

## **Elizabeth Alley**

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Elizabeth Alley is a sketcher and painter from Memphis who makes paintings and drawing installations about places experienced first-hand, informed by on-location sketching.

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 11.2025 Polishing the Stone • ShapeShifter Art School and Gallery, Memphis, TN
- 07.2025 *Summer Lovin'* • Wavelength Space, Chattanooga, TN
- 12.2023 *Gathered Together* • Wavelength Space, Chattanooga, TN
- 10.2022 *Art of the South* (Juror: Katie Delmez, Frist Art Museum) • Zeitgeist Gallery, Nashville, TN
- 12.2019 *Feast Your Eyes* • Flicker Street Studio, Memphis TN
- 04.2019 *First Saturdays* • Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis TN
- 12.2017 *Small Worlds* • Flicker Street Studio, Memphis TN
- 12.2016 *Let Me Whisper in Your Ear* • Flicker Street Studio, Memphis TN
- 04.2016 *Belongings* • Crosstown Arts, Memphis TN
- 02.2016 *In-Form* • Crosstown Arts, Memphis TN
- 12.2015 *The Instructors* • Flicker Street Studio, Memphis TN
- 06.2014 *This Art Has Cooties* • Marshall Arts, Memphis TN
- 08.2013 Memphis Urban Sketchers • Crosstown Arts, Memphis TN
- 04.2013 *The Unicorn Show* • Marshall Arts, Memphis TN
- 01.2013 *Present Tense* (Curator: John Weeden) Dixon Gallery and Gardens • Memphis TN
- 01.2013 Memphis Urban Sketchers • ANF Architects, Memphis TN
- 11.2012 Two-Person Show with Martha Kelly • ANF Architects, Memphis TN
- 12.2011 *Found* (Curator: Nancy Cheairs) • Flicker Street Studio, Memphis TN
- 10.2011 *Fragments* (Curator: David Hinske) Harrington Brown Gallery • Memphis TN
- 09.2010 *Cooper Young Artist Invitational* • David Perry Smith Gallery, Memphis, TN
- 02.2009 *The Feast* (Juror: Liz Hickok, Blue Studios, San Francisco CA) • Harry Krug Gallery, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg KS
- 10.2008 *WhiteBoxGroupShow2* • [5]art, Tampa, FL
- 01.2008 *1 x 41: 1 Piece by 41 Artists* • Perry Nicole Fine Art, Memphis, TN
- 09.2007 *Nia Salon Three* (Curator: frank d. robinson, jr.) • Delta Axis @ Marshall Arts, Memphis
- 11.2006 Two-person exhibit with Susan Maakestad • Perry Nicole Fine Art, Memphis, TN
- 07.2006 *Nia Salon Two* (Curator: Vitus Shell) • Memphis College of Art On the Street Gallery, Memphis TN
- 01.2006 *Red* • Perry Nicole Fine Art, Memphis, TN
- 11.2005 *Eye Candy* (Juror: Arlyn Ende) • AVA Center Gallery, Chattanooga TN
- 06.2004 *People and Places* • Dyersburg State Community College, Covington, TN
- 04.2002 *Venus Envy 2002* (Curator: Allana Clarke) • Memphis, TN
- 04.2002 *Plain Arts IV International Juried Exhibition* (Juror: Sandra Blain, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts) • Pittsburg State University Gallery, Pittsburg KS
- 01.2002 *It's a Human World* (Curator: Hamlett Dobbins) • Delta Axis @ Marshall Arts, Memphis
- 10.2001 *Arts in the Park* (Juror: Shamim Momin) • Memphis, TN
- 06.2001 *Go Figure: The Contemporary Realist Impulse* • Perry Nicole Fine Art, Memphis, TN
- 08.2000 *The Price Is Right* • David Lusk Gallery, Memphis, TN

### **Selected Solo Exhibitions**

- 05.2026 *Feels like earth but not* • ShapeShifter Gallery • Memphis, TN
- 04.2019 *Place Shapes* • Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis TN
- 12.2018 *Two Stories of Iceland* • Crosstown Arts, Memphis TN

- 12.2013 *Learning to Say I Love You in Spanish* • Memphis Botanic Gardens, Memphis TN
- 09.2011 *Go Change* • Flicker Street Studio, Memphis TN
- 09.2009 *Ladies' Parties* • Twist Gallery, Nashville TN
- 12.2008 *Separate Story* • The Ned R. McWherter West Tennessee Cultural Arts Center, Jackson, TN
- 10.2008 *1, 2, 3, 4, 5* • CaseWorks, University of Memphis, Memphis TN
- 05.2008 *Class of '88* • Material Art Space, Memphis TN
- 05.2007 *Please don't leave anything behind* • Delta Axis @ Marshall Arts, Memphis TN
- 05.2005 *Tennessee II* • Renaissance Center, Dickson, TN
- 04.2005 *Picture Book* • Perry Nicole Fine Art, Memphis TN
- 02.2005 *Expectation II* • Middle Georgia College, Cochran GA
- 09.2004 *Architectural Paintings* • Bartlett Performing Arts Center, Bartlett, TN
- 08.2004 *More people, more places* • Harry Krug Gallery, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg KS
- 05.2004 *Expectation* • Southside Gallery, Oxford MS
- 03.2004 *Tennessee* • Flying Solo Exhibit, Arts in the Airport, Nashville International Airport
- 04.2003 *Something Old Something New* • University Gallery, Christian Brothers University, Memphis TN
- 09.2002 *Here We Are* • Perry Nicole Fine Art, Memphis TN
- 09.2001 *Weekday Special* • Fogelman Executive Center, Memphis, TN
- 04.2001 *On the Square* • Shainberg Gallery, Memphis Jewish Community Center
- 04.2000 *Letterboxed* • Hal Miller Gallery, Theatre Memphis, Memphis TN

#### **Art Talks**

- 05.2026 Feels like earth but not – Gallery Talk • ShapeShifter Gallery, Memphis, TN
- 02.2026 Sketching in the Arctic – Artist Talk • Artists Link, Memphis, TN
- 01.2026 Sketching in the Arctic – Artist Talk • Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis TN
- 08.2025 Sketching the Arctic – Lecture • Urban Sketchers International Symposium, Poznan, Poland
- 05.2023 Practical Sketching for Technical Communication • Society for Technical Communicators 2023 Summit, Atlanta, GA
- 06.2021 *Grounded* – Artist Talk • Bridging the Distance grant, UrbanArt Commission, virtual
- 04.2021 Practical Sketching for Technical Communicators • STC Rochester Spectrum Conference, virtual
- 05.2020 Practical Sketching for Technical Communicators • Society for Technical Communicators 2020 Summit, virtual
- 09.2019 *Place Shapes* – Artist Talk • Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis TN
- 07.2019 How Is Sketching Like Technical Communication? – Pecha Kucha • Urban Sketchers International Symposium, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 06.2019 *First Saturdays* – Panel Discussion, Moderator • Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis TN
- 05.2019 How Sketching Is Like Technical Communication • Society for Technical Communicators 2019 Summit, Denver CO
- 02.2018 *Two Stories of Iceland* – Artist Talk • Crosstown Arts, Memphis TN
- 06.2016 Hustle: Travel and Art – Panel Discussion • Crosstown Arts, Memphis TN
- 05.2016 Germantown Art League – Artist Talk • Germantown TN
- 05.2015 Artists Link – Artist Talk • Memphis TN
- 12.2014 Art in the Making Community Art Program by River Arts Festival – Artist Talk • Arlington High School, Arlington TN
- 02.2013 *Present Tense* – 5 Minute Artist Talks • Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis TN

#### **Residencies**

- 05.2025 Arctic Circle Residency • Svalbard

#### **Grants**

06.2021 Bridging the Distance, UrbanArt Commission • Grant winner for Grounded project

#### **Art Instructor**

05.2026 What's in Your Bag workshop • ShapeShifter Art School and Gallery, Memphis, TN  
01.2026 Getting Comfortable with Your Sketchbook class • ShapeShifter Art School and Gallery  
03.2023 Your Day in Sketches workshop • Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis TN  
07.2020 Sketching Your Day • Virtual Sketching Workshop with DePaul Art Museum  
2011-2020 Sketching, oil painting, acrylic painting, watercolors • Flicker Street Studio, Memphis  
09.2019 Your Day in Sketches workshop • Dixon Gallery and Gardens, Memphis TN  
06.2016 Sketching Workshop • Carpenter Art Gardens, Memphis TN

#### **Curatorial Work**

06.2014 *This Art Has Cooties* • Marshall Arts, Memphis TN  
08.2013 Memphis Urban Sketchers • Crosstown Arts, Memphis TN  
01.2013 Memphis Urban Sketchers • ANF Architects, Memphis TN  
01.2005 *Something of Our Common Feeling* • Marshall Arts, Memphis TN

#### **Commissions**

2010 Women's Foundation 2010 Legends Award, oil painting honoring Representative Lois DeBerry  
2010 Church Health Center 2010 Holiday Card, acrylic painting for holiday card  
2007 Memphis in May International Festival Fine Art Poster honoring Spain

#### **Volunteering and other employment**

2026 Interim Director • ShapeShifter Art School and Gallery, Memphis, TN  
2010-2019 Lead Organizer • Memphis Urban Sketchers, Memphis TN  
2013-2016 President/Symposium Organizer • Urban Sketchers (International Nonprofit Organization)  
1998-2010 Director of Public Art/Public Art Project Manager • UrbanArt Commission, Memphis TN