

# HAROLD GREGOR

## CURRICULUM VITAE

*Born in Detroit, Michigan, 1929. Lived and worked in the Midwest, Southern California in the 1960's, and in Bloomington, Illinois after 1970. Died in 2018.*

## EDUCATION

1951 Wayne State University, B.S.  
1953 Michigan State University, M.S., Painting and Ceramics  
1960 Ohio State University, PhD, Painting and Art History

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2016            *Changing Perspectives: The Landscapes of Harold Gregor*, Peoria Riverfront Museum, Peoria, Illinois.
- 2015            *Harold Gregor: Midwestern Master*, Tory Folliard Gallery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 2013            *Harold Gregor*, McLean County Arts Center, Bloomington, Illinois
- 2012            Paintings by Harold Gregor, Cinema Gallery, Urbana, Illinois
- 2009            *Radiant Plains: Recent Paintings and Watercolors*, University Galleries, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois
- 2008            *Harold Gregor*, Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2007            *Vibrascapes: New Landscapes*, Katharina Rich Perlow Gallery, New York, New York
- 2006            *Harold Gregor's Illinois*, Cedarhurst Center for the Arts, Mount Vernon, Illinois  
Tory Folliard Gallery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
Gerald Peters Gallery, Dallas, Texas
- 2005            Katharina Rich Perlow Gallery, New York, New York
- 2004            *Harold Gregor: Luminous Landscapes*, Loveland Museum/Gallery, Loveland, Colorado  
Katharina Rich Perlow Gallery, New York, New York  
Gerald Peters Gallery, Dallas, Texas
- 2001            *Harold Gregor: From the Road, From the Trail, From the Sky*, Gerald Peters Gallery, Dallas, Texas
- 2000            *Harold Gregor: Heartland/Parkland*, M.B. Modern, New York, New York
- 1999            *Harold Gregor: Recent Landscapes*, Richard Gray Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 1998            M.B. Modern Gallery, New York, New York

- 1997 *Harold Gregor: Recent Work*, Elliot Smith Contemporary Art, St. Louis, Missouri
- 1995-1996 *Harold Gregor: Recent Landscapes*, Richard Gray Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 1993-1994 *Harold Gregor: A Retrospective*, Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, Illinois  
*Harold Gregor: New Paintings*, Richard Gray Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 1991 *Harold Gregor - New Work*, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, New York  
*Harold Gregor: The Springfield Murals*, Richard Gray Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
*Harold Gregor: Perspectives*, Joy Emery Gallery, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan
- 1989 *Harold Gregor: A Wider View*, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, New York  
*Harold Gregor - Paintings*, Iannetti-Lanzone Gallery Inc., San Francisco, California  
*Harold Gregor: A Wider Perspective*, Richard Gray Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 1987 *Harold Gregor: A New View*, Lakeview Museum of Arts and Sciences, Peoria, Illinois;  
traveled to Bergstorm-Mahler Museum, Neenah, Wisconsin; Evansville Museum  
of Arts and Sciences, Evansville, Indiana  
*Harold Gregor: Panoramic Views / New Paintings*, Marvin Seline Gallery, Austin, Texas  
*Harold Gregor - Recent Paintings*, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, New York
- 1985 *Harold Gregor - New Views: Recent Works on Paper*, The Peoria Guild, Peoria, Illinois
- 1984 *Harold Gregor - Paintings*, Parkland College, Champaign, Illinois  
*Harold Gregor - Paintings & Watercolors*, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, New York
- 1983 Nancy Lurie Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
Richard Gray Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 1982 Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, New York
- 1981 Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, New York  
Nancy Lurie Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 1980 Nancy Lurie Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 1979 Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, New York  
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- 1978 Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, New York  
Nancy Lurie Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 1977 Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, New York  
Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois
- 1976 Northern Indiana Art Association, Hammond, Indiana  
Comsky Gallery, Beverly Hills, California

- 1975 Nancy Lurie Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
Central Michigan University, Chicago, Illinois
- 1974 Nancy Lurie Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
118: An Art Gallery, Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1973 Countryside Gallery, Arlington Heights, Illinois  
Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia  
Metropolitan State College, Denver, Colorado  
Grid Show, Fresno City College, Fresno, California

### **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2015 *Go West*, Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2013 *25th Anniversary Show*, Tory Folliard Gallery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
*The Modern Landscape*, Tory Folliard, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
*Singular Visions*, Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2008 *Open Lands*, Tory Folliard Gallery, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 2006 *Open Lands*, Tory Folliard Gallery, Lake Forest, Illinois
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- 2004 *Open Lands*, Tory Folliard Gallery, Lake Forest, Illinois  
*Lucky Thirteen*, Mitchell Museum at Cedarhurst, Mount Vernon, Illinois
- 2003 *Open Lands*, Tory Folliard Gallery, Lake Forest, Illinois
- 2002 *The State We're In . . . Landscapes of the Heartland*, Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Illinois
- 1997 *American Art from the Dicke Collection*, The Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, Ohio  
*Rural Inspirations*, Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, Illinois
- 1992 *American Realism and Figurative Art: 1952-1990*, Miyagi Museum of Art, Sendai, Miyagi, Japan; traveled to Sogo Museum of Art, Yokohama; the Tokushima Modern Art Museum, Tokushima; The Museum of Modern Art, Shiga; Kochi Prefectural Museum of Folk Art
- 1989 *78th Annual Exhibition: Chicago*, Maier Museum of Art, Randolph-Macon Women's College Lynchburg, Virginia  
*Midwest Landscape Part II*, Joy Emery Gallery, Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan  
*Two Views*, Marvin Seline Gallery, Houston, Texas  
*Illinois Painters*, Springfield Art Association, Springfield, Illinois
- 1988 Evanston Art Center, Evanston, Illinois

- Charles Wustum Museum, Racine, Wisconsin
- 1987 *In the Country*, Krasdale Satellite Gallery, The Bronx Museum of Art, New York, New York  
*Contemporary Landscape*, Southern Ohio Museum and Cultural Center, Portsmouth, Ohio  
*Collectors Choice Exhibition*, Philbrook Art Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma  
*Night Light/Night Life*, Sherry French Gallery, New York, New York  
*Choices: Twenty Painters from the Midwest*, Minneapolis College of Art & Design  
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 1986-1987 *The Detailed Image-Realism Here and Abroad*, Harcourts Contemporary, San Francisco, California
- 1986 *Painting and Sculpture Today*, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, Indiana  
*Contemporary Midwest Landscapes*, Herron Gallery, Indianapolis Center for Contemporary Art, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 1985 *Midwest Realists*, The Paine Art Center and Arboretum, Oshkosh, Wisconsin; traveled to Burpee Art Museum, Rockford, Illinois; Center for the Visual Arts, Normal, Illinois
- 1984 Vision Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts  
*Photographs by Painters*, Watson de Nagy Co., Houston, Texas  
*Objects-Image-Idea: Vision in the Eighties*, Burpee Art Museum, Rockford, Illinois  
*South of I-80*, NAB Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
*Contemporary Art Acquisitions: 1980-1983*, The Equitable Gallery, New York, New York  
*Watercolor U.S.A.*, Springfield Art Museum, Springfield, Missouri
- 1983 *New York, New Work*, Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, Delaware  
*Selected Contemporary Prints*, Tibor de Nagy Gallery, New York, New York  
*Landscape Artists of the Middle West*, Tower Par Gallery, Peoria, Illinois
- 1981-1983 *Contemporary American Realism Since 1960*, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts; traveled to Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, Virginia; Oakland Museum, Oakland, California; Germany; Holland
- 1982 *An Appreciation of Realism*, Museum of Art, Munson Williams Proctor Institute, Utica, New York  
*Painterly Realism*, Rahr West Museum, Manitowoc, Wisconsin
- 1981 *New Directions*, a corporate collection selected by Sam Hunter, Sidney Janis, New York, New York  
*Views over America*, organized by the Junior Council of the Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York  
*This is Where I Live*, Nancy Lurie Gallery, Chicago, Illinois

- 1980      *Watercolor U.S.A.*, Springfield Art Museum, Springfield, Missouri  
 Nancy Lurie Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
*June Nights*, Navy Pier, Chicago, Illinois
- 1979      *Beginnings*, Suzanne Savage Gallery, Boston, Massachusetts  
*Art on Paper 197"*, Weatherspoon Art Gallery, Greensboro, North Carolina  
 Nancy Lurie Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- 1978      *77th Chicago and Vicinity Exhibition*, Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois  
*Images on the Land*, William Sawyer Gallery, San Francisco, California  
*American Landscapes*, Monique Knowlton Gallery, New York, New York  
*Things Seen*, Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska  
*Watercolor U.S.A.*, Springfield Art Museum, Springfield, Missouri
- 1977      *North Shore Art League*, Chicago, Illinois  
*Watercolor U.S.A.*, Springfield Art Museum, Springfield, Missouri  
 Basel Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland
- 1976-1977      *Chicago Connection*, Crocker Gallery, Sacramento, California
- 1976      *Group Show*, California State University, Los Angeles, California  
 Quincy Society of Fine Arts Exhibition, Quincy, Illinois  
*Indiana-Illinois Bicentennial Painting Exhibition*, Northern Illinois Art Association  
*Mid Year Show*, Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio  
 Illinois State Fair, Springfield, Illinois [Grand Prize]  
 Eastern Illinois University Bicentennial Exhibition, Charlestown, Illinois [Prize]
- 1975-1976      Illinois State Bicentennial Landscape Exhibition  
 Illinois State Bicentennial Professional Artists Exhibition
- 1975      *New Realism*, Auckland Gallery of Fine Arts, Auckland, New Zealand  
 Evansville Midstate Exhibition, Evansville, Illinois [Grand Prize]  
 Illinois Painters Invitational, Rockford College, Rockford, Illinois  
 Illinois State Fair, Springfield, Illinois [Grand Prize]
- 1974      Expo '74, Spokane, Washington,  
 Illinois Center Show, Chicago, Illinois  
*Imagist Realism*, Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, Florida  
 Basel Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland  
 North Shore Art League, Chicago, Illinois  
 Illinois State Fair, Springfield, Illinois [First Prize]  
 Illinois Artists '74, Normal, Illinois
- 1973      *Normal Painters*, Northern Illinois University, De Kalb, Illinois  
 12th Annual Midwestern Biennial, Joslyn Museum, Omaha, Nebraska  
 R.S.V.P. Exhibition, Cincinnati, Ohio  
 Grand Galleria Exhibition, Seattle, Washington  
 Illinois State Fair, Springfield, Illinois [First Prize]

North Shore Art League, Chicago, Illinois

**SELECTED PUBLIC AND CORPORATE COLLECTIONS**

Harold Gregor's work was acquired for the following collections:

- American Telephone and Telegraph, New Jersey and New York
- Amoco Corporation, Houston, Texas
- Atlantic Richfield Corporation, Los Angeles, California
- Baloni Collection, Geneva, Switzerland
- Borg-Warner Corporation, Chicago, Illinois
- California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland, California
- Carpenter Art Galleries, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire
- Chemical Bank, London, United Kingdom
- Chicago Board of Trade, Chicago, Illinois
- Citibank Corporation, New York, New York
- College of Guam, Agana, Guam
- Columbia Museum of Art, Columbia, South Carolina
- Camdisco, Rosemont, Illinois
- Commodities Corporation, Princeton, New Jersey
- Deloitte, Haskins and Sells, New York, New York
- Denver Art Museum, Denver, Colorado
- Detroit Society of Arts and Crafts, Detroit, Michigan
- Equitable Life Assurance Company, West Des Moines, Iowa and New York, New York
- Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- Filipacchi Collection, Paris, France
- George Irwin Collection, Quincy, Illinois
- Glenn Janss Collection of 20th Century Drawings and Watercolors, Sun Valley, Idaho
- Govett-Brewster Gallery, New Plymouth, New Zealand
- Illinois State Museum, Springfield, Illinois
- Jacobs, Visconsi and Jacobs, Cleveland, Ohio
- Kemper Insurance Collection, Long Grove, Illinois
- Lewis Manilow Collection, Chicago, Illinois
- Lowe Art Center, Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York
- McCormick Place West, Convention Center, Chicago, Illinois
- Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority, Chicago, Illinois
- Monsanto Chemical Corporation, St. Louis, Missouri
- Museum of Art, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia
- Museum of Art, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon
- Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, Illinois
- Needham, Harper & Steers, Chicago, Illinois
- Nelson Gallery of Art, Kansas City, Missouri
- Northern Trust Bank, Chicago, Illinois
- Owens Corning Fiberglass Corporation, Toledo, Ohio
- Pacific Securities Bank, Costa Mesa, California
- Rayovac Corporation, Madison, Wisconsin
- Rockford Art Association, Rockford, Illinois
- Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, Illinois

- The Searle Collection of Contemporary Art, Chicago, Illinois
- Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois

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