

CAPE ANN MUSEUM

ART HISTORY CULTURE

Green Places/Green Spaces/Greenhouses

Photographic Panoramas by Esther Pullman

ON VIEW: APRIL 13, 2019 — JUNE 16, 2019



Above: Esther Pullman, *Marshall's Farm Stand Greenhouse*, late summer, West Gloucester, MA 2006.

GLOUCESTER, MASS. (April 2019) – The Cape Ann Museum is pleased to announce the opening of *Green Places/Green Spaces/Greenhouses*, an exhibition featuring panoramic color photographs by photographer Esther Pullman, a Cape Ann summer resident for 44 years.

In 1999, Pullman began photographing places where plants were cultivated—fields, nurseries and most of all greenhouses. The project began without an overt message in mind. However, in the nearly 20 years since then, it has revealed many themes and deeper meanings: the passage of time, the cycle of the seasons, death and rebirth. It has also become a metaphor for our threatened planet.

The panoramic color photographs shown in *Green Places/Green Spaces/Greenhouses* explore the distinctive architecture, light and atmosphere of greenhouses throughout the year. Each panorama consists of two to seven photographs, composed as much as possible as independent and autonomous images. When exhibited side by side, the result is a continuous composition. The greenhouses Pullman has captured include those that are in use today as well as those that have been shuttered, their gardening equipment and machinery left to decay. A number of the panoramas in the exhibit feature local Cape Ann structures.

A graduate of Smith College and Yale University, Pullman has worked as a graphic designer, a typographer and letterpress printer, and as a photographer. She has studied photography at Harvard Extension School, Maine Photographic Workshop, the Art Institute of Boston (now Lesley University) and the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Her first one-person photography exhibit was held at the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine, in 2006. She has been a summer resident of Cape Ann since 1975.

Cape Ann has long been recognized as one of this country's oldest and most important art colonies and the collection of the Cape Ann Museum contains examples of works by many of the artists who put the community on the map including Marsden Hartley, Cecilia Beaux, Edward Hopper and John Sloan. At

the heart of the Cape Ann Museum's holdings is the single largest collection of works by early 19th century artist Fitz Henry Lane (1804-1865). A native of Gloucester, Lane worked as a lithographer and a painter and his works on display at the Cape Ann Museum capture the town's busy seaport in its heyday.

Related Programming

Opening Reception

Saturday, April 13, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Free for CAM members or with Museum admission.

Gallery Talk

Saturday, April 20, 9:30 a.m.

Join Esther Pullman for an intimate tour of the exhibition. \$10 CAM members; \$15 nonmembers (includes admission). Space is limited, reservations required. Sign up online at [Eventbrite](#).

American Landscape Photography: Art as Storytelling

Saturday, June 1, 3:00 p.m.

Holly Markovitz Goldstein, Ph.D., Art History Professor at the Savannah College of Art and Design presents a lecture on the various traditions throughout American Landscape photography. Free for CAM members; \$10 nonmembers. Reservations required. Sign up online at [Eventbrite](#).

The Cape Ann Museum has been in existence since the 1870s, working to preserve and celebrate the history and culture of the area and to keep it relevant to today's audiences. Spanning 44,000 square feet, the Museum is one of the major cultural institutions on Boston's North Shore welcoming more than 25,000 local, national and international visitors each year to its exhibitions and programs. In addition to fine art, the Museum's collections include decorative art, textiles, artifacts from the maritime and granite industries, two historic homes, a Library & Archives and a sculpture park in the heart of downtown Gloucester. Visit capeannmuseum.org for details.

The Museum is located at 27 Pleasant Street in Gloucester. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$12.00 adults, \$10.00 Cape Ann residents, seniors and students. Youth (under 18) and Museum members are free. For more information please call: (978)283-0455 x10. Additional information can be found online at www.capeannmuseum.org.

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