



The Iris Gallery of Fine Art Images
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Alison Collins honed her appreciation for photography while at the Art Institute of Chicago and later at the Philadelphia College of Art. So while running two busy galleries is crafted as much by her aspiration to introduce and display the work of critically acclaimed, contemporary photographers, she is also motivated to run a successful business.

She started her career as a commercial photographer's rep, but was soon managing studios in Boston and Connecticut that catered to advertising and corporate clients whose photographic needs ranged from consumer packaged goods to the aerospace industry.

Along the way, she had an idea that commercial photographers, many of whom were also compelling, talented artists, needed a gallery dedicated to introducing their fine art images. Convinced, Alison launched The Iris Gallery in Great Barrington in 2004.

Today, The Iris Gallery represents and exhibits many of today's important photographers, including:

- Nick Brandt – California – Wildlife in Africa
- David Burdeny – Canada – Graphic B&W images of serene shorelines and icebergs.
- Brigitte Carnochan – California – Hand colored silver gelatin prints of flowers and nudes.
- Sean Kernan – Connecticut – Widely published, teaches workshops in Santa Fe & Maine
- Rosanne Olson – Seattle – Conceptual B&W illustrations.
- Barbara Cole – Toronto – Painterly, underwater images of women.

Since opening the Iris annex, on Charles St, in September 2007, Alison now manages her time between Great Barrington and Boston. She also frequently travels to New York to work with clients and continues to uncover exciting new talent. To that end she participates as a reviewer/judge for the annual Photo Lucida Awards based in Portland, Oregon.

Alison lives with her husband, photographer Fred Collins, in Mt Washington, Massachusetts, has two kids in college and oversees a photogenic, organic garden.