

# NICELLE BEAUCHENE GALLERY

## MARY LEE BENDOLPH

(b. 1935, Boykin, AL)

Lives and works in Boykin, Alabama

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 Nicelle Beauchene Gallery, New York, NY (*forthcoming*)
- 2019 *Mary Lee Bendolph: Quilted Memories*, Georgia Museum of Art, Athens, GA
- 2018 *Piece Together: The Quilts of Mary Lee Bendolph*, Mount Holyoke College Art Museum, South Hadley, MA (Jan-May 2018); List Gallery, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA (Sept-Oct 2018).
- 2007-10 *Mary Lee Bendolph, Gee's Bend Quilts, and Beyond*, The Paine Art Center & Gardens, Oshkosh, WI (Jan-Apr 2007); Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax, NS (Apr-Sept 2007); Museum of International Folk Art, Sante Fe, NM (Nov 2007-May 2008); Knoxville Museum of Art, Knoxville, TN (Jul-Sept 2008); Loveland Museum Gallery, Loveland, CO (Nov 2008-Feb 2009); Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, MO (Apr-Sept 2009); Berman Museum of World History, Anniston, AL (Oct 2009-Jan 2010); Flint Institute of Arts, Flint, MI (Jan-Apr 2010).

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020-21 *The Gee's Bend Quiltmakers*, Alison Jacques Gallery, London, UK (*forthcoming*)
- 2020 *We Will Walk: Art and Resistance in the American South*, Turner Contemporary, Margate, England  
*Souls Grown Deep: Artists of the African American South*, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA
- 2019-20 *The Quilt's of Gee's Bend*, New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA
- 2019 *Women of Gee's Bend*, Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, OH  
*Cosmologies from the Tree of Life: Art from the African American South*, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA
- 2018-19 *Outliers and American Vanguard Art*, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. (Jan-May 2018); High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA (Jun-Sept 2018); Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA (Nov 2018-Mar 2019).
- 2018 *women are very good at crying and they should be getting paid for it*, Kaufmann Repetto, New York, NY  
*Beverly Buchanan, Thornton Dial, and the Gee's Bend Quiltmakers*, Andrew Edlin Gallery, New York, NY
- 2015 *The Gee's Bend Tradition*, Lehman College Art Gallery, Bronx, NY
- 2012 *Creation Story: Gee's Bend Quilts and the Art of Thornton Dial*, Frist Center for the Visual Arts, Nashville, TN  
*Context Message*, Zach Feuer Gallery, New York, NY
- 2009 Ameringer & Yohe Fine Art, New York, NY  
Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, OR  
Greg Kucera Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2007 Ameringer & Yohe Fine Art, New York, NY  
Addison/Ripley Fine Art, Washington, D.C.  
Douglas Udell Gallery, Edmonton, AB  
Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, OR  
Greg Kucera Gallery, Seattle, WA

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- 2006-08 *Gee's Bend: The Architecture of the Quilt*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX (Jun-Sept 2006); Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN (Oct-Dec 2006); Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, FL (Jan-Apr 2007); The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, MD (Jun-Aug 2007); Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA (Sept-Dec 2007); The Speed Art Museum, Louisville, KY (Dec 2007-Mar 2008); Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO (Apr-Jul 2008); Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA (Aug-Oct 2008).
- 2005 Ameringer & Yohe Fine Art, New York, NY  
Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, OR  
Greg Kucera Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2002-08 *The Quilts of Gee's Bend*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX (Sept-Nov 2002); Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY (Nov 2002-Mar 2003); Mobile Art Museum, Mobile, AL (Jul-Aug 2003); Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI (Sept 2003-Jan 2004); Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. (Feb-May 2004); Cleveland Art Museum, Cleveland, OH (Jul-Sept 2004); Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA (Oct 2004-Jan 2005); Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, Memphis, TN (Feb-May 2005); Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA (Jun-Aug 2005); Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art at Auburn University, Auburn, AL (Sept-Dec 2005); High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA (Mar-Jun 2006); de Young Museum, San Francisco, CA (Jul-Dec 2006); Museum of Art, Fort Lauderdale, FL (Sept 2007-Jan 2008).

## HONORS

- 2015 NEA National Heritage Fellowship Award

## PUBLICATIONS

- Piece Together: The Quilts of Mary Lee Bendolph*. South Hadley: Mount Holyoke College Art Museum and List Gallery, Swarthmore College, 2018. Exhibition catalogue.
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- Gee's Bend: The Architecture of the Quilt*. Edited by Paul Arnett, Joanne Cubbs, and Eugene W. Metcalf Jr. Atlanta: Tinwood Books with the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, 2006. Exhibition catalogue.
- Gee's Bend: The Women and Their Quilts*. Edited by William Arnett, John Beardsley, Jane Livingston, and Alvia Wardlaw. Atlanta: Tinwood Books, 2002.
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Schwendener, Martha. "Gee's Bend Quilts in 2 Shows at Lehman College." *The New York Times*, 19 Feb.
- 2008 Bumiller, Elisabeth. "Quilters Serenade McCain." *The New York Times*, 21 Apr.
- 2006 Wallach, Amei. "Fabric of Their Lives." *Smithsonian Magazine*, Oct.
- 2005 Matchan, Linda. "With These Hands." *The Boston Globe*, 15 May.
- 2002 Stevens, Mark. "Quilts of Personality." *New York Magazine*, 12 Dec.  
Kimmelman, Michael. "Art Review: Jazzy Geometry, Cool Quilters." *The New York Times*, 29 Nov.  
Brown, Patricia Leigh. "From the Bottomlands, Soulful Stitches." *The New York Times*, 21 Nov.
- 1999 Moehringer, J.R. "Crossing Over: Mary Lee's Vision." *Los Angeles Times*, 22 Aug.

## PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Ackland Museum of Art at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC  
Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX  
Franklin G. Burroughs-Simeon B Chapin Art Museum, Myrtle Beach, SC  
High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA  
Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY  
Minneapolis Museum of Art, Minneapolis, MN  
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Montgomery, AL  
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
Museum of International Folk Art, Santa Fe, NM  
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA  
Palmer Museum of Art of the Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA  
Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA  
The Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C.  
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA