

THE ART OF PHOTOGRAPHIC BOOKMAKING:
Inspiration, Creation & Acquisition

Susan kae Grant with Mary Virginia Swanson joined by Special Guests

Session 1:

"Inspiration & What's Possible: Structure of the Visual Book"

Resources

Introduction:

"Examining Options: Small Press, Self-published, Fine Press and Limited Edition Handmade Artists' Books with Photography and Photo-Related Media" - Susan kae Grant (SkG) & Mary Virginia Swanson (MVS)

ARTISTS AND BOOKS MENTIONED:

Penelope Umbrico

Range - Aperture, 2014

[Artist page](#)

<https://aperture.org/books/range/>

Maciejka Art

Hoja Santa - Dewi Lewis Publishing, 2023

<https://www.dewilewis.com/products/hoja-santa>

Samuel James

Nightairs - Fw:Books, 2023

[Artist page](#)

<https://fw-books.nl/product/samuel-james-nightairs/>

Cig Harvey

Cake - Two Ponds Press, 2024

<https://www.twopondspress.com/portfolio-collections/my-portfolio/cake-cig-harvey-2024-1-5cc94b-1>

Sue Michlovitz

Breathe in Water

[Artist page](#)

<https://www.suemichlovitz.com/breathe-in-water>

Sonja Thomsen

You Will Find It Where It Is - Poor Farm Press, 2020

[Artist page](#)

<https://sonjathomsen.com/book/first-book/>

Phyllis Galembo

Six Feet Apart - Self-Published, 2022

[Artist page](#)

<https://www.galembo.com/six-feet-apart/>

Rutherford Witthus

Crumpling a thin sheet

<https://www.rutherfordwitthus.com/books>

Phillip Zimmerman

Melt - Spaceheater Editions, 2023

<https://spaceheat.com/books/melt>

Additional Works: <https://www.spaceheat.com/books/delirium>

María Verónica San Martín

In Their Memory: Human Rights Violation in Chile 1973-1990, Limited Edition Artist's Book, 2013

[Artist page](#)

<https://www.naranjapublicaciones.com/producto/in-their-memory-maria-veronica-san-martin/>

Ann Fessler

The Things He Gave Me and The Things I Took, Limited Edition Artist's Book, 2025

[Artist page](#)

MENTIONED DURING THE Q&A:**Amani Wilted**

A Parallel Road

<https://www.overlapse.com/catalog/a-parallel-road/>

Mandy Barker

Beyond Drifting Digest (Passport Edition Book)

<https://www.mandy-barker.com/books>

Dayanita Singh

Photographer.

<https://dayanitasingh.net>

ORGANIZATIONS AND FAIRS:

CODEX Foundation

A non-profit preserving and promoting book art as a contemporary art form.

<https://www.codexfoundation.org/>

Printed Matter Art Book Fairs

<https://www.printedmatter.org/programs/4-art-book-fairs>

AIPAD (Association of International Photography Art Dealers)

<https://www.aipad.com>

Unseen

Contemporary photography fair.

<https://unseenamsterdam.com>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

***Ritual* - an International Juried Exhibition of Book Art**

Presented by 23 Sandy and Baylor University Libraries.

<https://23sandy.com/pages/ritual>

LA Art Book Fair (Printed Matter)

ArtCenter College of Design's South Campus in Pasadena.

<https://laabf2025.printedmatterartbookfairs.org/>

CBAA (College Book Art Association)

<https://www.collegebookart.org>

San Francisco Book Fair

<https://sfartbookfair.com/>

ICP Fair

<https://www.icp.org/events/icp-photobook-fest-2025>

NY Art Book Fair (Printed Matter)

<https://printedmatterartbookfairs.org/>

PUBLISHERS AND PLATFORMS

Aperture

Publisher of photography books, with more than 600 titles in print.

<https://aperture.org>

Overlapse

Independent visual arts and photobook imprint, London, UK. Founded by Tiffany Jones.

<https://www.overlapse.com/about/>

Radius Books

Non-profit art book publishing company

<https://www.radiusbooks.org/>

Blurb

Self-publishing platform.

<https://www.blurb.com>

Newspaper Club

<https://www.newspaperclub.com>

Dewi Lewis Publishing

<https://www.dewilewispublishing.com>

Datz Press

<https://datzpress.kr/>

DATABASES AND RESOURCES

WorldCat

Database of library collections worldwide.

<https://www.worldcat.org>

Publish Your Photography Book by Darius D. Himes and Mary Virginia Swanson

Website: <https://www.publishyourphotographybook.com>

Workbook: <https://www.publishyourphotographybook.com/workbook>

In Conversation:

“Innovative Photobooks Today” - SkG & MVS

FEATURED ARTISTS AND BOOKS

1. Karen Olson

I Have Wings – self-published (2024)

Edition of 1 (unique artist book)

[Artist website](#)

<https://www.karenolsonphotography.com/artist-books/p/i-have-wings>

2. Amy Friend

Stardust - L'Artiere Edizioni, Bologna, IT (2017)

Edition of 500

[Artist Website](#)

<https://www.lartiere.com/en/prodotto/stardust-special-edition/>

3. Mika Horie

Air, Flowers and Colours - IBASHO & the (M) éditions (2024)

Edition of 300

[Artist page](#) - from Ibasho Gallery

<https://ibashogallery.com/store/publications/737/>

<https://anzenberggallery-bookshop.com/book/3383/>

[air_flowers_and_colours_\(signed_-_last_copies\)-mika_horie](#)

4. Wang Yingying (China)

Where My Heart Settles Down - Jiazazhi, Ningbo, China (2022)

Edition of 500

The artist spoke at the LA Art Book Fair 2023; it is audio only, and begins at 13:24

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dr7lhCEb_I

<https://staging.photoeye.com/bookstore/citation.cfm?Catalog=ZK179>

<https://www.shashasha.co/en/book/where-my-heart-settles-down>

5. Julia Borrisova

Let Me Fall Again – Self-published, St. Petersburg, Russia (2018)

Edition of 239

[Artist website](#)

http://juliaborissova.ru/Julia_Borrisova_PhotoSite/Let_Me_Fall_Again.html

<https://anzenberggallery-bookshop.com/search/Julia%20borissova>

6. Celine Marchbank

A Stranger in My Mother's Kitchen –

Dewi Lewis Publishing, Stockport, UK (2022)

[Artist Website](#)

<https://www.dewilewis.com/products/a-stranger-in-my-mother-s-kitchen>

7. Rachel E. Church

Women of Windy Hill - Rachel E. Church Press

Maine Media Workshop (2022)

Edition of 10

[Artist website](#)

<https://rachelchurch.com/wowh/>

<https://reidbyers.com/baxter/?p=447>

<https://www.mainemedia.edu/life-at-mmwc/calls-for-entry/book-artist-residence/>

8. Morgan Ashcom

OPEN - Gnostic Book, Portland, Oregon (2022)

Edition of 750

[Artist Website](#)

<https://gnomicbook.com/collections/books/products/open>

9. Nif Hodgson

Fluid Horizons - subtext press (2017)

Edition of 10

[Artist website](#)

[https://23sandy.com/products/fluid-horizons-by-nif-hodgson?
_pos=1&_sid=14df5a898&_ss=r](https://23sandy.com/products/fluid-horizons-by-nif-hodgson?_pos=1&_sid=14df5a898&_ss=r)

10 Amanda Marchand & Leah Sobsey

This Earthen Door

[Artist Website](#) – Amanda Marchand

[Artist Website](#) – Leah Sobsey

<https://www.rickwesterfineart.com/marchand-sobsey>

https://datzpress.com/publication/2024_this-earthen-door

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kzrsf_0y-sU

<http://lenscratch.com/2024/10/leah-sobsey-and-amanda-marchand-this-earthen-door/>

<https://www.brandywine.org/museum/exhibitions/earthen-door>

KEY DEFINITIONS

Anthotype

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthotype>

Cyanotype

A slow-reacting photographic printing process producing monochrome blue prints.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyanotype>

Risograph

https://web.faa.illinois.edu/app/uploads/sites/6/2021/05/riso_print_guide.pdf

GALLERIES / BOOKSELLERS (ONLINE) DISCUSSED FOR PURCHASING PHOTOBOOKS:

23 Sandy

Features unique and limited-edition artist books.

<https://23sandy.com>

IBASHO the(M) éditions

<https://ibashogallery.com/Publishing/>

Photoeye

<https://www.photoeye.com/bookstore>

Regina Anzenberger Bookshop

<https://anzenbergergallery-bookshop.com/artist/14>

Environmental / sustainability issues relating to publishing photobooks

Sustainable Photobook Publishing Network:

<https://www.manualeditions.com/sppnetwork>

Instagram: [@sppnetwork](#)

Close Up Views: "The Anatomy of the Book: Key Elements and Options for Binding Structures" - SkG

The Anatomy of the Book:

[John Eric Ligon](#)

A Conversation, (French-link Kettle)

Hard-Pressed Press, Denton, TX

Edition of 30 (1992)

Binding Structures:

1. Japanese Stab Binding

- **Joy Simpson**, *Mausoleum for Love*
Edition of 10 (2015)
Artist Website: <https://www.joysimpson.com/mausoleum-for-love>
- **Romy Hosford**, *Searching For Father*
Edition of 15 (2010)
Social Media: [@romyhosfordart](#), [@photo_romy](#)

2. Pamphlet Stitch Binding

- **Angelita Rodriguez**, *Mother*
Edition of 10 (2006)
Linkedin: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/angelita-rodriguez-80b01534/>

3. Multi-Section Bindings

- **Deedra Baker**, *Retrospective Innocence*
Hazel Louise Press, Denton, TX
Edition of 10 (2015)
Artist Website: <https://www.deedrabaker.com/ties-that-bind>

4. Accordion Fold (Concertina) Bindings

- **Bea Nettles**, *14 Mysteries*
Open Edition (2005)
<https://beanettles.com/store/p/14-mysteries>

5. Accordion Fold Hybrid Bindings & Pop-ups

- **Margarita Infante**, *Beyond the Light*
Parker Press
Edition of 5 (2016)
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/m_infante1585/
- **Esther Kiby**, *Comfort Food*
Edition of 10 (2004)

6. Dos-à-dos Binding

- **Rachel Rushing**, *Soft Sight*
Anthotype images
Edition of 10 (2012)
Artist Website: <http://rachelrushing.com/projects/soft-sight/>

7. French Door Binding

- **Lynne' Bowman Cravens** - *Our Worst Years*
Edition of 10 (2013)
- **Diane Guy** - *Father Image*
Edition of 10 (2006)

8. Flag Book Binding

- **Ann Lovett**, *Relation*
Women's Studio Workshop
Edition of 200 (1999)
<https://digitalcoll.skidmore.edu/record/2674>

9. Drop-spine Box & Accordion

- **Yu-Ming Chiu**, *Apart*
Edition of 10 (2010)

10. Flip Book

- **Philip Zimmermann**, *Melt*
Space Heater Editions
Edition of 176 (2023)
<https://spaceheat.com/books/melt>

Resource Books

- **Keith Smith**

Structure of the Visual Book

[Artist page](#)

<https://keithsmithbooks.com/Structure>

- **Simon Goode & Ira Yonemura**

Making Books: A Guide to Creating Handcrafted Books - London Center for Book Arts

<https://londonbookarts.org/en-us/products/making-books-a-guide-to-creating-hand-crafted-books-by-the-london-centre-for-book-arts>

- **Johanna Drucker**

The Century of Artist's Books

[Artist page](#)

https://www.granarybooks.com/pages/books/GB_36/johanna-drucker-introduction-holland-cotter/the-century-of-artists-books

Special Guest Artist: Maureen Cummins

“Reframing History: The Archival Explorations of Maureen Cummins”

Maureen Cummins

Maureen Cummins

- **I-87**, a collective that Cummins organized in Upstate NY comprised of artists who work in the book medium.
- **Artist Book Studio**. Each month Cummins organizes a visit to a different artist or book-related venue.
- **The book art gallery at 68 Prince Street Gallery** in Kingston NY, which Cummins curates.

In addition:

- **AAS** is a research archive in Worcester PA. that has a creative arts fellowship. <https://www.americanantiquarian.org/fellowships/fellowships-creative-and-performing-artists-and-writers>

- **Women's Studio Workshop** is in Rosendale NY and offers multiple opportunities.
<https://wsworkshop.org/>
- **Vassar College Book Art Collection**
<https://library.vassar.edu/art-library/collections>

Books by Maureen Cummins:

— *Cherished, Beloved, Most Wanted*

https://www.maureencummins.com/most_wanted.html

— *Femmes Fatales*

https://www.maureencummins.com/femmes_fatales.html

— *The/rapist* (2017)

<https://library.washu.edu/news/the-rapist-an-artist-book-by-maureen-cummins/>

— *Secretary* (2018)

<https://www.antlereditions.com/secretary>

— *Newark 1967: A Narrative in Black and White*

<https://23sandy.com/products/newark-1967-by-maureen-cummins>

— *Ghost Diary*

https://www.maureencummins.com/ghost_diary.html

— *Conversation in Blue*

— *AlieNation / SepaRation*

Swarthmore College's Friends, Peace, and Sanctuary project, Maureen was one of five artists working with Syrian and Iraqi refugees

<https://www.freefall-laser.com/lasercuttingblog/2019/9/3/alienation-separation>

— *Recategorized* (2019)

<https://23sandy.com/products/recategorized-by-maureen-cummins>

— *Crazy Quilt*

https://www.maureencummins.com/crazy_quilt.html

— *Anthro(A)pology*

<https://mcbaprize.org/cummins/>