

J.B. BLUNK

Born 1926, Ottawa, KS

Died 2002, Inverness, CA

Education

University of California, Los Angeles, CA, 1949

One-Person Exhibitions

2018

Nature, Art & Everyday Life, Oakland Museum of California, CA

Kate MacGarry, London, UK

2016

Blum & Poe, Tokyo, Japan

2015

J.B. Blunk: Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, The Landing, Los Angeles, CA

2010

Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA

2004

Small Works and Photographs from Inverness, Dance Palace Community Center, Pt. Reyes Station, CA

2000

California Spirit, Bolinas Museum, CA

1989

Smith Anderson Gallery, Palo Alto, CA

1986

A Sculptor's Place, San Francisco Craft and Folk Art Museum, San Francisco, CA

1984

Pickard Galleries, Oklahoma City, OK

100 Plates Plus, Oklahoma State University, Norman, OK

1982

100 Plates Plus, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND

1981

100 Plates Plus, Artspace, Los Angeles, CA

100 Plates Plus, David Cole Gallery, Inverness, CA

1978

Sculptures 1952-1977, Craft and Folk Art Museum, Los Angeles, CA

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1954

Chuo-Koron Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Group Exhibitions

2018

In Conversation: Alma Allen & J.B. Blunk, Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, CA; traveled to Nevada Museum of Art, Reno, NV

Marin Collects, College of Marin, Kentfield, CA

Designed in California, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA

Ship of Dreams: Artists, Poets, and Visionaries of the S.S. Vallejo, Sonoma Valley Museum of Art, Sonoma, CA; traveled to Bolinas Museum, Bolinas, CA

2017

Chair Stories, Bolinas Museum, Bolinas, CA

Hippie Modernism: The Struggle for Utopia, University of California, Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive, Berkeley, CA

2015

Art and Other Tactics, Museum of Craft and Design, San Francisco, CA

2014

What Would Mrs. Webb Do? A Founder's Vision, Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY

2011

Big A@# Sculpture Show, Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Crafting Modernism, Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY

2010

The Anniversary Show, SFMOMA, San Francisco, CA

2009

J.B. Blunk Residency Exhibition, Reform Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2009

SF20, Reform Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2008

SF20, Reform Gallery, San Francisco, CA

1999

Group show with John Anderson, Eubank Studio, Point Reyes Station, CA

1991

Claudia Chapline Gallery, Stinson Beach, CA

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1987

Nich Tomi, Gallery Route One, Pt. Reyes Station, CA

1983

David Cole Gallery, Inverness, CA

1982

American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York City, NY

1978

Galerie Schreiner, Basel, Switzerland

1977

Gallery Paule Anglim, San Francisco, CA

1976

Retrospective of Sculpture in the Bay Area, James Willis Gallery, San Francisco, CA

1974

Outdoor Sculpture, Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA

1973

Lester Gallery, Inverness, CA

1969

Objects USA, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C.

1965

Egg and Eye Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

1959

Contemporary Japanese Ceramic Art, Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan

1958

San Francisco Museum, San Francisco, CA

1956

Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA

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2018

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2016

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2011

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1986

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1984

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Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA

M+ Museum, West Kowloon Cultural District, Hong Kong

Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY

Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA

Orientation Center for the Blind, Albany, CA

Palms Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, CA

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA

San Francisco Zen Center, San Francisco, CA

Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C.

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Stevenson College, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA

Tassajara Mountain Zen Center, Carmel Valley, CA

Weyerhaeuser Company, Tacoma, WA