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Julie S Graham: Unexpected Places
April 3 – 28, 2019
Opening Reception: Friday, April 5, 5–8pm
Gallery Talk: Saturday April 13, 3–5pm
with Gerry Bergstein and Allison Gray

SOUTH END BOSTON, MA (February 20, 2019) – In August 2018 the world lost a talented and celebrated artist, a loss that continues to reverberate throughout the Boston arts community. This spring Kingston Gallery will present *Unexpected Places*, an exhibition honoring the life and work of long-time gallery member, Julie S Graham, on view from April 3rd through 28th, with an opening reception on First Friday April 5th from 5–8pm. On Saturday April 13th from 3–5pm the gallery will host a gallery talk with Graham’s colleagues from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Gerry Bergstein, Professor Emeritus, and Allison Gray, Post-Baccalaureate, MFA student and Graham’s Teaching Assistant.

Graham’s work was inspired by her travels, wherever she went. Locally or internationally, she saw unexpected juxtapositions between spaces and things, nature and the man-made, each trying to fit together in odd combinations and special configurations. Graham had her eye on oddities, strange places, and the leftover cultures that were behind walls of memories of what had been. She built her work step by step like an architect piecing together a structure in relief, in painting or as a sculpture and this posthumous exhibition showcases her mixed-media creations to their fullest. Trained as a painter, Graham’s practice also incorporated photography, a medium which she used to explore the geometry that architecture imposes on nature.

Graham had written: “My practice is intuitive and process based, and mirrors the act of looking for those unforeseen moments. I construct relationships with paint and materials to create improbable combinations with which colors and textures randomly collide to form surprising

and odd relationships. I'm attracted to places on 'the other side of the tracks'—urban industrial areas, abandoned buildings, minimalist spaces and clustered housing in foreign lands. In particular, vernacular architecture draws my attention, as it reflects the character of local cultures and their indigenous materials. But mostly, I just paint.”

Originally from Elmira NY, Julie S Graham lived and showed her work in Boston for most of her life. She participated in the Boston arts community on many levels, as an educator and a practicing artist. She was on the painting faculty at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts since 1991, has taught at Rhode Island School of Design in Providence, and the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University, Cambridge, as well as at numerous international venues. Graham led a critique group at the Maud Morgan Arts Center and served on the board of the Brookline Center for the Arts, was on the jury of Cambridge Public Arts Commission, and was the Visual Arts Editor of the Harvard Review. Graham's work has been the subject of numerous solo exhibitions at venues such as Kingston Gallery, Chase Gallery, and Victoria Munroe Fine Art. Her work has been included in group exhibitions at Ruth Bachofner Gallery in Los Angeles, and Frederick Taylor Gallery in New York, NY, among others. In 2007, her work was featured at the Kinkead Contemporary Gallery booth at Aqua Art Miami art fair. In 1988 she joined the Portia Marcus Gallery and in 2013 she joined Kingston where she was an active member and instrumental in gallery programming. In 2018 Julie S Graham was the recipient of the Berliner Award from the Brookline Arts Center in recognition of her contributions to art.

An artist-run gallery incorporated in 1982, Kingston Gallery exhibits work of Boston-area contemporary artists. Gallery Artists specialize in a diverse range of media, including painting, photography, sculpture, and installation. Kingston Gallery exhibitions are widely viewed and receive regular attention in both print and online publications including *Art in America*, *Art New England*, *Artscope*, *The Boston Globe*, and *Big Red & Shiny*. Gallery hours are Wednesday-Sunday 12-5 pm and by appointment.

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