BETTY PARSONS

Born 1900 in New York, US
Died 1982 in Southold, New York, US

EDUCATION

1924 Académie de la Grande Chaumière, Paris, France

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 ‘Betty Parsons: An Expanded World’, Center for Curatorial Studies, Bard (CCS Bard), Hessel Museum of Art, New York, US

2025 ‘Sheer Energy’, De La Warr Pavillion, Sussex, UK

2024 Alison Jacques, London, UK

2022 Marion Art Centre, Massachusetts, US

2021 ‘The Expanding World’, Alison Jacques, London, UK (online exhibition)

‘Betty Parsons | Jack Youngerman’, The Drawing Room, East Hampton, New York, US

2019 ‘Betty Parsons: The Queen of the Circus’, Alison Jacques, London, UK

2006 ‘The Painted Sculpture of Betty Parsons’, The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, US

2005 ‘The Painted Sculpture of Betty Parsons’, Artis—Naples, Florida, US

1999 ‘Shaping a Generation: The Art and Artists of Betty Parsons’, The Heckscher Museum of Art, Huntington, New York, US

1992 ‘Betty Parsons: Paintings on Paper’, Pollock–Krasner House and Study Center, East Hampton, New York, US

1985 Armstrong Gallery, New York, US

1982 ‘Homage to Betty Parsons’, Fairweather Hardin Gallery, Chicago, Illinois, US

‘In Memoriam: Betty Parsons: Her Last Works in Wood’, Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, US

Truman Gallery, New York, US

1981 ‘Betty Parsons: Recent Constructions & Paintings’, Virginia Miller Galleries, Miami, Florida, US

1980 ‘Betty Parsons in Detroit’, Galleries, Birmingham, Michigan, US

‘Betty Parsons: Paintings and Sculpture’, Newspace, Los Angeles, California, US

‘Betty Parsons: Wood Constructions and Paintings’, Barbara Fiedler Gallery, Washington DC, US

American Center, Paris, France

‘Betty Parsons: New Work’, Kornblee Gallery, New York, US

Nigel Greenwood Inc Ltd, London, UK

1979 ‘Works by Betty Parsons: Painting – Sculpture’, Summit Art Center, New Jersey, US

‘Betty Parsons: Sculpture’, Fairweather Hardin Gallery, Chicago, Illinois, US

Hoshour Gallery, Albuquerque, New Mexico, US

1978 United States Information Service, Instituto Hondureño de Cultura Interamericana, Tegucilgalpa, Honduras

Kornblee/Truman Gallery, New York, US

1977 ‘Maud Morgan and Betty Parsons’, Barnard College, New York, US

‘Drawings–Paintings–Sculptures by Betty Parsons, Frank Roth’, Louise Himelfarb Gallery, Water Mill, New York, US

1975 ‘Paintings and Wood Constructions by Betty Parsons’, Elaine Benson Gallery, East Hampton, New York, US

‘Betty Parsons: Paintings, Sculpture, Gouache’, Studio Gallery, Washington DC, US

1974 ‘Betty Parsons Retrospective: An Exhibition of Paintings and Sculpture’, Montclair Art Museum, New Jersey, US

1973 Studio Gallery, Washington DC, US

1972 ‘Betty Parsons: Paintings and Sculpture’, A.M. Sachs Gallery, New York, US

College Art Gallery, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey, US

1971 ‘Betty Parsons: Paintings, Sculpture, Gouaches’, Studio Gallery, Washington DC, US

1968 ‘Betty Parsons: Painting, Gouaches, and Sculpture 1955–68’, Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK

1967 ‘Betty Parsons: Paintings’, Grand Central Moderns, New York, US

‘Betty Parsons: Paintings’, Gallery Seven, Boston, Massachusetts, US

1966 The Southold Gallery, Southold, New York, US

Bennington College, North Bennington, Vermont, US

1963 ‘Betty B Parsons: Paintings and Gouaches’, New Arts Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia, US

‘Betty Parsons: Abstract Paintings and Gouaches’, Miami Museum of Modern Art, Florida, US

1962 Sidney Wolfson Gallery, New York, US

1960 ‘Betty Parsons Paintings 1957–60’, Latow Gallery, New York, US

1958 Georgia Museum of Art, University of Georgia, US

Pensacola Art Center, Florida, US

Midtown Galleries, New York, US

1957 ‘Betty Parsons: Paintings’, Midtown Galleries, New York, US

1955 ‘Betty Parsons: Recent Paintings’, Midtown Galleries, New York, US

1948 Midtown Galleries, New York, US

1945 Midtown Galleries, New York, US

1941 ‘Betty P. Parsons: Exhibition of Watercolors’, Midtown Galleries, New York, US

1938 ‘Betty P. Parsons: Exhibition of Watercolors’, Midtown Galleries, New York, US

Syracuse Museum of Fine Arts, New York, US

1937 Gallery of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, US

‘Betty P. Parsons: Exhibition of Watercolors’, Midtown Galleries, New York, US

1936 ‘Betty Pierson-Parsons: Watercolors’, Midtown Galleries, New York, US

1935 Midtown Galleries, New York, US

1934 Stendahl Galleries, Los Angeles, California, US

1933 Galerie des Quatre Chemins, Paris, France

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 ‘Abstract Expressionists: The Women’, Muscarelle Museum of Art, Williamsburg, US; Speed Art Museum, Louisville US; Grinnell College Musuem of Art, US

‘Betty Parsons / Carla Accardi’, Peter Marino Art Foundation, New York, US

‘Abstract Expressionism: The East End, 1940 to Today’, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY

2024 ‘Looking Back / The 14th White Columns Annual’, White Columns, New York, US

‘Drum and Flag’, Tilton Gallery, New York, US

2023 ‘Artists Choose Parrish: Part III’, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, New York, US

‘Taking Space: Contemporary Women Artists and the Politics of Scale’, Montclair Art Museum, New Jersey, US

‘I Spy’, Alexander Gray Associates, Germantown, New York, US

‘Action / Gesture / Paint: A Global Story of Women and Abstraction, 1940-70’, Whitechapel Gallery, London, UK

‘Three Paintings by Richard Mayhew, Betty Parsons, and Jane Wilson’, The Heckscher Museum of Art, Huntington, New York, US

2022 ‘Kinship: Dusti Bongé and Betty Parsons’, Hollis Taggart, New York, US

‘Friends in a Field: Conversations with Raoul De Keyset, Mu.ZEE, Oostende, Belgium

‘What You See Is What You Get’, Massimo De Carlo, Paris, France; Madrid, Italy

2021 ‘Affinities for Abstraction: Women Artists on Eastern Long Island, 1950-2020’, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, New York, US

2020 ‘Nasty Women’, GAVLAK, Los Angeles, California, US

2019 ‘Locally Sourced: Collecting Long Island Artists’, The Heckscher Museum of Art, Huntington, New York, US

‘Abstract Expressionism Revisited’, Guild Hall, East Hampton, New York, US

‘GARDEN’, Sargent’s Daughters, New York, US

‘She Persists: A Century of Women Artists in New York, 1918–2018’, Gracie Mansion, New York, US

2018 ‘Surface Work’, Victoria Miro, London, UK

2017 ‘Andrew Brischler: Lonely Planet’, Gavlak Gallery, Palm Beach, Florida, US

‘Innovative Approaches, Honored Traditions: The Ruth and Elmer Wellin Museum of Art at Five Years’, Ruth and Elmer Wellin Museum of Art at Hamilton College, Clinton, New York, US

2015 ‘You Go Girl! Celebrating Women Artists’, The Heckscher Museum of Art, Huntington, New York, US

2014 ‘Material World’, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, New York, US

2006 ‘Betty Parsons and the Women’, Anita Shapolsky Gallery, New York, US

2005 ‘People, Places and Things’, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, New York, US

2000 ‘The Nature of Seeing: Works from the Collection’, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, New York, US

1992 ‘Watercolors: Selections from the Collection’, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, New York, US

1988 ‘Drawing on the East End, 1940–1988’, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, New York, US

1982 Betty Parsons Gallery, New York, US

1979 ‘James Brooks, Betty Parsons, Jane Wilson’, Louise Himelfarb Gallery, Water Mill, New York, US

1975 ‘Painting, Drawing and Sculpture of the 60s and 70s from the Dorothy and Herbert Vogel Collection’, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, US

‘Painting, Drawing and Sculpture of the 60s and 70s from the Dorothy and Herbert Vogel Collection’, ICA Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, US

1972 ‘Betty Parsons Private Collection: Paintings and Drawings 1940–1972’, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, New York, US

1970 ‘Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hirschhorn Select’, Hurlbutt Gallery, Greenwich, Connecticut, US

‘Artists of Suffolk County, Part II: The Abstract Tradition’, The Heckscher Museum, Huntington, New York, US

1966 The Southold Gallery, Southold, New York, US

Riverside Museum, New York, US

Penthouse Exhibition, MoMA, New York, US

1964 The Heckscher Museum, Huntington, New York, US

Penthouse Exhibition, MoMA, New York, US

26th Annual Exhibition of Contemporary American Paintings, Society of the Four Arts, Palm Beach, Florida, US

1959 National Council of Women of the United States, New York, US

Miami Beach Art Center, Miami, Florida, US

‘Midtown’s Season’s Retrospective’, Midtown Galleries, New York, US

‘Midtown’s Anniversary Show’, Midtown Galleries, New York, US

‘Midtown’s Opening Group Show’, Midtown Galleries, New York, US

1958 Summit Art Association, Summit, New Jersey, US

‘Midtown’s Season’s Retrospective’, Midtown Galleries, New York, US

‘Midtown’s Anniversary Show’, Midtown Galleries, New York, US

Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts, Ohio, US

'Midtown's Watercolor Group', Midtown Galleries, New York, US

1957 'Jury Meeting', Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, US

'Midtown's Season's Retrospective', Midtown Galleries, New York, US

'25th Anniversary Loan Exhibition', Midtown Galleries, New York, US

'Midtown's Opening Group Show', Midtown Galleries, New York, US
Columbus Gallery of Fine Arts, Ohio, US

'Midtown's Watercolor Group', Midtown Galleries, New York, US

1956 Memphis Museum, Tennessee, US

Art Barn, Southampton, New York, US

'Midtown's Watercolor Group', Midtown Galleries, New York, US

'The Society of the Four Arts Contemporary Exhibition', The Society of the Four Arts, Palm Beach, Florida, US

1954 'Midtown's Season's Retrospective', Midtown Galleries, New York, US

John Herron Art Institute, Indianapolis, Indiana, US

1953 Dayton Art Institute, Ohio, US

1952 'The Nude Traveling Show', Midtown Galleries, New York, US

Dayton Art Institute, Ohio, US

1945 'Midtown's Christmas Exhibition', Midtown Galleries, New York, US

1937 The Price Gallery, Hollywood, California, US

Barbarie Gallery, Hollywood, California, US

1927 'The No. 12 Group', The New Chenil Galleries, London, UK

COLLECTIONS

Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, Massachusetts, US
Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, New York, US
Birmingham Museum of Art, Alabama, US
Buffalo AKG Art Museum, New York, US
Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, US
The Heckscher Museum of Art, Huntington, New York, US
High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Georgia, US
Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland
Montclair Art Museum, New Jersey, US
MoMA, New York, US

Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas, US
National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington DC, US
Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, New York, US
Portland Art Museum, Oregon, US
RISD Museum, Providence, Rhode Island, US
Ruth and Elmer Wellin Museum of Art at Hamilton College, Clinton, New York, US
Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington DC, US
Telfair Museum, Savannah, Georgia, US
Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, US