

## Yolanda and Woman Made Gallery

I think I first became aware of Woman Made Gallery in 2012. My first personal encounter with them was in 2014, when I had a work accepted for the 'Oil & Water' exhibition juried by Sarah Krepp, Professor Emeritus and former Chair of the Painting Program at U of I Urbana-Champaign.

I could not have had a better experience! The exhibition opening night brought in over 300 people. Beate and staff were all welcoming; Sarah Krepp generously made herself available to me and all the other artists.

As a lifetime self-employed person, it was always a struggle to make time to live another simultaneous life as a painter. WMG gave me a wonderful gift, my own art. My work has been shown in many venues, including competitive shows in New York juried by the noted art critic, Karen Wilkin and gallerist Betty Cunningham.

I am continually inspired by our mission at Woman Made and the wonderful exhibitions we bring out into the world of women made art. –Yolanda Fernandez-Shebeko | 09/21/2023

