



March 2021 Featured Artist

# Heather Metcalf

## In Memoriam - A Life Lived in Color



Heather Metcalf, "A Cascade of Koi"  
Oil on Wood, 48" x 48"

On view in the Art Gallery at Wilder's online gallery is the exhibit of the late Heather Metcalf (1944 – 2016). Brian Metcalf, Heather's husband, mounted this exhibit because, "I really felt that her large work was her best work and had rarely been exhibited in any gallery. She had this beautiful work done in the last 10 years sitting in our house; this is an opportunity to display it."

Because Metcalf was an active member of Moraga Art Gallery, a companion exhibit will be on display from February 20 to April 25. Donna Arganbright, Moraga Art Gallery Vice President and Gallery Manager remembers Heather well. "Heather Metcalf was a beloved member of the Moraga Art Gallery. Her paintings are bold, big beautiful canvases of color. We felt fortunate to have them hang in our Gallery. Her presence is still missed and we are delighted to have her paintings hang once again in our Gallery."

Originally from Perth, Australia. Heather initially trained as a graphic artist and worked professionally in Australia, New Zealand and London. She completed the four year Diplome en Peinture at L'Ecole des Art Decoratifs in Strasbourg, France, and continued her studies in Philadelphia at the Pennsylvania Academy for Fine Arts in 2000. While living in California, Metcalf exhibited at InArt, Santa Fe and Gallery Sam in Berkeley, Claremont Resort, Hall Winery in St. Helena, and the Orinda Library Gallery, among others. Heather's most recent work - her koi pond series – was stimulated by the fluid images in the aqueous world of her koi pond. Floating shadows and florals twirling in watery currents inspired paintings built with layers of transparent, luminous colors. No matter your taste in art, exploring Metcalf's oeuvre will prove her artistic legacy is worth experiencing.

To view the current exhibit at Wilder please visit <https://LamorindaArts.org/current-exhibits-wilder/> .

Also visit the artist's website at [www.heathermetcalf.com](http://www.heathermetcalf.com) .

**Moraga Art Gallery**, located at 432 Center St., is open Saturdays from 12 - 3 p.m. and by appointment. Details are available at [www.moragaartgallery.com](http://www.moragaartgallery.com), or by emailing [moragaartgallery@gmail.com](mailto:moragaartgallery@gmail.com).

*The Art Gallery at Wilder is managed by the Lamorinda Arts Council and is located in the Wilder Art & Garden Center at 20 Orinda Fields Lane in Orinda. Due to the Pandemic it is currently closed. Questions please contact the curator at [wildergallery@lamorindaarts.org](mailto:wildergallery@lamorindaarts.org).*

