

DeBlois Gallery – Our 40<sup>th</sup> Year!  
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## **EXPRESSIVE COLLECTIVE**

**At the DeBlois Gallery May 4th-26th, 2024**  
**Opening Reception Saturday May 4th, 5-8 PM**  
**Gallery Night Thursday May 9th, 5-7 PM**

Our May exhibit, **Expressive Collective**, features the work of painters **Sarah Hirsch, Carol Shelton, and April Roderick**, as well as wood sculptor **Chuck January**. The show's title, **Expressive Collective**, describes the interplay between collective action and pure expression that brings these artists and their work together.

**Sarah Hirsch's** paintings focus on everyday moments of the sublime and beautiful. Her current focus is on blooming flowers and lush growing things. She says that she is drawn to movement and light: flowers unfurling, waves crashing, the dappled rhythm of deep woods, towering columns of impossibly far away clouds, the buzzing space between dancers as they balance and spin, pre-dawn mists, and children at play.

For wood sculptor **Chuck January**, creativity is one of the cornerstones of life. The curves and the grain patterns in his sculpted bowls represent the organic shapes of nature and the layers of the earth. He says that he creates to please his own sense of design in the hope that his work resonates with others.

With a passion for creating vibrant art, **April Roderick** is a vibrant, self-taught acrylic artist. She evokes joy through her bold, loose-stroke paintings. Whether she's painting commissioned portraits, animals, or still life, her passion for creating art has become her form of daily meditation.

Plein Air impressionist oil painter **Carol Shelton** was drawn to making images at a very young age after discovering a set of oil paints and a beautiful small painting, painted on a pot, which was attributed to her grandmother, in her family beach house. With a primary focus on architecture, nature, color, and light, she says that painting is a vehicle for communicating her feelings and sharing her experiences with viewers.

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The DeBlois Gallery is located at 134 Aquidneck Avenue in Middletown and is open 1-5 PM Wednesday through Sunday. All welcome; ample, free parking!

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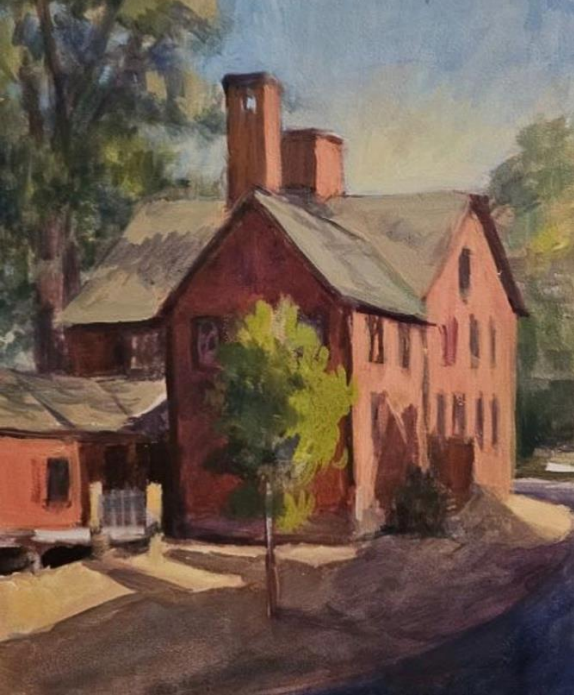
Sarah Hirsch – “Together Alight” – oil paint



Chuck January – “Draped Linen” – mahogany wood



April Roderick – “I Love Ewe” – fluid acrylics over wallpaper



Carol Shelton – “Chabot House” – oil on board