

## STEPHEN GREENE

Born in New York, New York, September 19, 1917  
Died Valley Cottage, New York, November 18, 1999

### EDUCATION

1936-37 National Academy School of Fine Arts, New York  
1937-38 Art Students League, New York  
1938 The Richmond Division of the College of William and Mary, Richmond, VA  
1942 B.F.A., State University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA  
1945 M.A., State University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

### SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 "Stephen Greene: Drawings, 1967-74," Victoria Munroe Fine Art, New York (April 13-May 27, 2017)  
2016 "Stephen Greene: 1960s Abstractions," Jason McCoy Gallery, New York (March 3 - April 30)  
2008 "Stephen Greene: 1917-1999," Jason McCoy Gallery, New York (September 12-October 18)  
2006 "Stephen Greene: Pleasure Dome—Works from the Last Two Decades," Jason McCoy Gallery, New York (February 2-March 11)  
2003 "Stephen Greene: Painter and Mentor," Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, Massachusetts (September 20, 2003-January 4, 2004)  
2001 "Stephen Greene: Labyrinth Drawings," David Beitzel Gallery, New York  
1999 "Stephen Greene: Recent Paintings," University of Massachusetts, Lowell (October 1-November 3)  
"Stephen Greene: Five Decades," David Beitzel Gallery, New York  
1998 "Stephen Greene: Selected Works of Four Decades," Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Santa Monica (May 21-June 20)  
"Stephen Greene: Small Paintings," Nielsen Gallery, Boston (November 21 - December 3)  
1997 "Stephen Greene: Moreau's Garden," David Beitzel Gallery, New York  
1996 "Stephen Greene: Paintings and Works on Paper," David Beitzel Gallery, New York  
1995 "A Tribute to Stephen Greene: Painter, Teacher, Friend," Nielsen Gallery, Boston (January 7-February 4)  
"Stephen Greene," Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Santa Monica (May 27-July 8)  
1994 "Stephen Greene: The Light of Memory," Victoria Munroe Fine Art, New York (March 8-April 2)  
1992 "Stephen Greene," Nielsen Gallery, Boston, MA  
1991 "Stephen Greene: The Tampa Series," Ruth Bachofner, Santa Monica  
1990 "Stephen Greene," Ruth Bachofner, Santa Monica (April 26-May 26)  
1989 "Stephen Greene," Meredith Long Gallery, Houston  
"Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York  
"Stephen Greene: Images of Suffering & Salvation," St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis  
1988 "Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York  
"Stephen Greene," Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Santa Monica  
1987 "Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York  
"Stephen Greene," Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Los Angeles  
"Stephen Greene," J. Rosenthal Fine Arts, Ltd., Chicago, IL  
1986 "Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York  
1985 "Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York  
"Stephen Greene," Ruth Bachofner Gallery, Los Angeles  
1983 "Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York  
1982 "Stephen Greene," Galeria Ponce, Mexico City  
1981 "Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York

- 1979 "Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York  
 "Stephen Greene," Galeria Ponce, Mexico City
- 1978 "Stephen Greene: A Decade of Painting," Akron Art Institute, Akron (May 7-June 18); exhibition traveled to The Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts, Columbus; North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh; The Currier Gallery of Art, Manchester, New Hampshire.  
 "Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York
- 1977 "Stephen Greene: Fermata," Galeria Ponce, Mexico City, Mexico (August-September)
- 1976 "Stephen Greene," Marilyn Pearl Gallery, New York
- 1975 "Stephen Greene: New Paintings," William Zierler, Inc., New York (October 4-30)  
 "Stephen Greene," Galleria Dell'Obelisco Rome, Italy
- 1974 "Stephen Greene, A Retrospective Exhibition of Works Produced from 1963 to 1973," Tyler School of Art, Temple University, Philadelphia (October 18-November 17)
- 1973 "Stephen Greene: Recent Paintings," William Zierler, Inc., New York (November 3-29)  
 "Stephen Greene," The Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- 1972 "Stephen Greene," The Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta  
 "Stephen Greene, 25 Years of Drawing: 1947-1972," William Zierler, Inc., New York (December 2-30)
- 1971 "Stephen Greene," William Zierler, Inc., New York
- 1969 "Stephen Greene," George Staempfli Gallery, New York
- 1967 "Stephen Greene," Franklin Siden Gallery, Detroit, IL
- 1966 "Stephen Greene," George Staempfli Gallery, New York
- 1964 "Stephen Greene," George Staempfli Gallery, New York
- 1963 "Stephen Greene: A Retrospective Exhibition of Paintings and Drawings." Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. (March); exhibition traveled to University of Minnesota, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Tennessee Fine Arts Center, Des Moines Art Center.
- 1961 "Stephen Greene," George Staempfli Gallery, New York
- 1958 "Stephen Greene," Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York
- 1957 "Stephen Greene," Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York
- 1955 "Stephen Greene," Grace Borgenicht Gallery, New York
- 1952 "Stephen Greene," Durlacher Brothers, New York, February 26 – March 22, 1952

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 "Human Interest: Portraits from the Whitney's Collection," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York (April 2, 2016 – April 2, 2017).
- 2014 "Art in the Making: A New Adaptation," Luther W. Brady Art Gallery, The George Washington University, Washington, DC (May 6 – July 17); Reading Public Museum, Reading, PA (August 15 – December 18).
- 2012 "Paper Band," Jason McCoy Gallery, New York (July 11 – August 24)
- 2011 "Surface Truths: Abstract Painting of the 'Sixties," Norton Simon Museum of Art, Pasadena, CA (March 25 – August 15)
- 2010 "Collecting Biennials," The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York (January 16 – November 28)  
 "Galaxy and Cosmos," Jason McCoy Gallery, New York (December 8, 2010 – January 31, 2011)
- 2009 "The Lens and the Mirror: Modern Self-Portraits from the Collection," The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York (April – July 12, 2009)  
 "Abstraction from the Collection," Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia (October 2 – December 13, 2009)
- 2007 "The Abstract Impulse: Fifty Years of Abstraction at the National Academy, 1956-2006," National Academy Museum and School of Fine Arts, New York (August 1, 2007-January 6, 2008)
- 1999 "Nielsen Gallery 35th Anniversary Exhibition, Part II - New Works," Nielsen Gallery, Boston, MA.
- 1997 "View From Abroad: American Realities," Whitney Museum of American Art.  
 "A Tribute to Grace Borgenicht Gallery The 1950's: The First Decade," DC Moore Gallery, New York

- 1996 "July 1996," David Beitzel, New York
- 1995 "47th Annual American Academy Purchase Exhibition," The American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York  
 "Inaugural Exhibition," Corr Contemporary Art London, England
- 1994 "Drawings: Jake Berthot, Porfirio DiDonna, Stephen Greene, John Walker," Victoria Munroe Fine Art, New York,  
 Corr Contemporary Art, London, England
- 1993 "Crossing the Line: Abstraction/Figuration," Nielsen Gallery, Boston, MA
- 1992 "Painting, Self-Evident Abstraction," Spoleto, USA and The William Halsey Gallery, Simmons Center for the Arts,  
 College of Charleston, Charleston, SC
- 1991 "American Life and American Art," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
 "American Abstraction," Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, Andover, MA
- 1988 "Recent Acquisitions," Neuberger Museum, Purchase, NY
- 1982 "Thirty-fourth Annual Hassam & Speicher Fund Purchase Exhibit," American Academy of Arts and Letters, New  
 York  
 "Distinct Visions: Expressionist Sensibilities, Elaine deKooning, Stephen Greene, Grace Hartigan," Milton and Sally  
 Avery Art Center, Bard College Annandale-on Hudson, NY  
 "Realism & Realities: The Other Side of American Painting," Rutgers University Gallery, New Brunswick, NJ
- 1981 "Decade of Transition: 1940-50," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
 "156th Annual Exhibition," National Academy of Design, New York, NY
- 1979 "The Figurative Tradition," The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
- 1977 "American Postwar Painting," Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York
- 1975 "An American Dream World," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
- 1973 "Twenty Years of American Painting," Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York  
 "Biennial of Contemporary American Painting and Sculpture," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
 "American Artists in Europe," Palazzo Pretorio, Prato, Italy
- 1972 "Annual Exhibition," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
- 1970 "L'art vivant aux Etats Unis," Fondation Maeght, Saint-Paul-de-Vence, France
- 1969 "American Paintings, Watercolors and Drawings from the Museum Collection," Metropolitan Museum of Art, New  
 York  
 "Seven Decades of American Painting," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
- 1967 "Annual Exhibition," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
- 1963 "Annual Exhibition," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
- 1962 "65th Annual American Exhibition," Art Institute of Chicago, (January 5 – February 18, 1962)  
 "Abstract Drawings and Watercolors," Museu de Arte Moderna, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 1961 "Annual Exhibition," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
 "Abstract Expressionists and Imagists," Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York  
 "VI Sao Palo Bienal," Sao Paolo, Brazil
- 1959 "Annual Exhibition," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
 "Museum Director's Choice," Baltimore Museum of Art
- 1958 "Biennial of Religious Art," Salzburger Museum, Carolino Augusteum
- 1957 "Annual Exhibition," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
 "Annual Exhibition," Los Angeles County Museum, Los Angeles
- 1956 "Annual Exhibition," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
 "Recent Drawings USA," Museum of Modern Art, New York
- 1955 "The New Decade: 35 American Painters and Sculptors," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
 "Italy Rediscovered," Munson Williams Proctor Institute, Utica
- 1954 "Annual Exhibition: Sculpture, Watercolor, Drawing," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
 "Le Dessin Contemporarin au États Unis," Musée National d'Art Moderne, Paris  
 "Reality and Fantasy," Walker Art Center, Minneapolis
- 1952 "Annual Exhibition: Contemporary American Painting," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
 "65th American Exhibition, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago

- "The 1952 Pittsburg International Exhibition of Contemporary Painting," Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, October 16 – December 14, 1952.
- 1951 "Annual Exhibition: Sculpture, Watercolor, Drawing," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
- 1950 "American Painting Today," The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
- "Annual Exhibition: Contemporary American Painting," Whitney Museum of American Art, New York

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- "The Tragic Sense," in *From Sophocles to Picasso*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1962.
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- Robert Storr, "The Light That Did Not Fail – A Source that Never Ran Dry," and Marshall N. Price, "Between Narrative and Mystery," *Stephen Greene 1917-1999*. New York: Jason McCoy Inc., 2008
- Wilkin, Karen. *Stephen Greene*, Edmonton, Alberta: Edmonton Art Gallery, 1972
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The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago

The Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn

Carnegie Art Museum, Pittsburg

The Chase Manhattan Bank, New York

Chemical Bank, New York

Columbia University, New York

Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, Ohio

The Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit

The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum , New York

Hamine University Galleries of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, Minnesota

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC

Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana

Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, Michigan  
University of Kentucky, Lexington  
Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois, Urbana  
Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, Iowa  
Mildred Lane Kempert Art Museum, Washington University, St. Louis  
The Marion Koogler McNay Museum of Art, San Antonio, Texas  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York  
The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston  
The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston  
The Museum of Modern Art, New York  
Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Utica, New York  
The National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.  
Nelson-Atkins Gallery of Art, Kansas City  
The Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Kansas City  
Neuberger Museum, Purchase, New York  
New Orleans Museum of Art, New Orleans  
New York University, New York  
The Newark Museum, Newark  
Norton Simon Museum of Art at Pasadena  
The Pennsylvania Academy of Art, Philadelphia  
The Art Museum, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey  
Rose Art Museum, Brandeis University, Waltham, Massachusetts  
Saint Louis Art Museum, Saint Louis  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco  
The Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Santa Barbara  
Stanford University Art Museum, Stanford, California  
Tate Gallery, London, England  
Tennessee Fine Arts Center at Cheekwood, Nashville  
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond  
Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford  
Weatherspoon Art Gallery, University of North Carolina, Greensboro  
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
University of Wisconsin, Madison  
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee  
Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven

## AWARDS

1997 Academy of Arts & Letters Purchase Award  
1996 Academy of Arts & Letters Purchase Award, Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA  
Purchase Award, Huscarelle Museum, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA.  
1995 Purchase Award, McNair Museum, Iowa  
1989 Adolph & Clara Obrig Prize - National Academy of Design, New York  
1970 Andrew Carnegie Award, National Academy of Design, New York  
1967 Institute of Arts and Letters Awards, New York  
1966 The Council of Arts and Letters Grant, New York  
1965 The Corcoran Copper Medal and William A. Grant Prize, The Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, DC.  
1958 Purchase prize, Isaac Delgado Museum of Art, New Orleans, LA, Contemporary American Painting.  
1952 Prix de Rome (extended through 1954).

- 1947 First Prize, Place of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco, CA, Annual of Contemporary American Painting.  
1946 Purchase Prize, "Biennial of American Painting," Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA

#### TEACHING POSITIONS

- 1975 Resident Faculty, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, Maine  
1968-88 Tyler School of Art, Temple University, Elkins Park  
1961-68 Columbia University, New York  
1959-64 Pratt Institute, New York  
1959 Art Students League, New York  
1956-59 Artist-in-Residence, Princeton University  
1954-56 Parsons School of Design, New York  
1947-52 Parsons School of Design, New York  
1946-47 Washington University, St. Louis  
1945-46 Indiana University, Bloomington