

KATE MACGARRY

The Estate of JB Blunk

JB Blunk was born in 1926 in Ottawa, Kansas, USA. He died in Inverness, California in 2002.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 *JB Blunk: Continuum*, Fondation d'entreprise Martell, Cognac, France
2022 *JB Blunk: Muse*, Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY, USA
2021 *Three Forms: JB Blunk*, Blunk Space, Point Reyes, CA, USA
2020 *JB Blunk*, Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY, USA
2019 *Dallas Art Fair*, with Reform/ The Landing Dallas, TX, USA
2018 *Nature, Art & Everyday Life*, Oakland Museum of California, CA, USA
JB Blunk, Kate MacGarry, London, UK
2016 *JB Blunk*, Blum & Poe, Tokyo, Japan
2015 *JB Blunk: Painting, Drawing, Sculpture*, The Landing, Los Angeles, CA, USA
2010 Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA, USA
2004 *Small Works and Photographs from Inverness*, Dance Palace Community Center, Pt. Reyes Station, CA, USA
2000 *California Spirit*, Bolinas Museum, CA, USA
1989 Smith Anderson Gallery, Palo Alto, CA, USA
1986 *A Sculptor's Place*, San Francisco Craft and Folk Art Museum, San Francisco, CA, USA
1984 Pickard Galleries, Oklahoma City, OK, USA
100 Plates Plus, Oklahoma State University, Norman, OK, USA
1982 *100 Plates Plus*, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND, USA
1981 *100 Plates Plus*, Artspace, Los Angeles, CA, USA
1987 *Sculptures 1952-1977*, Craft and Folk Art Museum, Los Angeles, USA
1954 Chuo-Koron Gallery, Tokyo, Japan

Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *Wild Earth: JB Blunk and Toshiko Takaezu*, Columbus Museum of Art, OH, USA
2024 *Ceramics: Two Circles*, Blunk Space, Point Reyes, CA, USA
Inner Space, The Future Perfect, Los Angeles, CA, USA
2023 *100 Hooks*, Blunk Space, Point Reyes, CA, USA
CRAFT: Works and Ordinary Objects by Artists and Anonymous Craftsmen, Galerie Francesca Pia, Zurich, Switzerland
2022 *Gordon Onslow Ford & JB Blunk*, Blunk Space, Point Reyes, CA, USA
TWENTY, Kate MacGarry at No. 9 Cork Street, London, UK
Bright Garden: JB Blunk & Rufus Blunk, Blunk Space, Point Reyes, CA, USA
Three Landscapes: JB Blunk, Anna and Lawrence Halprin, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA, USA
2021 *Blue Jeans & Brown Clay*, Kate MacGarry, London, UK
Ceramics: Mingei to Modern, Blunk Space, Point Reyes, CA, USA
Lives of an Object, ARCH, Athens, Greece
New Iconography: Artists Raising Children, The Landing, Los Angeles, USA
Objects: USA 2020, R & Company, New York, NY, USA
Between the Earth and Sky, Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY, USA
2020 *J.B. Blunk*, The European Fine Art Fair, Maastricht, The Netherlands
Protean, Kasmin, New York, NY, USA (online)

- 2018 *In Conversation: Alma Allen & JB Blunk*, Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, CA and Nevada Museum of Art, NV, USA
Marin Collects, College of Marin, Kentfield, CA, USA
Designed in California, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA, USA
Ship of Dreams: Artists, Poets, and Visionaries of the S.S. Vallejo, Sonoma Valley Museum of Art and Bolinas Museum, Bolinas, CA, USA
- 2017 *Chair Stories*, Bolinas Museum, Bolinas, CA, USA
Hippie Modernism: The Struggle for Utopia, Berkeley Art Museum & Pacific Film Archive, University of California, Berkeley, CA, USA
- 2015 *Art and Other Tactics*, Museum of Craft and Design, San Francisco, CA, USA
- 2014 *What Would Mrs. Webb Do? A Founder's Vision*, Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY, USA
- 2011 *Big A@# Sculpture Show*, Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco, CA, USA
Crafting Modernism, Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY, USA
- 2010 *The Anniversary Show*, SFMOMA, San Francisco, CA, USA
- 2009 *J.B. Blunk Residency Exhibition*, Reform Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2008 *SF20*, Reform Gallery, San Francisco, CA, USA
- 1999 *Group show with John Anderson*, Eubank Studio, Point Reyes Station, CA, USA
- 1991 Claudia Chapline Gallery, Stinson Beach, CA, USA
- 1987 Nich Tomi, Gallery Route One, Pt. Reyes Station, CA, USA
- 1983 David Cole Gallery, Inverness, CA, USA
- 1982 American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York, NY, USA
- 1978 Galerie Schreiner, Basel, Switzerland
- 1976 *Retrospective of Sculpture in the Bay Area*, James Willis Gallery, San Francisco, CA, USA
- 1974 *Outdoor Sculpture*, Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA, USA
- 1973 Lester Gallery, Inverness, CA, USA
- 1969 *Objects USA*, Smithsonian Institute, Washington, D.C., WA, USA
- 1965 Egg and Eye Gallery, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 1959 *Contemporary Japanese Ceramic Art*, Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, Japan
- 1958 San Francisco Museum, San Francisco, CA, USA
- 1956 Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA, USA

Bibliography

Selected Publications

- 2024 *JB Blunk (Fourth Edition)*, Blunk Books and Dent-De-Leone
- 2022 *Gravity Corner Catalog*, Newspaper Club
- 2021 *JB Blunk (Third Edition)*, Blunk Books and Dent-De-Leone
- 2020 *JB Blunk (Second Edition)*, Blunk Books and Dent-De-Leone
JB Blunk (First Edition), Blunk Books and Dent-De-Leone
- 2019 *Alma Allen & JB Blunk: In Conversation*, August Editions (exhibition catalogue)
- 2018 *The Once and Future Forest: California's Iconic Redwoods*, Heyday
- 2016 *JB Blunk Cups, Plates, Bowls & Sculptures: Ceramics 1950 – 1999*, Dent-De-Leone
- 2010 *Handcrafted Modern: At Home with Mid-Century Designers*, Rizzoli
- 2008 *JB Blunk: A Collection of Work from 1952-1992*, Reform Gallery
- 2002 *Contemporary Natural*, Thames & Hudson
- 1986 *A Sculptor's Place*, San Francisco: Craft and Folk Art Museum (exhibition catalogue)
- 1984 *JB Blunk: 100 Plates, Sculpture*, Oklahoma City: Pickard Art Galleries (exhibition catalogue)
- 1978 *JB Blunk Sculptures 1952-1977*, Los Angeles: Craft and Folk Art Museum (exhibition catalogue)

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Selected Press

- 2024 C. Roux, 'Cult Favourite JB Blunk, Who Shunned Galleries, Is on the Rise', *artnet*, 8 June
'JB Blunk retrospective exhibition opens at The Fondation d'entreprise Martell', *dezeen*, 28 June
- 2023 R. Bertoli, '100 Hooks' at JB Blunk Estate: a design exhibition to get hung up on', *Wallpaper*, 17 December
F. Perry, '100 ways to hook into the legacy of the sculptor JB Blunk', *Financial Times*, 16 December
- 2022 S. Lee, 'Known for his Organic Wood Sculptures, a Private Practice of JB Blunk is Revealed for the First Time—Jewelry', *Cultured*, November 10
- 2021 J. Wechsler, Jennifer, 'Mariah Nielson on JB Blunk and the new Blunk Space in Point Reyes', *Marin Arts*, 2 August
- 2020 M. Nielson, 'Chip off the block – lessons from my father, JB Blunk', *Financial Times*, 10 September
K. McGrath, 'California Artist JB Blunk's Posthumous Second Act', *Cultured*, 30 October
A. Russeth, 'The mischievous and mysterious art of J. B. Blunk', *Apollo*, 30 October
H. Lloyd-Smith, 'Redwood giant: a monograph explores the life and work of sculptor JB Blunk', *Wallpaper*, 16 June
- 2018 G. Adamson, 'Earth, Wind & Fire: Rediscovering the Elemental Art of J.B. Blunk', *Frieze*, 3 September
C. Desmarais, 'J.B. Blunk's 'everyday life' of art and nature at Oakland Museum', *San Francisco Chronicle*, 1 June
K. Romeyn, 'Inside the Sublime World of Late Sculptor JB Blunk', *Architectural Digest*, 30 July
- 2017 C. A. Mckean, 'JB Blunk', *Art Agenda*, 12 January
S. Knezic, 'JB Blunk', *Frieze*, 3 January

Education

1949 University of California, Los Angeles, CA, USA

Public Collections

Experiment in International Living, Brattleboro, VT, USA
Greens Restaurant, San Francisco, CA, USA
Grubb & Ellis, Oakland, CA, USA
Lawrence Hall of Science, Berkeley, CA, USA
Leonard Park, Mount Kisco, NY, USA
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, USA
M+ Museum, West Kowloon Cultural District, Hong Kong
Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY, USA
Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA, USA

Orientation Center for the Blind, Albany, CA, USA
Palms Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, CA, USA
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA, USA
San Francisco Zen Center, San Francisco, CA, USA
Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C., USA
Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA
Stevenson College, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA, USA
Tassajara Mountain Zen Center, Carmel Valley, CA, USA
Weyerhaeuser Company, Tacoma, WA, USA