



# WILD THING

Jana Benitez Katherine Bradford Eleanor Conover  
Jarid Del Deo Lois Dodd Grace Hager Bernard Langlais  
James Prosek Dennis Pinette David Wilson

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**OPENING RECEPTION**

**Friday, September 5, 5-7PM**

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ACROBATIC DOGS Bernard Langlais (Amer. 1921-1977)

**Wild Thing** presents work by ten artists who have drawn on the untamed, the primordial, the unruly, and even the supernatural for inspiration. Nature and natural cycles predominate – even where the human presence is felt. The emphasis is on the undomesticated, open-air environments, elemental materials, flora, fauna, weather, and in some cases, humans in the wild (and being wild). We have Lois Dodd's exuberant nudes frolicking in sunshine, contrasted with Katherine Bradford's nocturnal couple outside the comfort of their domestic space in a dark landscape. Eleanor Conover and Jarid del Deo engage with landscape directly, each using a unique personal language to express the sensation of time and place. Jana Benitez describes her work as rooted in the tension between boundless energy and restraint, surrender and control. James Prosek's sculptures of weathered wood, scoured by fire, offer narratives of re-birth and the fluidity of nature. Grace Hager's ceramic sculptures of trees, like David Wilson's woodland tableaux, present characterful avatars of things in the wild, slightly spooky, yet inviting. Dennis Pinette's fire and wind paintings champion the power of natural elements. Bernard Langlais populated the ninety acres of his farm in Cushing Maine with sculptures carved from wood. In this cast of thousands, animals and animal spirits predominated. These acrobatic creatures are welcome contributors to this mix, perhaps reminding us to look around at what's out there.

Melanie Essex  
August 2025





DREAMLAND 2025  
oil on canvas  
60 x 72 inches

Jana Benitez





LOG CABIN AT NIGHT 2024  
acrylic on canvas  
60 x 48 inches

Katherine Bradford



JUNE (Tailing, Tide) 2025  
oil, acrylic, graphite and dye on sewn linen  
with marble and bowed and beveled pine  
38 x 29 x 3 inches

Eleanor Conover





PIANO MUSIC 2025  
oil on panel  
24 x 22 inches

Jarid del Deo



STRIDING NUDE, HANDS BEHIND HEAD 2020  
oil on step flashing  
7 x 5 inches

Lois Dodd





MIDNIGHT PITCH 2023  
terra sigillata on stoneware  
14 x 14 x 8 inches

Grace Hager





BURNING SKY #2 2008  
oil on gessoed rag  
30 x 30 inches

Dennis Pinette



BURNED LOG WITH CLAY FLOWERS 2016  
bronze, clay, oil paint  
9 1/2 x 21 x 9 inches

James Prosek





SAGE WOODS  
oil on canvas  
60 x 83 inches

David Wilson

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