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Summer Showcase: Jaqueline Cedar (featuring design by Negative Design Co.)

Dates: July 19 – August 10, 2025

Kelly-McKenna Gallery, 1308 3rd Avenue, Spring Lake, NJ 07762

Kelly-McKenna Gallery is pleased to present *Summer Showcase: Jaqueline Cedar*, the second installment in its Summer Showcase series. This focused exhibition pairs Cedar's psychologically resonant paintings with handcrafted design pieces by Negative Design Co., creating a dialogue between the interior mind and the sculpted object.



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Jaqueline Cedar's work explores emotional and psychological space through paintings that feel both intimate and suspended in time. Repetitive, softened forms seem to blur and flicker across the canvas, inviting the viewer into a dreamlike atmosphere where memory and motion converge. Her palette and composition draw the eye into these private worlds—spaces that are deeply personal, yet uncannily familiar.

Interspersed among the paintings are pieces by Jerome of Negative Design Co., a Colorado-based designer whose sculptural furniture and objects embrace negative space—both as a visual tool and philosophical principle. His handmade works, often using reclaimed materials, serve as quiet complements to Cedar's scenes, inviting contemplation of what is absent as much as what is present. Jerome's practice began in childhood, rooted in woodworking and later expanded through studies in glassblowing, metal, and 3D art. His studio's ethos is both aesthetic and environmental: creating carbon-conscious design objects that honor material integrity and restraint.

Together, Cedar and Negative Design Co. offer a space where viewers are invited to reflect—not just on what they see, but on what they sense. The pairing underscores the gallery's continued commitment to showcasing artists whose work engages both interiority and material presence.

As part of the exhibition, Kelly-McKenna Gallery will host a special event with the artist and designer in conversation.

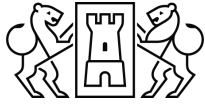
Exhibition Details

- Dates: July 19 – August 10, 2025
- Venue: Kelly-McKenna Gallery, 1308 3rd Avenue, Spring Lake, NJ 07762
- Gallery Hours: Thursday–Sunday, 11 AM to 5 PM
- Artist + Designer Talk: Thursday, August 7 @ 6–7:30 PM

For more information, visit www.kellymckennagallery.com or contact Caitlin Kelly-McKenna at info@kellymckennagallery.com or (201) 208-5039.

About Jaqueline Cedar

Jaqueline Cedar is a New York-based painter whose work explores themes of memory, emotion, and psychological space. Her compositions depict intimate, often ambiguous interiors where time feels suspended and meaning unfolds slowly. Using repetition, softened forms, and layered color, Cedar creates paintings that evoke both movement and stillness. She holds an MFA from Columbia University and has exhibited widely across the United States. In addition to her studio practice, Cedar teaches and curates, fostering dialogue around contemporary painting and its potential for personal and collective reflection.



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About Negative Design Co.

Negative Design Co. was founded by Jerome, a designer whose work with wood, glass, and metal explores the visual and conceptual power of negative space. Trained in 3D Art at the University of Miami, Jerome began woodworking as a child and developed his studio practice after moving to Colorado. He is committed to using reclaimed materials whenever possible and envisions the studio as a carbon-negative endeavor that balances craftsmanship, sustainability, and quiet elegance.