

# Community

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## **Community exhibition opens May 1, 2021 at the Brush Art Gallery and Studios, in collaboration with Lowell National Historical Park**

Lowell, MA – *Community* showcases 32 artists at different stages in their careers and from across the United States. Those interested in exhibiting were invited to submit up to three images for consideration. Six hundred dollars in prizes will be awarded at the reception.

Why this theme? Lowell National Historical Park is currently partnering with community members to develop a future exhibit in the Mogan Cultural Center about Lowell's cultural diversity. As another way to explore cultural expression we want to show how artists from across the country experience or observe "community" for this juried exhibition at the Brush Art Gallery and Studios.

Community connections could be place-based (neighborhoods, businesses), practice-centered (sports, social clubs, virtual), and goal or belief-centered (religion, politics). Artists were invited to share what "community" looks like to them and to show us how they represent it.

The exhibition jurors are:

- **Ekua Holmes**, an artist, illustrator, curator and an active member of Boston's art community. A native of Roxbury, MA and a graduate of the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, she has devoted her practice to nurturing contemporary Black Art traditions in Boston.
- **Beth C. McLaughlin**, Artistic Director and Chief Curator of Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton, Massachusetts. McLaughlin has held leadership and curatorial roles in the arts and museum fields for over 25 years at institutions across the U.S.
- **Marjorie Rawle**, an emerging curator based in Greater Boston and is currently the Terrana Assistant Curator at the Fitchburg Art Museum (FAM) which is nationally recognized for its outstanding service to its community.

The exhibition will be on view **May 1 to June 12, 2021**, with the **virtual opening reception** on **Saturday May 8** at **2:00 PM EDT**.

<https://uml.zoom.us/j/96871393280?pwd=RlpJRW1laExaZW93dDc5eUpYR2Uvdz09>

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The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is located in Lowell National Historical Park across the courtyard from the Visitor Center. This dynamic and captivating place was originally founded by the Lowell Historic Preservation Commission, U.S. Department of the Interior in 1982. The Brush presents

museum quality exhibitions, educational programs, and has collaborated with many other nonprofit groups. Artists occupy studio spaces to interact with and educate the public on a weekly basis. Currently, eleven studio artists produce paintings, illustration, photography, jewelry, sculpture, ceramics, quilts, and handwoven items. Associate artists display work in the common area. The Brush Art Gallery and Studios is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization. The Brush is supported by Lowell National Historical Park and Eastern National. For more information, please visit: <http://thebrush.org>.

Lowell National Historical Park is a unique urban national park, founded in 1978, dedicated to preserving and exploring Lowell's continuing history as the nation's first large-scale textile manufacturing city. The park works in partnership with community organizations, local residents, and visitors to tell stories of technology, labor, immigration, women's rights, and the industrial economy in Lowell and beyond. Over 500,000 visitors annually visit Lowell National Historical Park museum sites, participate in interactive canal and trolley tours, view operating mill machinery, participate in hands-on family programs, attend special events, and more. For more information, please visit: <http://www.nps.gov/lowe>.

**Brush Gallery Hours:**

April 1 to December 31

Tues—Sat: 11am to 4 pm | Sun: 12 - 4 pm

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