

## SHARON PASTER

Sharon Paster is a semi-abstract contemporary painter whose work is rooted in an ongoing exploration of a singular, yet expansive, theme: the continuous exchange of energy that flows through and connects all things. This dynamic interplay—between matter and atmosphere, presence and dissolution—is central to her practice. She captures the invisible pulse of the world through expressive compositions that blend form and flux.

Her paintings juxtapose fixed elements with fluid gestures, drawing attention to the relationships between tangible subjects—rocks, figures, water—and the ephemeral energy that surrounds and shapes them. Whether working within the recognizable contours of the landscape or veering into the realm of pure abstraction, Sharon's work meditates on dualities: solidity and impermanence, the grounded and the dissolving, the seen and the sensed. Figures and rocks emerge as metaphors—anchored yet transient, embodying the ever-changing nature of existence.

Based in Marin County, just over the Golden Gate Bridge in the San Francisco Bay Area, Sharon creates her work in the historic Sausalito ICB (Industrial Center Building), home to a vibrant community of artists. She maintains an active role in this creative ecosystem, co-chairing the board of directors for the ICB Art Association, which supports over 90 artist-members.

Sharon's work has garnered national attention and is represented by galleries across the United States. Her paintings have been exhibited in notable institutions, including Sacramento's Crocker Art Museum, the San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, and MarinMOCA. She was honored to be included in the prestigious de Young Open, a juried exhibition at the de Young Museum celebrating Bay Area artists.

Her art has also been featured in prominent design and lifestyle publications such as Luxe Interiors + Design, House Beautiful, and San Francisco Magazine, highlighting the broad aesthetic appeal and design relevance of her work.

Whether viewed in a gallery or lived within a home, Sharon Paster's paintings invite viewers into a meditative experience—where energy, form, and atmosphere are always in conversation, and where presence itself feels beautifully, constantly in motion.



Education:

BA Brandeis University, Phi Beta Kappa, Fine Arts Concentration (1976) College of Marin,  
Graduate Studies in Painting and Sculpture (2012)

Selected Exhibitions:

2024

Sausalito Center for the Arts, Bay Area Figurative invitational show (Jan) Cami Art + Wine,  
Calistoga, group invitational shows (Feb, Apr)

Marin Open Studios (May)

O'Hanlon Center, Mill Valley, juried national women's show (July) ICB/ART Winter Open  
Studios (Dec)

2023

Art Market SF, Alessandro Berni Gallery, Rome (Apr)

Cami Art + Wine, "Mustard" "Cake" and "Winter" group shows Marin Open Studios (May)  
ICB/ART Winter Open Studios (Dec)

2022

De Young Museum, Pictures of People, online show (May) Crocker Museum, Sacramento,  
juried auction show (June) Marin Open Studios (May)

Marin MOCA, juried auction show (Sept)

O'Hanlon Center, juried national Women's show (Oct)

ICB Gallery 111, 3-person Figurative show (Nov) Sausalito Bay Model, ICB group show (Dec)

2021

The Artist Alliance/Jen Tough Gallery, online juried show (Feb)

Seager Gray Gallery, Mill Valley, CA, group show (Feb)

Marin Museum of Contemporary Art, national juried show (May-July) Marin Open Studios  
(May)

The White Barn, Her Story in America, invitational, St Helena CA (Aug)

## 2020

DeYoung Museum, San Francisco, Bay Area Art juried exhibition (Sept-Jan 2021) The Artist Alliance/Jen Tough Gallery, online juried show (Aug)

Marin Open Studios, online show (Sept)

TEDx Marin Artist Showcase, online juried show (Sept)

UCSF Cancer Center, San Francisco, permanent group installation (Sept) O'Hanlon Center, Mill Valley, CA, online national juried show (Sept)

## 2019

Jen Tough Gallery, Benicia, CA, "Flora and Fauna," juried group show (Feb) O'Hanlon Art Center, Mill Valley, CA, "About Lines," juried group show (May) ICB Art Center, Sausalito, CA, "Amuse Me" group show (May)

Marin Open Studios (May)

## 2018

Marin Civic Center, San Rafael, CA, ICB Artists group show (Nov-Dec)

San Diego Art Fair, Opus Collective, San Diego, CA (Oct)

San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, San Jose, CA "Connect and Collect" group show (Oct) Jen Tough Gallery Pop-up, San Francisco, "New Lands" invitational show (Oct)

Arts Benicia, Benicia, CA "After Dark," juried group show (Sept)

Marin Community Foundation, 25th Anniversary Open Studios Invitational (Sept)

Bay Area Women Artists, O'Hanlon Art Center, Mill Valley, CA, juried group show (Aug)

Throckmorton Theatre Gallery, Mill Valley, CA solo show (July)

Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce, Mill Valley, CA invitational group show (Mar)

Simon Breitbard Fine Arts, San Francisco, Winter Show (Nov)

201 California Lobby, SF, solo show curated by William Torphy Fine Arts (July)

Marin Open Studios (May)

ICB Winter Open Studios (Dec)

## 2017

The Studio Shop Gallery, Burlingame, CA, 2-person show (Mar)



Village Theatre Art Gallery, Danville, CA, invitational group show (Mar)  
Bay Area Women Artists, O'Hanlon Art Center, Mill Valley, CA, juried group show (Aug) Simon  
Breitbard Fine Arts, San Francisco, Winter Show (Nov)  
Marin Open Studios (May)  
ICB Winter Open Studios (Dec)

## 2016

The Studio Shop Gallery, Burlingame, CA group show (Nov)  
Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, Las Cruces, NM, permanent library installation Bay  
Area Women Artists, O'Hanlon Center, Mill Valley, CA (Aug)  
Simon Breitbard Fine Arts, SF, Winter Show (Nov)  
Marin Open Studios (May)  
ICB Winter Open Studios (Dec)

## 2015

Google SF Headquarters, 4th Floor Lobby (Nov)  
Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce, solo show (July)  
Bay Area Women Artists, O'Hanlon Arts Center, juried group show (Aug) Stephanie Breitbard  
Fine Arts, Winter Show (Nov)  
Marin Open Studios (May)  
ICB Winter Open Studios (Dec)

## 2014

Ruby Living Design, Mill Valley, CA, group show (Apr) Marin Open Studios (May)  
ICB Winter Open Studios (Dec)

## 2013

Art Market, SF Art Fair, Stephanie Breitbard Fine Arts (May) Sausalito Women's Club,  
Centennial Invitational group show (Dec) Marin Open Studios (May)

## 2012

Marin Masters, Outdoor Art Club, Mill Valley, CA, Invitational Show (Feb) Marin Decorator  
Showcase, Belvedere, CA (Feb)



Falkirk 100 Invitational, San Rafael, CA

Marin Open Studios (May)

2011

The Depot, Mill Valley, CA, solo show (Nov) Noci Gelateria and Gallery, solo show (Oct) Marin Open Studios (May)

2010

San Anselmo Town Hall, San Anselmo, CA, solo show (Oct)

College of Marin Emeritus Center, Kentfield, CA solo show (July) Editions Limited Gallery, Emeryville, CA (July)

Marin Open Studios (May)

2009

Donna Seager Gallery, San Rafael, CA, figurative group show (Oct)

Falkirk Annual Juried Exhibition, San Rafael, CA (May)

Sonoma Valley Museum of Art, Sonoma, CA, "Wet Paint" group show (Aug) Sonoma Valley Museum of Art, Juried Biennial

Hershon Hartley Design, San Anselmo, CA, 2-person show (Oct)

Marin Open Studios (May)

2008

Marin Museum of Contemporary Art, Novato, CA, group show (Dec)

Marin Community Foundation, Novato, CA, group show (Oct)

Art League of Northern California Annual National Juried Exhibition (Aug) Sonoma Valley Museum of Art, Sonoma, CA, "Wet Paint" group show (June) Hershon Hartley Design, San Anselmo, CA, 2-person show (Apr)

Marin Open Studios (May)

2007

College of Marin Fine Arts Gallery, Kentfield, CA, 3-person show (Oct) Sonoma Valley Museum of Art, Juried Biennial



Napa Valley Mustard Festival, juried show (Jan)

Marin Open Studios (May)

2006

Marin Arts Council Members Exhibit, Marin Civic Center

142 Throckmorton Theatre Gallery, Mill Valley, CA, solo show

Art League of Northern California Annual National Juried Exhibition (Aug) Marin Open Studios (May)

2005

Artisans Gallery, Mill Valley, CA, juried show Sonoma Valley Museum of Art, juried Biennial

Marin Open Studios

2004

College of Marin "Faces of the Fallen" participating artist, traveling show Marin Open Studios

2003

Marin Open Studios

2002

Mill Valley Art Commission, Mill Valley Community Center, 2-person show Marin Open Studios

2001

Marin Open Studios

**Juried Art Auctions (Charitable Donations):**

Crocker Museum (2022)

Marin Museum of Contemporary Art (2022)

San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art, Connect and Collect (Oct 2017-2018) Art for AIDS, San Francisco (Oct 2015-2024)

Lymelight Foundation, Lyme disease "Dart for Art" (May 2015-2025) Hair-to-Stay Foundation, SF, Breast Cancer Treatment (2018) CASA, Marin Advocates for Children (2016-2017)



Publications:

Artist Close-up Magazine, international (2023) Studio Visit Magazine (2022)

House Beautiful (Feb 2019)

San Francisco Magazine (Feb 2018)

Marin Magazine (July 2017)

Luxe Magazine (Sept 2017)

American Artwork, Alcove Books (2017)

Serena & Lily Catalog (May 2011-June 2017)

American Art Collector, Alcove Books, Juried Competition of New Work (2004-2016)

Macmillan Publishing, Macroeconomics Textbook Cover (2015)

Artwork, Volume 38, Issue 7 (Sept 2007)

Art of Northern California, Alcove Books (2003-2016)

Other:

Juror, Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival (2017)

Juror, Mill Valley Chamber of Commerce, Art Selection Committee (2016-2024) Board of Directors, ICB Artists Association (2015-2024)