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March 2012 - Present

THEO GANZ STUDIO

149 Main Street

Beacon, NY 12508

Director/Founder

www.theoganzstudio.com

Contemporary art gallery in Beacon, NY

Founded a small, commercial contemporary art gallery in May, 2012 in Beacon, NY. Curate and produce monthly solo/group exhibitions featuring local and regional artists - both emerging and mid-career in all media.

BEACON 3D

Founder/Director

www.beacon3d.org

Beacon 3D is an annual outdoor public art project which runs from May 15 - October 15 every year at eight or more different locations along Beacon's Main Street. Our fiscal sponsor is BeaconArts. The inaugural exhibition was in 2013 with three sculptures at one location. In 2014 we had have 12 sculptors exhibiting their work; in 2015 we had 20 sculptures at 15 locations. In 2016 we are installing 11 sculptures at 8 locations. (beacon3d.org).

Winner of the 2014 Art in Public Places Award / Dutchess County Executive's Arts Award.

October 1995 - Present

Artist

elenismolen.com

When I moved to upstate New York in the Fall of 1995, I returned to my first love - art - and started to paint and take photographs and have been a practicing visual artist ever since; participated in group exhibitions as well as two solo exhibitions; personal art website elenismolen.com.

September 1989 - September 1995

MSW/Clinical Social Worker

Clinical social worker in Brooklyn Psychiatric Center's outpatient mental health clinic in Bushwick, NY and later, social worker in the NICU at The Brooklyn Hospital Center, Brooklyn, NY. Left the profession in late 1995 when I moved upstate.

Education

B.A.

Carleton University
(English/Art History)
Ottawa, Ontario
1976

Three Schools of Art

Toronto, Ontario
drawing classes with Dennis Burton
1970s

MSW

New York University
New York, N.Y.
1989

PERSONAL

Born in Deep River, Ontario, Canada; naturalized US citizen; lived in Saskatchewan, New Jersey, Ontario, Nova Scotia (and New York State since 1979). Beyond my own art practice (elenismolen.com), my interests range from developing extended public art projects within the community (beacon3d.org) and making studio visits to artists who are actively engaged in their art process, whatever their medium (theoganzstudio.com)

- As of April 2017, Docent, Storm King Art Center, Mountainville, NY