

STEPHEN GREENE

Born in New York, New York, September 19, 1917
Died Valley Cottage, New York, November 18, 1999

Education

1936-1937 National Academy School of Fine Arts, New York
1937-1938 Art Students League, New York
1938 The Richmond Division of the College of William and Mary, Richmond, VA
1942 B.F.A., State University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
1945 M.A., State University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2024

"Stephen Greene: Biographs and Recollections," Moody Gallery, Houston (September 7 – October 26)

2017

"Stephen Greene: Drawings 1967 – 74," Victoria Munroe Gallery, New York (April 13 – May 27, 2017)

2016

"Stephen Greene: 1960s Abstractions," Jason McCoy Gallery, New York (March 3 - April 30)

2008

"Stephen Greene: 1917-1999," Jason McCoy Gallery, New York (September 12-October 18)

2006

"Stephen Greene: Pleasure Dome—Works from the Last Two Decades," Jason McCoy Gallery, New York (February 2-March 11)

2003

"Stephen Greene: Painter and Mentor," Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, Massachusetts (September 20, 2003-January 4, 2004)

2001

"Stephen Greene: Labyrinth Drawings," David Beitzel Gallery, New York

1999

"Stephen Greene: Recent Paintings," University of Massachusetts, Lowell (October 1-November 3)

"Stephen Greene: Five Decades," David Beitzel Gallery, New York

1998

"Stephen Greene: Selected Works of Four Decades," Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Santa Monica (May 21-June 20)

"Stephen Greene: Small Paintings," Nielsen Gallery, Boston (November 21 – December 3)

1997

"Stephen Greene: Moreau's Garden," David Beitzel Gallery, New York

1996

"Stephen Greene: Paintings and Works on Paper," David Beitzel Gallery, New York

1995

"A Tribute to Stephen Greene: Painter, Teacher, Friend," Nielsen Gallery, Boston (January 7-February 4)

"Stephen Greene," Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Santa Monica (May 27-July 8)

1994

"Stephen Greene: The Light of Memory," Victoria Munroe Fine Art, New York (March 8-April 2)

1992

"Stephen Greene," Nielsen Gallery, Boston, MA

1991

"Stephen Greene: The Tampa Series," Ruth Bachofner, Santa Monica

1990

"Stephen Greene," Ruth Bachofner, Santa Monica (April 26-May 26)

1989

"Stephen Greene," Meredith Long Gallery, Houston

"Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York

"Stephen Greene: Images of Suffering & Salvation," St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis

1988

"Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York

"Stephen Greene," Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Santa Monica

1987

"Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York

"Stephen Greene," Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Los Angeles

"Stephen Greene," J. Rosenthal Fine Arts, Ltd., Chicago, IL

1986

"Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York

1985

"Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York

"Stephen Greene," Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Los Angeles

1983

"Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York

1982

"Stephen Greene," Galeria Ponce, Mexico City

1981

"Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York

1979

"Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York

"Stephen Greene," Galeria Ponce, Mexico City

1978

"Stephen Greene: A Decade of Painting," Akron Art Institute, Akron (May 7-June 18); exhibition traveled to The Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts, Columbus; North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh; The Currier Gallery of Art, Manchester, New Hampshire.

"Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York

1977

"Stephen Greene: Fermata," Galeria Ponce, Mexico City, Mexico (August-September)

1976

"Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York

1975

"Stephen Greene: New Paintings," William Zierler, Inc., New York (October 4-30)

"Stephen Greene," Galleria dell'Obelisco Rome, Italy

1974

"Stephen Greene, A Retrospective Exhibition of Works Produced from 1963 to 1973," Tyler School of Art, Temple University, Philadelphia (October 18-November 17)

1973

"Stephen Greene: Recent Paintings," William Zierler, Inc., New York (November 3-29)

"Stephen Greene," The Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

1972

"Stephen Greene," The Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta

"Stephen Greene, 25 Years of Drawing: 1947-1972," William Zierler, Inc., New York (December 2-30)

1971

"Stephen Greene," William Zierler, Inc., New York

1969

"Stephen Greene," George Staempfli Gallery, New York

1967

"Stephen Greene," Franklin Siden Gallery, Detroit, IL

1966

"Stephen Greene," George Staempfli Gallery, New York

1964

"Stephen Greene," George Staempfli Gallery, New York

1963

"Stephen Greene: A Retrospective Exhibition of Paintings and Drawings." Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. (March); exhibition traveled to University of Minnesota, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Tennessee Fine Arts Center, Des Moines Art Center.

1961

"Stephen Greene," George Staempfli Gallery, New York

1958

"Stephen Greene," Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York

1957

"Stephen Greene," Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York

1955

"Stephen Greene," Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York

1952

"Stephen Greene," Durlacher Brothers, New York, February 26 – March 22, 1952

1949

"Stephen Greene," Durlacher Brothers, New York

1947

"Stephen Greene," Durlacher Brothers, New York

Selected Group Exhibitions

2025

"50th Anniversary Exhibition, Part II", Moody Gallery, Houston (November 8 – December 23)

2023

"Small Paintings", Victoria Munroe Fine Art, New York (November 9 – December 23)

"Holiday Group Exhibition of Gallery Artists," Moody Gallery, Houston (November 4 – December 16)

"Group Exhibition of Gallery Artists," Moody Gallery, Houston (May 6 – June 17)

2022

"Holiday Group Exhibition," Moody Gallery, Houston (December 11, 2022 – January 22, 2023)

2018

"Artistic Vanguard: The 1960s at the Art Students League," The Phyllis Harriman Mason Gallery, Art Students League, New York (January)

"Paintings and Works on Paper: Pat Adams, Elizabeth Dworkin, Jacqueline Gourevitch, Stephen Greene, Laura Newman," Victoria Munroe Fine Art, New York, NY (November 14, 2018 – January 12, 2019)

2017

"Eye on the Collection: Spring 2017," Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, Andover, MA (March 25 – July 30)

2016

"Human Interest: Portraits from the Whitney's Collection," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York (April 2, 2016 – April 2, 2017)

2014

"Art in the Making: A New Adaptation," Luther W. Brady Art Gallery, The George Washington University, Washington, DC (May 6 – July 17); Reading Public Museum, Reading, PA (August 15 – December 18).

2012

"Paper Band," Jason McCoy Gallery, New York (July 11 – August 24)

2011

"Surface Truths: Abstract Painting of the 'Sixties," Norton Simon Museum of Art, Pasadena, CA (March 25 – August 15)

2010

"Collecting Biennials," The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York (January 16 – November 28)

"Galaxy and Cosmos," Jason McCoy Gallery, New York (December 8, 2010 – January 31, 2011)

2009

"The Lens and the Mirror: Modern Self-Portraits from the Collection," The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York (April – July 12, 2009)

"Abstraction from the Collection," Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia (October 2 – December 13, 2009)

2007

"The Abstract Impulse: Fifty Years of Abstraction at the National Academy, 1956-2006," National Academy Museum and School of Fine Arts, New York (August 1, 2007-January 6, 2008)

1999

"Nielsen Gallery 35th Anniversary Exhibition, Part II - New Works," Nielsen Gallery, Boston, MA.

1997

"View From Abroad: American Realities," Whitney Museum of American Art.

"A Tribute to Grace Borgenicht Gallery The 1950's: The First Decade," DC Moore Gallery, New York

1996

"July 1996," David Beitzel, New York

1995

"47th Annual American Academy Purchase Exhibition," The American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York

"Inaugural Exhibition," Corr Contemporary Art London, England

1994

"Drawings: Jake Berthot, Porfirio DiDonna, Stephen Greene, John Walker," Victoria Munroe Fine Art, New York, Corr Contemporary Art, London, England

1993

"Crossing the Line: Abstraction/Figuration," Nielsen Gallery, Boston, MA

1992

"Painting, Self-Evident Abstraction," Spoleto, USA and The William Halsey Gallery, Simmons Center for the Arts, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC

1991

"American Life and American Art," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

"American Abstraction," Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, Andover, MA

1988

"Recent Acquisitions," Neuberger Museum, Purchase, NY

1982

"Thirty-fourth Annual Hassam & Speicher Fund Purchase Exhibit," American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York

"Distinct Visions: Expressionist Sensibilities, Elaine deKooning, Stephen Greene, Grace Hartigan," Milton and Sally Avery Art Center, Bard College Annandale-on Hudson, NY

"Realism & Realities: The Other Side of American Painting," Rutgers University Gallery, New Brunswick, NJ

1981

"Decade of Transition: 1940-50," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

"156th Annual Exhibition," National Academy of Design, New York, NY

1979

"The Figurative Tradition," The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

1977

"American Postwar Painting," Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York

1975

"An American Dream World," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

1973

"Twenty Years of American Painting," Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York

"Biennial of Contemporary American Painting and Sculpture," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

"American Artists in Europe," Palazzo Pretorio, Prato, Italy

1972

"Annual Exhibition," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

1970

"L'art vivant aux Etats Unis," Fondation Maeght, Saint-Paul-de-Vence, France

1969

"American Paintings, Watercolors and Drawings from the Museum Collection," Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

"Seven Decades of American Painting," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

1967

"Annual Exhibition," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

1963

"Annual Exhibition," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

1962

"65th Annual American Exhibition," Art Institute of Chicago, (January 5 – February 18, 1962)

"Abstract Drawings and Watercolors," Museu de Arte Moderna, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

1961

"Annual Exhibition," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

"Abstract Expressionists and Imagists," Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York

"VI Sao Palo Bienal," Sao Paolo, Brazil

1959

"Annual Exhibition," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

"Museum Director's Choice," Baltimore Museum of Art

1958

"Biennial of Religious Art," Salzburger Museum, Carolino Augusteum

1957

"Golden Years of American Drawing: 1905–1956," Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, New York
(January 22–March 17)

"Annual Exhibition," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

"Annual Exhibition," Los Angeles County Museum, Los Angeles

1956

"Annual Exhibition," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

"Recent Drawings USA," Museum of Modern Art, New York (April 25 – August 6, 1956)

1955

"The New Decade: 35 American Painters and Sculptors," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

"Italy Rediscovered," Munson Williams Proctor Institute, Utica

1954

"Annual Exhibition: Sculpture, Watercolor, Drawing," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

"Le Dessin Contemporain au États Unis," Musée National d'Art Moderne, Paris

"Reality and Fantasy," Walker Art Center, Minneapolis

1952

"Annual Exhibition: Contemporary American Painting," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

"65th American Exhibition, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago

"The 1952 Pittsburg International Exhibition of Contemporary Painting," Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, October 16 – December 14, 1952.

1951

"Annual Exhibition: Sculpture, Watercolor, Drawing," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

1950

"American Painting Today," The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

"Annual Exhibition: Contemporary American Painting," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

1947

"Pictures for Young Collectors," The Renaissance Society, University of Chicago, November 20 - December 17, 1947

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"The Tragic Sense," in From Sophocles to Picasso. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1962.

"Sensibility of the Sixties," Art in America 55, January-February 1967.

"Stephen Greene," Art Now: New York, vol. 4, New York: University Galleries, March 1972.

"Aspects of Reality in My Paintings," Leonardo 6, 1973.

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Rose, Barbara. American Art Since 1900. New York: Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1975.

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Fyfe, Joseph and Stephanie Buhmann. Stephen Greene: Pleasure Dome. New York, NY: Jason McCoy, Inc., 2006.

Pease, David et al. Stephen Greene, A Retrospective Exhibition of Works Produced from 1963 to 1973, Philadelphia: Tyler School of Art, Temple University, 1974

Ponce, Juan García. Stephen Greene: Fermata. Mexico, DF, Galeria Ponce, 1977.

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Robert Storr, "The Light That Did Not Fail – A Source that Never Ran Dry," and Marshall N. Price, "Between Narrative and Mystery," Stephen Greene 1917-1999. New York: Jason McCoy Inc., 2008

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Columbia University, New York
Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, Ohio
Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York
Grey Art Museum, New York University, New York
Hamine University Galleries of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, Minnesota
Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC
Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, Indiana
Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, Michigan
University of Kentucky, Lexington
Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois, Urbana
Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, Iowa
Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum, Washington University, St. Louis
McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, Texas
The Menil Collection, Houston
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston
Museum of Modern Art, New York
Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Utica, New York
The National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.
Nelson-Atkins Gallery of Art, Kansas City
Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City
Neuberger Museum, Purchase, New York
New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans
Newark Museum, Newark
Norton Simon Museum of Art at Pasadena
The Pennsylvania Academy of Art, Philadelphia
The Art Museum, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey
Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts
Saint Louis Art Museum, Saint Louis

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco
Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara
Stanford University Art Museum, Stanford, California
Tate, London
Tennessee Fine Arts Center at Cheekwood, Nashville
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond
Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford
Weatherspoon Art Gallery, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
University of Wisconsin, Madison
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven

Awards

1997

Academy of Arts & Letters Purchase Award

1996

Academy of Arts & Letters Purchase Award, Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA
Purchase Award, Huscarelle Museum, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA.

1995

Purchase Award, McNair Museum, Iowa

1989

Adolph & Clara Obrig Prize - National Academy of Design, New York

1970

Andrew Carnegie Award, National Academy of Design, New York

1967

Institute of Arts and Letters Awards, New York

1966

The Council of Arts and Letters Grant, New York

1965

The Corcoran Copper Medal and William A. Grant Prize, The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC.

1958

Purchase prize, Isaac Delgado Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA, Contemporary American Painting.

1952

Prix de Rome (extended through 1954).

1947

First Prize, Place of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco, CA, Annual of Contemporary American Painting.

1946

Purchase Prize, "Biennial of American Painting," Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA

Teaching positions

1975 Resident Faculty, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, Maine
1968-88 Tyler School of Art, Temple University, Elkins Park
1961-68 Columbia University, New York
1959-64 Pratt Institute, New York
1959 Art Students League, New York
1956-59 Artist-in-Residence, Princeton University
1954-56 Parsons School of Design, New York
1947-52 Parsons School of Design, New York
1946-47 Washington University, St. Louis
1945-46 Indiana University, Bloomington