

Eileen Gillespie
Biography

Eileen Gillespie (b. 1963, New York, NY) is a painter living and working in Maine. She spent a year in Rome studying with the European Honors Program at Rhode Island School of Design for which she earned her BFA in 1985. Her time in Rome marked the genesis of a career long interest in structure in nature, architecture, and a sense of place as a subject for her drawings and paintings. She continues to create work based on place, observation, and memory. She received her MFA in painting at the University of Pennsylvania in 1990.

Gillespie's awards include a Visiting Artist position at the American Academy in Rome, residencies at Hewnoaks, the Millay Colony for the Arts, The Hambidge Center, The Vermont Studio Center and a Fellowship at Carina House on Monhegan Island, Maine. She is the recipient of a 2004 Artist Fellowship in Drawing from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Gillespie has exhibited in dozens of exhibitions throughout her career including group exhibitions at the Farnsworth Museum, the Boston Center for the Arts, Boston Athenaeum, the University of Maine - Augusta and Cove Street Arts, Portland. Solo shows include Pepper Gallery, Boston, June Fitzpartick Gallery, ME, Harmon's Market, ME, O'Farrell Gallery, ME.

Her work is in the collections of American Airlines, Boston Athenaeum, Fidelity, Hertz, Mount Sinai Hospital, and Wellington Management among others.

At present she is the Chair of the Board of Trustees at the Portland Museum of Art where she formerly served as Chair of the Collection Committee.