

J. Cacciola • Gallery W is pleased to announce the upcoming exhibition: *Out of the Ether: Landscapes by Maureen Chatfield*. The exhibition will be on view Friday, April 13, thru May 11, 2018 at J. Cacciola • Gallery W, located at 35 Mill Street, Bernardsville, NJ 07924. An opening reception will be held on Friday, April 13, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All are welcomed to attend. A scheduled lecture coinciding with the exhibition will be announced at a later date. For more information on upcoming events, please contact J. Cacciola • Gallery W at 212-462-4646.

Growing up on Long Island as an only child with two working parents, Maureen Chatfield often found herself alone much of the time. Art at an early age would become her companion. She started drawing and by 14 was painting in oils. As a teenager, she fondly remembers going on a school field trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and being taken by the works and styles of Manet, the Impressionists, and Picasso. She moved to Manhattan and went to the Fashion Institute of Technology, then to the Art Students League and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art. In 1985, Maureen moved to Hunterdon County New Jersey with her husband and two sons and continued to paint.

Maureen's paintings are a response to the forces that shape her emotions. Those responses translate into visual forms, color relationships, and memories from her past. Maureen continues painting smaller works with oils, and uses acrylics with her large modern work enabling her to build multiple layers without mudding her palette. The process is one of constant experiment and change building up layers of color, form, and images still revealing the underlying *pentimento*. Maureen does not plan her paintings; they are discovered through an exciting and invigorating evolution of action.

Of her three current series, *Ether* is the more interior, emerging directly from what is in her head. The *Landscapes* series arises from direct experience. The *Out of My Mind* series draws on past experience and personal narratives. Together, these series forms a body of work that transcends topicality and embraces an ever-expanding category-defying approach to art that reflects her desire to spread beauty and joy through the transformative power of the creative process.

We hope you will join us for an opening reception on **Friday, April 13th, 2018 at 6:00 pm** to experience the beauty and creativity of Maureen Chatfield's work. The exhibition will feature paintings primarily depicting abstract landscapes.