

George Woodman

Born Concord, New Hampshire, 1932. Died New York City, 2017. Lived and worked in Boulder, Colorado; New York City; and Antella, Italy

Solo Exhibitions

2016	George Woodman: Photographs, Nina Freudenheim Gallery, Buffalo, New York	
2014	George Woodman, Galleria Bagnai at Milan Image Art Fair, Milan, Italy	
2012	Heroines, Galleria Bagnai, Florence, Italy (exhibition catalogue)	
2011	George Woodman, Galleria Massimo Manini, Milan Image Art Fair, Milan, Italy	
	Nati Digitali O Divenuti Tali, Centro Espositivo Antonio Berti, Sesto Fiorentino, Italy	
2010	How a Picture Grows a World, Galleria Bagnai, Florence, Italy (exhibition catalogue)	
	George Woodman: Photographs, Harvey Meadows Gallery, Aspen, Colorado	
	National Artist Award, Anderson Ranch, Snowmass Village, Colorado	
2006	George Woodman: Paintings 1960-2000, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, Nebraska (exhibition catalogue)	
2004	Camera Obscura Photographs, Grand Arts, Kansas City, Missouri (exhibition catalogue)	
2001	George Woodman, Cento Giovanni Lotti, Mercatale Val di Pesa, Firenze, Italy	
1999	Imagenes de tiempo, sensibilidad y sombra, Museo Universitario del Chopo, Mexico City, Mexico	
1998	True Pictures of False Women, Palazzo della Torre, Greve, Florence, Italy	
	George Woodman: Sensuality in a World of Reason, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, Boulder, Colorado (exhibition catalogue)	
1997	George Woodman, Museo Universitario, Puebla, Mexico	
	George Woodman, Galleria Dryphoto, Prato, Italy	
	Pitti Rivisitato: Fotografie di George Woodman, Palazzo Pitti, Florence, Italy (exhibition catalogue)	
1991	Museum Pieces, Barbara Toll Fine Arts, New York, New York (exhibition catalogue)	
1990	Recent Photographs, Payton-Rule Gallery, Denver, Colorado	
1987	Fans, Lattices, Ruth Siegel Ltd., New York, New York	

1984	Installation, Bevier Gallery, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York
1983	The Alfred Screens, Nelson-Fosdick Gallery, Alfred, New York
1982	Paper Tilings, Viterbo College, LaCrosse, Wisconsin
	Painting and Paper Tile Installation, Haber-Theodore Gallery, New York, New York
	Pattern, National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C.
1981	Paper Tilings, University Galleries, Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio (exhibition catalogue)
	George Woodman Watercolors, Hadler/Rodriguez Galleries, New York, New York
	George Woodman, Boulder Center for the Visual Arts, Boulder, Colorado
1979	Three Tile Pieces (installation), Claremore College, Claremore, Oklahoma
	Bridge Gallery, Boulder Public Library, Boulder, Colorado
1978	Sixteen Permutations/Nine Modules, Bridge Gallery, Boulder, Colorado
	Recent Painting, Jasper Gallery, Denver, Colorado
	Jasper Gallery, Denver, Colorado
1976	Art Gallery, Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, Louisiana
	Edge Gallery, Boulder, Colorado
1975	Joseph Magnin Gallery, Denver, Colorado
1974	Hills Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
1973	Mostra Personale, Galleria Sincron, Brescia, Italy
	University of Colorado Museum, Boulder, Colorado
1972	Kunsthandel Ina Broerse Amsterdam, The Netherlands (collaboration with E. Woodman)
	I-25 Exhibition, Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado
1971	Fine Arts Gallery, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado
1970	Spectrum Gallery, New York, New York
1969	Gallery 1309, Boulder, Colorado
1968	Spectrum Gallery New York New York



1967	The Gallery, Denver, Colorado
1966	University of Colorado Memorial Center Gallery, Boulder, Colorado
1965	The Gallery, Denver, Colorado
	The Bridge Gallery, New York, New York
1963	Lamont Art Gallery, Exeter, New Hampshire
	Henderson Gallery, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado
1962	Chase Gallery, New York, New York
Group	Exhibitions
2023	Betty Woodman and George Woodman, Charleston, Lewes, East Sussex, England
2021	Interior Scroll or What I Did on My Vacation, S&S Corner Shop, Springs, New York
2019	Les Chemins du Sud, Musée regional d'art contemporain, Serignan, France
2018	Pattern, Decoration, and Crime, MAMCO Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland; traveled to Le Consortium, Dijon, France, 2019
	Systemic Pattern Painting: Artists of the Criss-Cross Cooperative, David Richard Gallery, New York, New York
2015	Retroactive: Founding Spark, Rule Gallery, Denver, Colorado
2014	Cut to Swipe, Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York
	Contrapposto & Other Stories, Jeff Bailey Gallery, New York, New York
2013	The Four Woodmans, Nina Freudenheim Gallery, Buffalo, New York
2012	The Woodmans, Gallery Diet, Miami, Florida
2011	Behind the curtain, a lock of hair falling, Gallery Diet, Miami, Florida
2010	Betty, Charlie, Francesca and George, Samson, Boston, Massachusetts
	Exposure: Treasures from the Vault, Denver Art Museum, Denver, Colorado
	Geometric Themes and Variations, Gallery 128, New York, New York
2007	Geometrics, Gallery 128, New York, New York

	The Woodman Family, Biagiotti Progetto Arte, Florence, Italy (exhibition catalogue)	
2006	The Armory Group: 40 Years, Mizel Center for Arts and Culture, Denver, Colorado	
	Francesca Woodman, George Woodman, Galerie Clara Maria Sels, Düsseldorf, Germany (two-person)	
2003	The LAPD Project: The Legacy of Pattern and Decoration, Shoshana Wayne Gallery, Los Angeles, California	
2002	Materie Recuperati, Asolo, Italy	
2001	Between Earth and Heaven: New Classical Movements in the Art of Today, Museum Voor Moderne Kunst, Ostend, Belgium	
	Dreaming, Kauffman and Rosenberg, New York, New York	
2000	Memory and Material: Constructions and Compilations, DC Moore Gallery, New York, New York	
1999	New Acquisitions 1998 Exhibition, Portland Museum of Art, Portland, Maine, 1999	
	Salone della Fotografia, Palazzo Querini Dubois, Venice, Italy	
1997	Im Reich der Phantome, Fotografie des Unsicht baren, Stadtisches Museum, Monchengladbach, Germany; traveled to Austria and Switzerland	
	Light Tracings, Hatton Gallery, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado	
1995	Trusting in Magic: Nine Photographers, Kingsborough Community College, Brooklyn, New York	
1994	The Allen Chasanoff Collection, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas	
	Some Photographs We Like, Bonni Benrubi Gallery, New York, New York	
	'93 Wishes and Greetings for '94, Bernice Steinbaum Gallery, New York, New York	
	Summer Exhibition, Julie Saul Gallery, New York, New York	
	Not Giving Up the Ghost, Tribeca 148 Gallery, New York, New York	
	La Grande Mela in Toscana, Museo Archeologico, Cortona, Italy	
1993	Photographs without Boundaries, Tribeca 148 Gallery, New York, New York	
1992	More Than One Photography, Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York	
	Midtown Flower Show, Curated by Robert Kushner, Midtown-Payson Gallery, New York, New York	
1991	Visions and Revisions, Denver Art Museum, Denver, Colorado	

	Black & White, Lorence/Monk Gallery, New York, New York
	Gender and Representation, Zoller Gallery, University Park, Pennsylvania
1990	Shelters and Structures, Rena Branston Gallery, San Francisco, California
	Starting with Landscape, Lieberman and Saul Gallery, New York, New York
	Big Pictures: Contemporary Large-Scale Photography, Oliver Art Center, CCAC, Oakland, California
1989	A Rain of Talent, Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, Washington
	New Acquisitions, Denver Art Museum, Denver, Colorado
1988	Architectural Art: Affirming the Design Relationship, Museum of Contemporary Crafts, New York
1986	Contemporary Screens, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, Ohio
1985	Three Artists, Spark Gallery, Denver, Colorado
	Exuberant Abstraction, Curated by Peter Frank, 111 Church Street, New York, New York
1983	Criss-Cross en la Cuidad de Mexico, Galeria Pecanins, Mexico City, Mexico
	Paper Works, Haber-Theodore Center Gallery, New York, New York
1982	Three Artists, Spark Gallery, Denver, Colorado
	Partitions, Pratt Manhattan Center Gallery, New York, New York
1981	Riggors, Patrick Gallery, Austin, Texas
	Criss-Cross at Yellowstone, Yellowstone Art Center, Billings, Montana
	19 Americans, Guggenheim Museum, New York, New York
	Departures in Pattern, Hadler-Rodriguez Gallery, New York, New York
	Systematic Painting, Hansen Gallery, New York, New York
1979	Recent Work, Spark Gallery, Denver, Colorado
	Criss-Cross Pattern Exhibition, New York, New York
	C.C. Pattern Project, Boulder Center for the Visual Arts, Boulder, Colorado
	Corporate Exhibition, Nabisco, New York, New York

1978	American Artists, U.S. Consulate, Milan, Italy
	Raku, Women's Inter-Art Gallery, New York, New York
	Fifth Colorado, Denver Art Museum, Denver, Colorado
1977	George and Betty Woodman, U.S.I.S. Gallery, Milan, Italy
	Patterning and Decoration, Museum of the American Foundation for the Arts, Miami, Florida
	Preparatory Notes: Thinking Drawings, 80 Washington Square East Gallery, New York, New York
	Aspen Arts Festival, Aspen, Colorado
	ARC, Anonima, Criss-Cross, Art Research Center, Kansas City, Missouri
1976	Galleria Sergio Rossi, Milan, Italy
1974	Incontra Verifica, Galleria Sincron, Brescia, Italy
	Five Faculty, University of Colorado Art Museum, Boulder, Colorado
	All Colorado, Denver Art Museum, Denver, Colorado
	Gruppo Sincron, Galleria la Piramide, Firenze, Italy
1973	Nebraska-Colorado Exchange, Joslyn Art Museum, Omaha, Nebraska; Friends of Contemporary Art, Denver, Colorado
	18th National Print Exhibition, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, New York
1972	Kunsthandel Ina Broerse, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
	1-25 Exhibition, Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, Colorado Springs, Colorado
	Colorado Biennial, Denver Art Museum, Denver, Colorado
1971	Friends of Contemporary Art Gallery, Denver, Colorado
	Western Annual, Denver Art Museum, Denver, Colorado
	University of Arizona Exchange Exhibition, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
1970	Phoenix Gallery, New York, New York
	Artist's Posters, Finch College Museum of Art, New York, New York
	Museum of Modern Art Lending Service, New York, New York



1969	Albright-knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, New York	
	Wellesley College Museum, Wellesley, Massachusetts	
	Dayton Ohio Museum, Dayton, Ohio	
1968	Prize Winning Artists, San Antonio Art Museum, San Antonio, Texas	
1967	Inter-Mountain Biennial, Salt Lake City Art Center, Salt Lake City, Utah	
1966	Mostra Internazionale della Ceramica, Faenza, Italy	
	Members Gallery, Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York	
1965	Inter-Mountain Biennial, Salt Lake City Art Center, Salt Lake City, Utah	
	Gallery Group, Bridge Gallery, New York, New York	
1963	A.C.C. South Central Regional Exhibit, Denver Art Museum, Denver, Colorado	
1962	The Art Center, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana	
1959	Ninth Annual Mid-America Exhibition, Nelson Gallery-Atkins Museum, Kansas City, Missouri	

Selected Public Collections

Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, New York Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado Currier Gallery of Art, Manchester, New Hampshire Denver Art Museum, Denver, Colorado Houston Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas Lamont Gallery, Exeter, New Hampshire Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York Portland Art Museum, Portland, Maine Remo Brindisi House Museum, Lido Di Spina, Italy RISD Museum, Providence, Rhode Island Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, New York Memorial Sloan Kettering, New York, New York Museo Universitario del Chopo, Mexico City, Mexico University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico Utah Museum of Contemporary Art, Salt Lake City. Utah Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, New York Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, Connecticut

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Education

1950-1954	Harvard University, A.B. Cum Laude Honors in Philosophy
1952-1953	Museum School, Boston Museum of Fine Arts
1954-1956	University of New Mexico, M.A. in Fine Arts

Awards

2010	National Artist Award, Anderson Ranch, Snowmass Village, Colorado
2004	Grand Arts, Kansas City, Missouri (residency)
1986	The Bemis Project, Omaha, Nebraska (residency)
1985	Leighton Artist Colony, Banff Center for the Arts, Banff, Canada (residency)
1980-1981	University of Colorado Faculty Fellowship
1973-1974	University of Colorado Faculty Fellowship
1967	National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship
1965-1966	University of Colorado Faculty Fellowship

Public Commissions

Ceramic tile mural for the Renaissance Center Station, Downtown People Mover, Detroit, Michigan, 1987 and 2004

Ode to the West Wind, five tile murals. Mezzanine of Buell Theatre, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Denver, Colorado, 1991

Ceramic tile mural in the Delevan College Station, Niagara Frontier Light Rail Transit System, Buffalo, New York, 1984

Commissioned by Marcel Breuer Associates to design 5,000 square feet of tile murals for the United States Embassy, Damascus, Syria. Project approved and funded by U.S. Congress but blocked by Syrian government, 1982-1985.

Teaching

University of Colorado, Boulder; Professor Emeritus, Fine Art Department, 1995-2017 University of Colorado, Boulder; Professor, Fine Art Department, 1956-1995