD BLUE HOUR 2023
oil on panel 14 x 11 inches

Elisa Jensen



SITTING DOG 1970s
Wood 36 1/2 x 54 1/2 x 18 1/2 inches (nfs)

Bernard Langlais
(American 1921 -1977)



NEW YORK STORY - MORNING 2022
oil on canvas 36 x 46 inches

K. Min



THE FORCE THAT DRIVES THE FLOWER 2022
watercolor on paper 18 x 24 inches

Jody Payne



BETWEEN TWO WINDOWS, VINALHAVEN 2023
oil on canvas 45 x 40 inches

Jay Stern



FEED THEM ALL 2002
shaped fresco 39 1/2 x 21 x 3 inches

Barbara Sullivan



SUMMER READING 1972
acrylic on canvas 42 x 50 inches

Nancy Wissemann-Widrig



STUDIO CLUTTER (Lockdown) #2 2020
oil on canvas 30 x 22 inches

Melanie Essex

With thanks to the artists:

Cicely Aikman

Gideon Bok - courtesy of SHFAP in New York, Alpha Gallery, Boston and Page Gallery, Camden. Photo credit - Dave Clough Photography

Alan Bray

Lois Dodd

Jeff Esptein

Melanie Essex

Breehan James - courtesy Page Gallery, Camden

Elisa Jensen

Bernard Langlais - *Loan from the Langlais Art Preserve, Cushing, Maine, protected by Georges River Land Trust. Gift of John and Joanne Payson, 2015.*

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Jody Payne

Jay Stern

Barbara Sullivan

Nancy Wissemann-Widrig

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