

For Immediate Release

GEORGE BILLIS GALLERY, WESTPORT CT • SUMMER GROUP SHOW:

RIDE THE WAVE • EIGHT WOMEN PAINTERS

Opening Reception on Thursday, July 7 from 4-7 PM, through July 23, 2022

CURATED BY AMY ZOLLER

Maureen Chatfield
Kristin Coates
Kerry Irvine
Lori Leckliter
Dale Najarian
Wendy Briggs Powell
Diana Tremaine
Margery Gosnell-Qua



We are excited to announce our summer group show featuring 8 women painters at George Billis Gallery in Westport, in our new location at **180 Post Road East** from June 19-July 23. A reception for the artists will be held on **Thursday, July 7 from 4-7 PM**.

Maureen Chatfield is a contemporary abstract painter. Her paintings are influenced by intuitive responses to various forces that shape her life as well as emotions that translate into visual memories of forms and color found in the landscape and personal stories from her past. Maureen resides in Tewksbury, NJ.

Kristen Coates is a Painter, Art Consultant and Designer, defining a well curated lifestyle accented by contemporary meets coastal meets wanderlust. Kristen Coates resides in Newport, RI.

Kerry Irvine is an abstract expressionist painter. Her work embodies her highly expressive style, infused with color, motion and a hint of mysticism. Kerry resides in New York City with a studio atop the clouds with the best sunset views in Manhattan's financial district.

Lori Leckliter's background in fashion and love of fabrics and clothing resonates throughout her work with her gestural expressive use of thick oil impastos and thin veils of chroma, leaving hints of her process throughout the layers of her work. Lori resides in Rowayton, CT.

Dale Najarian merges the realistic quality of a photograph with the abstract translation of a landscape creating her unique style that brilliantly combines the dreamlike qualities of both mediums. Dale's series in this show are influenced by the Westport photographs of Stacy Bass. Dale resides in Westport, CT.

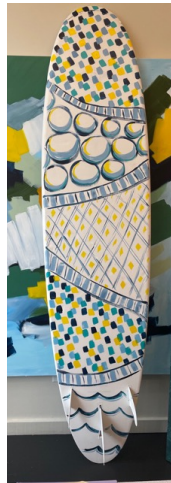
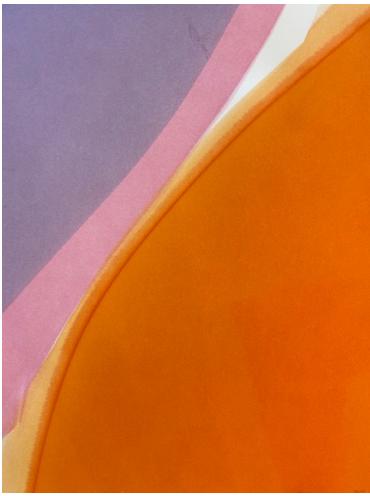
Wendy Briggs Powell's *Watermarks* series are based in the beauty discovered by the complexities of our emotional lives. Wendy finds the fluidity of the dyed water process to be the perfect vehicle to express the tension between taking control and letting go. Wendy resides in Hopkinton, NH.

Diana Tremaine's dynamic oil paintings are autobiographical, yet universal reflecting a search for meaning in the human experience. They often focus on nature or figures with a style that bridges figuration, representation, and still life. Diana is a NYC native who studied and taught in California and now resides in Bozeman, MT.

Margery Gosnell-Qua paints in oils and watercolors. She begins by sketching and painting small studies from life and memory. The successive studies are renderings of her internalized experiences, most often landscape, people, and interiors with her signature gestural colorful style. Margery resides in Quogue, NY.

For additional information or high resolution images, please visit the gallery's website at GeorgeBillis.com or contact the gallery at gallery@georgebillis.com or 203.557.9130





List of work on this Press Release:

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Kerry Irvine, A Little Topsy, m/m on canvas, 60x48"

Dale Najarian, Salt Pond, oil on canvas, 24x40"

Kristen Coates, Confetti Newport, acrylic on canvas, 60x48"

Lori Leckliter, Hazy Day, oil on canvas, 50x54"

Wendy Briggs-Powell, untitled #6, fabric dye on paper, 24x18"

Kristen Coates, Confetti Newport, acrylic on canvas, 60x48"

Margery Gosnell Qua, Lorient 2, St. Barths, watercolor, 10x11"

Maureen Chatfield, Buoy Series #2, mixed medium on canvas, 48x48"

Kristen Coates, Surfs Up 8', surfboard, 8'4"x23"

Kerry Irvine, The Crush, mixed media on paper, 30x22"

For High Resolution image please contact the gallery at: gallery@georgebillis.com, or call 203.557.9130

Reception hosted by Scout + Cellar Wines