

JILL METCOFF

PHOTOGRAPHY AND MULTIMEDIA COLLAGES

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SOLO PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITIONS

2023: "Jill Metcuff: Wisconsin Landscapes," Spring Green Community Library, Spring Green, WI

2017-2021: "Firelines: Humans and Habitat Renewal," curated by Heather Sonntag

- 2021 Video of this exhibit at The Prairie Enthusiasts conference "Inspired by Fire"
- 2021 Photographs and text at Steinhauer Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Madison Arboretum, Madison, WI
- 2019 Photographs and text at Ripon College, Ripon, WI
- 2017 Photographs and text at Edgewood College, Madison, WI

2014: "New Works: Photographs and Photograms," Images Gallery, Chicago, IL (images8.com)

2012: "Second Lives," photographic portraits of 19th/20th Century taxidermy designed for domestic uses. Images Gallery, Chicago, IL

2012: "Prairie Remnants," Spring Green Community Library, Spring Green, WI

2008: "Renewal," photographs of intentional fires for prairie restoration at Independence Grove Forest Preserve, sponsored by Liberty Prairie Conservancy, Prairie Fire Foundation, Lake County Forest Preserves, Libertyville, IL

2007: "Fertile Flames" at Steinhauer Trust Gallery, University of Wisconsin Arboretum, Madison, WI

2005: "Prairie Elements: Earth, Fire, Air, Water" at Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL

2004: "Prairie Fire," Center for Photography (now called Photo Midwest), Madison, WI

2003: "Prairie Landscapes" at Taliesin Visitor Center, Spring Green, WI

1999-2000: "Rendezvous: Historic Encounters: 1760-1840 and 1970-1998." Funded by NEH and the Wisconsin Humanities Council, and State Historic Society of Wisconsin at:

- Villa Louis, Wisconsin Historic Site, Prairie du Chien, WI
- Madeline Island Museum, Wisconsin Historic Site, La Pointe, WI
- Portage Historical Society, Portage, WI
- Latin School, Chicago, IL

1998: "The Wisconsin Riverway," Museum of Portage, Portage, WI

1993: Preview of 55 photographs from *Along the Wisconsin Riverway*, Darkroom Aids Gallery, Chicago, IL

1992: "Habitats and Artifacts" at Jura Silverman Gallery, Spring Green, WI

1991-1993: "Along the Wisconsin Riverway: Points of View" Photographs at:

- Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL
- Chicago Academy of Sciences, Chicago, IL
- Wisconsin State Capitol Rotunda, Madison, WI
- Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Minneapolis, MN

EXHIBIT COLLABORATIONS | Photographs and Collages

2024-2025: Driftless Prairie Visions (www.driftlessprairievisions.com)

- 2024 UW Madison Arboretum, Steinhauer Gallery, Madison, WI
- 2024 Wyoming Valley School Cultural Arts Center, Spring Green, WI
- 2025 Urban Ecology Center, Riverside park, Milwaukee, WI
- 2025 Carleton College, Weitz Center, Northfield, MN

2007-2016: "The Aldo Leopold Reserve: Views from the 1930's (Carl Leopold) and the 21st century (Jill Metcoff)." Aldo Leopold Legacy Center, Baraboo, WI

Exhibition PowerPoint at jillmetcoff.com/portfolio/aldo-leopold-legacy-center-exhibit/

2007-2009: "Cranes and Conversations: Jill Metcoff/Diane Farris."

Exhibition powerpoint at jillmetcoff.com/collections/sandhill-crane-collages

- 2009 Stuhr Museum, Grand Island, NE
- 2008-2009 Notebaert Nature Museum, Chicago, IL
- 2007 Images Gallery, Chicago, IL

2004-Present: Public Outdoor Sculpture which incorporated one of my fire images. Developed for North American Prairie Conference by Glenn Wolf, Artist-in-Residence, commissioned by Earth/Art Resources Partners.

- UW Madison Arboretum, Madison, WI
- International Crane Foundation, Baraboo, WI

2002: "Toxic Landscapes," with Paula Bunch, Jose Marti National Library, Havana, Cuba. Available on CD-ROM

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2019: "Odysseys," Oresman Gallery, Smith College, Northampton, MA

2016: "A Sense of Place: Four Wisconsin Photographers," Monroe Arts Center, Monroe, WI

2014: "Picturing Change" group exhibit at ArtWorks Project, Chicago, IL. My Photograph also used online as banner for the exhibit

2012-2013: "Green and Wired, Smart Home," Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL

Four of my photographs decorated the Smart Home

2011: "Through Women's Eyes," Oakwood Village, Madison WI

Center for Photography (now called Photo Midwest)

2008: "Heating Up," Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL

2006: "Photo Midwest 7 State Juried Exhibition," 50 contemporary Photographs selected by Catherine Edelman. Wisconsin Union Galleries, Madison, WI

2002-2006: "Inside the Fence," Six selected photographers reveal the 7,000+ acre de-commissioned Badger Army Ammunition Plant. Funded by NEH, Wisconsin Humanities Council and Badger History Group

- 2002 Sauk Prairie River Arts Center, Sauk Prairie, WI
- 2004 Wisconsin State Historical Society Museum, Madison, WI
- 2006 Urban Ecology Center, Milwaukee, WI

2006: "Wisconsin Landscapes, Jill Metcoff/James Young," Green Lantern Gallery, Mineral Point, WI

2006: "Madison at 150," 150 Photographs of Madison at 150 years. Madison Municipal Building, Madison, WI

2006: "Prairie Roots, Prairie Patterns, Prairie Communities," sponsored by The Prairie Enthusiasts and the Wisconsin Humanities Council. Traveled to 6 sites.

2004: Center for Photography (now called Photo Midwest) Group Show, Civic Center Gallery, Madison, WI

2002: Center for Photography (now called Photo Midwest) Group Show, Civic Center Gallery, Madison, WI

2002: Paula Bunch/Jill Metcoff, Water Street Gallery, Prairie du Sac, WI

2005-2016: Members' Group Exhibits at Images Gallery, Chicago (Formerly located on Wilson Avenue)

(images8.com)

- 2005: "Ties" and "Impromptu"
- 2006: "Waypoints"
- 2011: "Mining Connections"
- 2013: "Regeneration"
- 2014: "No Earth without ART"
- 2016: Ravenswood Art Walk

1983: Center of the Eye Retrospective, Aspen Center for the Visual Arts, Aspen, CO

1978: "The Meaning is the Message," Videotapes, Bergman Gallery, University of Chicago, IL

PUBLICATIONS

Solo Books:

Metcoff, Jill. *Firelines*. New Mexico Press, 2017

Metcoff, Jill. *Along the Wisconsin Riverway*. University of Wisconsin Press, 1997

Books:

Stanley, Millie. *The Heart of John Muir's World*, with selected photographs by Jill Metcoff, Prairie Oak Press, 1995

Goc, Michael. *Many a Fine Harvest, Sauk County 1840-1990*, with selected photographs by Jill Metcoff, Sauk County Historical Society and New Past Press, Friendship, WI, 1990

Articles:

Meine, Curt. "The Historic Apples of Badger Ammunition Plant," with photographs by Jill Metcoff. *Wisconsin People and Ideas*, 2015

Kahler, Kathryn. "A Legacy in Pine," with photographs by Jill Metcoff. *Wisconsin Natural Resources*, 2008

Metcoff, Jill. "Prairie Smoke." *Wisconsin Trails*, 2005

Metcoff, Jill. "Photographs of Badger Army Ammunition Plant", *Wisconsin Trails* and *On Wisconsin Magazines*, 2004

Other:

Metcoff, Jill. "Creative Canvas" collage for SGAAC (now River Valley Arts). *Voice of the River Valley*, 2017

Metcoff, Jill. "Morning Coffee with Cranes" collage. *Voice of the River Valley*, 2016

Metcoff, Jill. Photographs. *Trust for Public Land/Illinois Association of Park Districts*, 2002

Metcoff, Jill. "Vision," photographs. *Town and Country Architectural Conservatories*, print and website, 2002

Center of the Eye Retrospective Exhibition catalogue, selected photos by Jill Metcoff, Aspen Center for the Visual Arts, Aspen, CO, 1983

Metcoff, Jill. Wall Poster Photograph and Poster Design, American Orthopsychiatric Association's National Conference, 1986

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS (Partial List)

2019: "Firelines: Midwestern Prairie Restoration," Jill Metcoff and ecologist Mike Mossman discuss intentional fire at the Newberry Library, to accompany the exhibit *What is the Midwest?* in which the book *Firelines* was displayed.

2019: "Making Firelines" at Photo Midwest, Madison, WI

2015- 2014: "Firelines: Where Art and Conservation Meet"

- 2015: "Building a Land Ethic," Aldo Leopold Foundation Conference, Baraboo, WI
- 2015: Environmental and Sustainability Lecture series, Smith College, Northampton, MA
- 2014: Fortnightly Club, Chicago, IL

2005: "Photographing at the Badger Army Ammunition Plant," slide talk to accompany the Chicago Art Institute's exhibit "1945", Chicago, IL

2005: "Photographing Controlled Prairie Fires" at Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL

2004: "The Artist's Process," Center for Photography (Now Photo Midwest), Madison, WI

1998: "Making Wisconsin Photographs," State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

1998: "The Wisconsin Riverway," Portage Historical Society, Portage, WI

ONGOING EVENTS

2011-2025: Fall Art Tour, a three-day event where 46 artists in their studios offer demonstrations, live educational activities, gallery display and sales. The tour includes the Wisconsin towns of Mineral Point, Dodgeville, Spring Green, and Baraboo.

2011-2025: "Creative Canvas." Each artist created an 8"x8" canvas to be auctioned to raise money for the arts. Sponsored by the Spring Green Area Arts Coalition (now River Valley Arts).

VIDEOTAPES & RELATED WORK FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

1987: "Confidentiality," Videotape written, produced and edited for American Orthopsychiatric Association.

1982: Carl Whitaker/Jill Metcoff authored a book chapter "The MicroEvent" in *Normal Family Processes*, 1st ed., edited by Froma Walsh, with a focus on use of videotape for diagnosis and intervention with patients, Guilford Press, NY

1976: "Carl Whitaker: The Process of Family Therapy," teaching videotape produced for Carl Whitaker, Dept. Of Psychiatry, University of Wisconsin-Madison, distributed by Ian Alger, New York, New York.

1972-1978: 30+ presentations made to mental health professionals in private practice, mental health agencies and national conferences through the State of Illinois, Department of Mental Health, and through private consultations. Purpose was to develop participants' observation skills using videotapes.

1972- 1974: Numerous teaching videotapes developed for Institute for Juvenile Research, State of Illinois Department of Mental Health.

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Newberry Library, Baskes Collection, Chicago, IL, *Firelines* and *Along the Wisconsin Riverway*
Wisconsin Public Library System, *Firelines* and *Along the Wisconsin Riverway*

EDUCATION

Chicago, IL

Studied with Arthur Lazar

Truman College | Chicago, IL

Studied with Rodney Quiriconi

Columbia College | Chicago, IL

Studied with Charles Traub and Lynn Sloan Theodore

Art Institute of Chicago | Chicago, IL

Summer School with Gary Winograd

Center of the Eye | Aspen, CO

Studied with Nathan Lyons, Paul Caponigro, Jerry Uelsmann, Gary Metz

Univeristy of Chicago | Chicago, IL

Master of Arts 1972

Smith College | Northampton, MA

Bachelor of Arts with honors, Phi Beta Kappa 1969