

CRAIG BLIETZ

American (1956-)

EDUCATION

University of Denver; Denver, CO, BS

School of Representational Art; Chicago, IL

Harrington College of Design; Chicago, IL

Independent Study: France, Great Britain, Italy, New York City, Washington DC

Private Study: Fred Berger, Richard Halstead, John Rush

SELECTED ONE PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 **Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art;** Wausau, WI, (Title TBD)
April 7 - June 27, 2020
- 2019 **Tory Folliard Gallery;** Milwaukee, WI, "Herd" January 18 - March 2, 2019
- 2019 **Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters;** Madison, WI, (Title TBD)
November 15 - January 26, 2020
- 2019 **ArtStart Rhinelander;** Rhinelander, WI, (Title TBD) November 14 - January 18, 2020
- 2018 **Museum of Wisconsin Art;** West Bend, WI, "Herd" October 13 - January 13, 2019
- 2017 **Paine Art Center and Gardens;** Oshkosh, WI, "Close to the Forest"
- 2016 **Tory Folliard Gallery;** Milwaukee, WI, "Craig Blietz - Calendar"
- 2014 **Penn State Altoona College;** Altoona, PA, "Yard: The Art of Craig Blietz"
- 2014 **Center for the Visual Arts;** Wausau, WI, "Farm to Table"
- 2013 **Miller Art Museum;** Sturgeon Bay, WI, "Craig Blietz: A Twenty Year Survey"
- 2013 **Tory Folliard Gallery;** Milwaukee, WI, "Creamery"
- 2013 **Gallery 224;** Port Washington, WI, "Yard: The Art of Craig Blietz"
- 2013 St. Norbert College, **Bush Art Center;** De Pere, WI, "Yard: The Art of Craig Blietz"
- 2013 **Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts;** Brookfield, WI, "Yard: The Art of Craig Blietz"
- 2012 **Plymouth Arts Center;** Plymouth, WI, "Yard: The Art of Craig Blietz"
- 2011 **Tory Folliard Gallery;** Milwaukee, WI, "Craig Blietz - Midwest"
- 2009 **Brickton Art Center;** Park Ridge, IL, "Monochromes"
- 2007 **Muskegon Museum of Art;** Muskegon, MI, "Contemporary Art Showcase – Craig Blietz"
- 2007 **Fairfield Center for Contemporary Art;** Sturgeon Bay, WI, "Spaces Between"
- 2005 **Joyce Petter Gallery;** Douglas, MI, "Craig Blietz – New Work"
- 2002 **St. Norbert College, Bush Art Center;** De Pere, WI, "Looking Back: Work from 1992 – 2002"
- 2000 **University Club of Chicago;** Chicago, IL, "Craig Blietz"
- 2000 **Northern Indiana Arts Association;** Crown Point, IN, "Small Container Paintings"
- 1999 **Union League Club of Chicago;** Chicago, IL, "Craig Blietz - Recent Work"

SELECTED TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2014 **Button-Petter Gallery**; Douglas, MI, "Craig Blietz: Code" & Debra Reid Jenkins
- 2013 **Button-Petter Gallery**; Douglas, MI, "Craig Blietz & Debra Reid Jenkins"
- 2011 **Button-Petter Gallery**; Douglas, MI
- 2008 **Constance Petter Gallery**; Douglas, MI
- 2007 **Meyer Gallery**; Park City, UT, "Shanna Kunz & Craig Blietz"
- 2006 **Constance Petter Gallery**; Douglas, MI
- 2003 **Meyer Gallery**; Park City, UT, "Ron Hicks & Craig Blietz"
- 2001 **Joyce Petter Gallery**, Douglas, MI
- 1998 **Center for Visual and Performing Arts**; Munster, IN, "Images – Pastel Paintings"

SELECTED THREE PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2010 **Button-Petter Gallery**; Douglas, MI
- 2009 **Button-Petter Gallery**; Douglas, MI
- 2002 **Wright Museum**, Beloit College; Beloit, WI, "Farm Stories: Studies in a Disappearing Landscape"
- 2002 **West Bend Art Museum**; West Bend, WI, "Farm Stories: Studies in a Disappearing Landscape"
- 2001 **Rahr-West Museum**; Manitowoc, WI, "Farm Stories: Studies in a Disappearing Landscape"

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 **Plymouth Arts Center**; Plymouth, WI, "In Fine Form: The Human Presence"
October 12 - November 30, 2018
- 2016 **Miller Art Museum**; Sturgeon Bay, WI, "7th Annual Door Prize for Portraiture" (Group)
- 2016 **Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum**; Wausau, WI, "2016 Birds in Art" (Group)
- 2015 **ArtStart Rhinelander**; Rhinelander, WI, "Animal Dreams - Of Earth, Water, Air and Imagination" (Group)
- 2015 **Ann Street Gallery**; Newburgh, NY, "Keeping it Real - Contemporary Realism"
- 2015 **Howard / Mandville Gallery**; Kirkland, WA, "25th Anniversary Show"
- 2015 **Edgewood Orchard Galleries**; Fish Creek, WI
- 2014 **Miller Art Museum**; Sturgeon Bay, WI, "Drawing: A Group Invitational"
- 2014 **Tory Folliard Gallery**; Milwaukee, WI, "Summer in Wisconsin"
- 2014 **Edgewood Orchard Galleries**; Fish Creek, WI
- 2014 **Howard / Mandville Gallery**, Kirkland, WA, "Small Works Show" - Invitational
- 2014 **Charles Allis Art Museum**; Milwaukee, WI "Forward: A Survey of Wisconsin Art Now 2014"
- 2012 **Charles Allis Art Museum**; Milwaukee, WI, "Forward: A Survey of Wisconsin Art Now 2012"
- 2012 **Fort Wayne Museum of Art**; Fort Wayne, IN, "2012 Contemporary Realism Biennial"
- 2012 **Miller Art Museum**; Sturgeon Bay, WI, "This Land is Your Land"
- 2012 **Tory Folliard Gallery**; Milwaukee, WI, "Celebrations in Art"

2012 **Edgewood Orchard Galleries**; Fish Creek, WI

2011 **Racine Art Museum/Wustum Museum of Fine Arts**; Racine, WI, "Watercolor Wisconsin 2011"

2011 **South Shore Arts**; Munster, IN, "Reassembled" (8 Person Show)

2011 **The Art Center**; Highland Park, IL, "Compilation" (5 Person Show)

2011 **Tory Folliard Gallery**; Milwaukee, WI, "Summer in Wisconsin"

2010 **John Almquist Gallery**; Winnetka, IL, "Shared Visions" (6 Person Show)

2010 **Fort Wayne Museum of Art**; Fort Wayne, IN, "2010 Contemporary Realism Biennial"

2010 **Peninsula School of Art**, Guenzel Gallery; Fish Creek, WI, "The Value of Black and White"

2010 **Edgewood Orchard Galleries**; Fish Creek, WI

2010 **Brickton Art Center**; Park Ridge, IL, "Sevres"

2010 **Charles Allis Art Museum**; Milwaukee, WI, "Forward: A Survey of Wisconsin Art Now 2010"

2009 **Atelier Pavia**; Bergen, The Netherlands, "The Chicago Salon - Kunst 10 daagse Art Unites" (8 Person Show)

2008 **Edgewood Orchard Galleries**; Fish Creek, WI

2008 **Meyer Gallery**, Park City, UT

2006 **Edgewood Orchard Galleries**; Fish Creek, WI

2006 **Miller Art Museum**; Sturgeon Bay, WI, "Drawing: A Timeless Medium – A Wisconsin Drawing Group Invitational"

2005 **Miller Art Museum**; Sturgeon Bay, WI, "Genre Painting: Scenes from Everyday Life"

2004 **Meyer Gallery**; Jackson Hole, WY

2004 **Edgewood Orchard Galleries**; Fish Creek, WI

2002 **Edgewood Orchard Galleries**; Fish Creek, WI

2001 **Meyer Gallery**; Park City, UT

2001 **Miller Art Museum**; Sturgeon Bay, WI, "Interior Landscapes: The Elegant Spirit of Still Life Painting" (4 Person Show)

2001 **Indiana University**; South Bend, IN

2000 **Joyce Petter Gallery**; Saugatuck, MI

2000 **Sable V Fine Art Gallery**; Galveston, TX, "Northern Lights"

2000 **Uihlein Peters Gallery**; Milwaukee, WI

2000 **Center for Visual and Performing Arts**; Munster, IN

2000 **Edgewood Orchard Galleries**; Fish Creek, WI

1999 **Northern Indiana Arts Association**; Munster, IN

1999 **Governor's Residence**; Indianapolis, IN

1999 **Edgewood Orchard Galleries**; Fish Creek, WI

1998 **Birchstone Studio and Gallery**; Egg Harbor, WI

1998 **Elmhurst Art Museum**; Elmhurst, IL, "Portraits"

1997 **Prairie Center for the Arts**; Schaumburg, IL

1997 **Northern Indiana Arts Association**; Munster, IN

1996 **Suburban Fine Arts Center**; Highland Park, IL

1996 **Prairie Center for the Arts**; Schaumburg, IL

1995 **Overland Park Arts Commission**; Overland Park, KS

1995 **Prairie Center for the Arts**; Schaumburg, IL

1994 **Overland Park Arts Commission;** Overland Park, KS
1994 **Prairie Center for the Arts;** Schaumburg, IL

AWARDS

- 2016 **Best of Show**, "7th Annual Door Prize for Portraiture", Miller Art Museum; Sturgeon Bay, WI
- 2010 **Director's Choice Award**, "Forward: A Survey of Wisconsin Art Now 2010", Charles Allis Art Museum; Milwaukee, WI
- 2007 **Certificate of Excellence Award**, Portrait Society of America
- 1998 **Portrait Competition Finalist**, Washington DC Society of Portrait Artists
- 1996 **Best of Show**, Midwest Pastel Society
- 1995 **Judges' Award for Portraiture**, Midwest Pastel Society

PUBLIC AND CORPORATE COLLECTIONS

Dohmen Life Science Services
Coldwell Banker
Glenview State Bank
Miller Art Museum
NiSource of Indiana
Northwestern University
Peninsula School of Art
Sprint Corporation
West Bend Mutual Insurance Company

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Chronogram - Arts, Culture, Spirit., Kingston, NY, April 2015
Holland Sentinel, Holland, MI, June 26, 2014
Fine Art Connoisseur Magazine, April 2014
Fine Art Connoisseur Magazine, October 2013
Shepherd Express Milwaukee, March 3 - 9, 2011
Shepherd Express Milwaukee, July 1- 7, 2010
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, March 21, 2010
Door County Magazine, Fall 2007
Door County Advocate, "Achieve" Section, March 2007
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, February 4, 2007
Door County Living Magazine, Summer 2005
American Artist, August 2002
Door County Magazine, Spring 2002
Agri-View, Jan 2002
American Artist, Oct 2001
Herald Times Reporter (Manitowoc, WI), Sept 2001
West Bend Daily News, Dec 2001
Wisconsin Trails Magazine, Jan 2000, Dec 2001
"Celebrating Door County's Wild Places:

Paintings of The Peninsula" by Frances Burton,
Publisher -Trails Media Group, Inc., 2001
Chicago Artists News, July/August 2000
The Times (Northwest Indiana), July 2000
Grand Rapids Press, June 2000, Oct 2001
Commercial Record (Saugatuck, MI), Feb. 2000
Peninsula Pulse, Oct 1999, August 2001, July 2002, July 2004
Door County Advocate (Door Co., WI), Sept 1999, August 2001, July 2002
Chicago Tribune, Dec 1997

FILM

2012 "The Artist Next Door: Craig Blietz", Door County TODAY, Door Guide Publishing;
Baileys Harbor, WI
2001 "Farm Stories: Studies in a Disappearing Landscape", JVS Productions, Rahr-West
Museum; Manitowoc, WI

RADIO

2007 "The Morning Edition" 105.1 FM WSBW; Sturgeon Bay, WI, October 11
Interview with Craig regarding "Craig Blietz: Spaces Between" Exhibition at
the Fairfield Center for Contemporary Art.

TELEVISION

2014 WSAW Channel 7 Wausau, WI News Feature "Farm to Table Art Exhibit Opens"
June 6, 2014; Reporter: Elizabeth Schilder
2013 "Conversations from St. Norbert College"; De Pere, WI; Various Regional Cable
Television Channels; Aired during April 2013; Interview with Craig regarding his work
and the exhibition "Yard: The Art of Craig Blietz", Bush Art Center, St. Norbert
College, De Pere, WI; Hosted by Kevin Quinn Ph.D.
2010 Fox 11 Green Bay, WI News Feature - "Kewaunee Academy of Fine Art has moved to a
New Location", August, 27, 2010; Reporter: Laura Smith.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Board of Directors

Curriculum Committee Co-Chair, Peninsula School of Art; Fish Creek, WI

Artistic Director

The Academy of Fine Art; Denmark, WI
Kewaunee Academy of Fine Art; Kewaunee/Algoma, WI

Instructor

University of Wisconsin - Green Bay; Green Bay, WI

Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design; Milwaukee, WI
School of Representational Art; Chicago, IL
Peninsula School of Art; Fish Creek, WI
Kewaunee Academy of Fine Art; Kewaunee/Algoma, WI
The Academy of Fine Art; Denmark, WI
Barnsite Art Studio, Kewaunee, WI

Juror

2013 Scholastic Art Awards - State of Wisconsin; Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee WI
2013 18th Annual Juried Exhibition - State of Wisconsin; Plymouth Arts Center, Plymouth WI
Peninsula Arts Association; Ephraim, WI "Barn's and Farms" National Exhibition;
Kewaunee, WI

Speaker/Lecturer

Cedarburg Art Guild; Cedarburg, WI
Fairfield Center for Contemporary Art; Sturgeon Bay, WI
Hardy Gallery Docent Program; Ephraim, WI
Miller Art Museum; Sturgeon Bay, WI
Paine Art Center and Gardens; Oshkosh, WI
Peninsula Players Theater; Fish Creek, WI
St. Norbert College; De Pere, WI