- **16.** *Three Pomegranates*, **2013** Oil on canvas 30 x 40 inches
- **17.** *Wendell with Red Bandana*, **2012** Oil on canvas 30×24 inches
- **18.** Wendell in Fringed Boots, 2012
 Oil on canvas
 40 x 29 inches
- 19. Winter Landscape I, 2014
- **20.** *Winter Landscape II,* **2014** Oil on canvas 36 x 36 inches (each)





Cover image: Jan Dilenschneider, *Calm and Distant Thoughts*, 2015.





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Jan Dilenschneider





Dualities

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onnecticut artist Jan Dilenschneider finds much of her inspiration in the wondrous variegation of nature. Influences from Impressionism and Expressionism echo in her rich palette, loose brush strokes, and luminous vistas, while her affinity for landscape and the atmospheric effects of light and color link her to the venerable local tradition of landscape painting exemplified by the Cos Cob School that flourished a century ago. "I am greatly influenced by living on Long Island Sound, where many subjects lie within a mile of my home and studio," Dilenschneider has mused—"beautiful old trees, crystal blue water, elegant grasses, birds and great storms. I see a painting in everything: spring green leaves against bright blue skies, or misty trees that fade to blue-gray. The beauty of the world is my inspiration."

The title of this exhibition, Dualities, springs from the dual nature of Dilenschneider's work: she paints expressive landscapes, still lifes and portraits, but she also creates bold gestural, abstract paintings. That many of the works in this exhibition are pairs or duos expands on the theme of dualism. Some pairs are intended to be seen almost touching–true diptychs–while others, separated but proximate, still express to the viewer their mutual affinity.

Dilenschneider's paintings have been the subject of several solo shows in Paris but until now have not been featured at an American museum or gallery. The Bellarmine Museum of Art is pleased to mount the first such exhibition of her work, and to recognize with gratitude the support of Fairfield University President Father Jeffrey von Arx, S. J., and the efforts of Carey Mack Weber, Collections Manager and Registrar, in bringing it to fruition.

Linda Wolk-Simon
Director and Chief Curator
University Museums





Checklist of the Exhibition

All works by Jan Dilenschneider







1. Abstract in Red and Green I, 2015

2. Abstract in Red and Green II, 2015 Oil on canvas 30 x 30 inches (each)

3. Calm and Distant Thoughts I, 2015

- **4.** *Calm and Distant Thoughts II,* **2015** Oil on canvas 40 x 30 inches (each) (on cover)
- 5. *Chinese Vase with Fruit,* **2013** Oil on canvas 30 x 40 inches
- **6.** *Fruit with Blue Bowl,* **2013** Oil on canvas 30×40 inches
- 7. Reeds along the Shoreline I, 2015
- **8.** *Reeds along the Shoreline II,* **2015** Oil on canvas 36 x 36 inches (each)
- 9. Rusty Movement I, 2014
- 10. Rusty Movement II, 2014
- 11. Rusty Movement III, 2014
 Oil on canvas
 36 x 36 inches (each)
- **12.** *Rusty Reeds on the River,* **2014** Oil on canvas
- 13. *Misty Distance*, 2014
 Oil on linen
 30 x 40 inches (each)
- 14. Silver Birch near the Water I, 2015
- 15. *Silver Birch near the Water II*, 2015 Oil on linen 40 x 30 inches (each)



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