

## **JIM LOVE**

Born: Amarillo, Texas, 1927  
Died: Houston, Texas, 2005

### **Education**

1952 B.B.A., Baylor University, Waco, Texas

### **Solo Exhibitions**

- 2019 "Jim Love: Sculpture", Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 2006 "Jim Love: From Now On", Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, Texas
- 2002 "Recent Sculpture", Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 2001 "One Eye at a Time Revisited", Pillsbury Peters Fine Art, Dallas, Texas
- 2000 "New Bronze, New Steel, New Paper", Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1997 "Retreads Flowers, The Second Time Around", Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1995 "Jim Love: Selected sculpture from the last few years, and the years before that, and the years before that, etc., etc., etc.", Allen Center Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1994 Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1992 "Recent Sculpture", Janie C. Lee Gallery, Houston, Texas (catalogue)
- 1988 "Recent Sculpture", Janie C. Lee Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1984 "Tomorrow is No Solution", Janie C. Lee Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1981 Janie C. Lee Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1980 "Jim Love Up To Now", Rice Museum, The Institute for the Arts, Rice University, Houston, Texas. Traveled to: Amarillo Art Center, Amarillo, Texas; San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco; and Hudson River Museum, Yonkers, New York (catalogue)
- 1976 Janie C. Lee Gallery, Houston, Texas (with David McManaway)
- 1973 "Jim Love: In Pursuit of the Bear", Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston; organized in collaboration with Fort Worth Art Center and Tyler Museum of Art, Tyler, Texas (catalogue)
- 1971 Louise Ferrari, Houston, Texas
- 1965 Studio Exhibition, Houston, Texas
- 1964 Alexander Iolas Gallery, New York, New York
- 1961 New Arts Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1959 Rosalie Berkowitz, New York, New York (private exhibition)  
New Arts Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1958 New Arts Gallery, Houston, Texas

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2025 "50th Anniversary Exhibition, Part II", Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas  
"50th Anniversary Exhibition, Part I", Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas  
"Animals, Monsters, and Creatures from the Collection", The Menil Collection, Houston, Texas

- 2024-25 "Heard of G.O.A.T.S", Surls + Locke Museum of Texas Art, Splendora, Texas
- 2023 "Fragments of Memory", Menil Drawing Institute, Houston, Texas
- 2023 "Longing, Spirituality, and Grief: Art Since 1980", The Menil Collection, Houston, Texas
- 2020-22 "Works from the Permanent Collection", Nancy and Rich Kinder Building, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
- 2020-21 "Jomo Collective: David McManaway and Friends", The Grace Museum, Abilene, Texas
- 2019 "The Art of Texas: 250 Years", The Witte Museum, San Antonio, Texas
- 2018 "Contemporary Artists in Houston from the Collection of William J. Hill and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston", Leslie and Brad Bucher Gallery, Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
- 2015-16 "40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition", Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 2014 "Houston Artists Hall of Fame", Curated by Patricia Covo Johnson, Houston Fine Art Fair, NRG Center, Houston, Texas
- 2014 "A New Visual Vocabulary: Developments in Texas Modernism from 1935 – 1965", Curated by Sally Reynolds, One Allen Center Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 2013 "Byzantine Things in the World", Curated by Glenn Peers, The Menil Collection, Houston, Texas
- 2012 "Dear John and Dominique, Letters and Drawings from the Menil Archives", The Menil Collection, Houston, Texas
- 2012 "Exquisite Corpses: Drawings and Disfiguration", The Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York
- 2010 "Homage: Roy Fridge, Jim Love, David McManaway", Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 2010 "35 Years: Anniversary Exhibition", Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 2010 "Texas Sculpture", Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, Texas, Curated by Olivier Meslay
- 2010 "Earth Paint Paper Wood: Recent Acquisitions", Curated by Clare Elliot, The Menil Collection, Houston, Texas
- 2007-08 "David Kimball Anderson to *Morris Graves*", Salt Lake Art Center, Utah (catalogue)
- 2007 "A Tribute To Texas Art", The Gift of William J. Hill, Meadows Museum, Dallas, Texas
- 2006 "SCULPTURE NOW in the Houston area", Williams Tower, Houston, Texas
- 2005-06 "Convulsive Beauty: Selections from The Menil Collection", The Menil Collection, Houston, Texas
- 2005 "David McManaway and Friends", The Menil Collection, Houston, Texas
- 2004 "Texas Vision: The Barrett Collection", Southern Methodist University, Houston, Texas
- 2004 "A Selection of Art Made in Houston, 1950-1965", Brazos Projects, Houston, Texas
- 2004 "A Spirited Vision: Highlights of the Bequest of Caroline Wiess Law to the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston", Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston, Texas
- 2002 "one i at a time revisited: Jim Love and David McManaway", Pillsbury Peters Fine Art, Dallas, Texas (catalogue)
- 2001 "The Box", Hooks Epstein Galleries, Houston, Texas
- 2001 "Our Crowd Collects", Margolis Gallery, Congregation Beth Israel, Houston, Texas
- 2000 "Crossing State Lines: Texas Art from the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston", The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
- 2000 "25 Years", Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 2000 Pillsbury Peters Fine Art, Dallas, Texas
- 1999 "Personal Visions & Universal Themes: Aspects of American Sculpture Since 1945", McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, Texas (catalogue)
- 1998 "Bound", Brazos Bookstore, Houston, Texas
- 1998 "Works on Paper", Mulcahy Modern Gallery, Dallas, Texas
- 1997 "Our Crowd Collects", Margolis Gallery, Congregation Beth Israel, Houston, Texas
- 1997 "Finders/Keepers", The Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, Texas (catalogue)
- 1997 "Flora Bella", Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, Texas
- 1996 "Charles T. Williams Retrospective, with Friends", University of North Texas,

- University Art Gallery, Denton, Texas
- "Contemporary Lights: A Celebration of Chanukah", The Margolis Gallery of Congregation Beth Israel, Houston, Texas
- "Convergence", Barbara Davis Gallery, Pennzoil Place, Houston, Texas
- "32 Texas Artists", University of Texas, Houston, Health Science Center Gallery, Houston, Texas
- "Assistance League of Houston Celebrates Texas Art '96", Cullen Center, Houston, Texas
- "Texas Modern and Post-Modern", Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
- 1995 "Texas Myths and Realities", Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
- "Altered and Irrational: Selections from the Permanent Collection", Whitney Museum of American Art at Philip Morris, New York, New York
- "Selections from The Barrett Collection", Dallas Visual Art Center, Dallas, Texas
- "Convergence", Davis/McClain Gallery Pennzoil Place, Houston, Texas
- "Changing Perspectives", Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, Texas
- 1994 "Uncommon Objects", Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, Texas
- "Stories", Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas
- "Miniatures", Hooks-Epstein Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1993 "Observations/Notations", Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, Texas
- "Gimme Shelter", Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, Texas
- "Exploring Scale in Contemporary Art", Laguna Gloria Art Museum, Austin, Texas
- 1992 "New Texas Art", Cheney Cowles Museum, Spokane, Washington; Boise Art Museum, Boise, Idaho
- 1990 "Tradition and Innovation: A Museum Celebration of Texas Art", The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
- 1989 "A Century of Sculpture in Texas", Archer M. Huntington Art Gallery, The University of Texas, Austin. Traveled: Amarillo Art Center, San Angelo Museum of Art, El Paso Museum of Art and Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, Texas (catalogue)
- 1988 "The Poetic Object", San Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio, Texas. Traveled: Boise Art Museum, Boise, Idaho; Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi and Amarillo Art Center, Amarillo, Texas (catalogue)
- "Texas Art", Richmond Hall of the Menil Collection, Houston, Texas (catalogue)
- "One Plus One: Collaboration by Artists and Writers", Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas (catalogue)
- "Houston '88", 1600 Smith in Cullen Center, Houston, Texas
- 1987 "Third Coast Review: A Look at Art in Texas", Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, Colorado. Traveled to: Boulder and Fort Collins, Colorado and San Antonio, Texas
- "The Menil Collection Inaugural Exhibition", The Menil Collection, Houston, Texas
- "True Wit", 1600 Smith in Cullen Center, Houston, Texas
- "Found", Diverse Works, Houston, Texas
- 1986 "Outdoor Sculpture by Texas Artists", Laguna Gloria Art Museum, Austin, Texas. Traveled to: Lubbock, College Station, Amarillo and Texarkana
- "Adjustments Must Be Made Continually", Nave Museum, Victoria, Texas. Traveled to: Tyler Museum of Art, Tyler, Texas and Laguna Art Museum, Laguna Beach, California (catalogue)
- "The Texas Landscape: 1900-1986", Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas (catalogue)
- "Inaugural Exhibition: Drawing, Painting, Sculpture", Janie C. Lee Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1985 "Comic Relief", Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, Texas
- "Tenth Anniversary Exhibition", DW Gallery, Dallas, Texas
- "Crescent Exhibit III", Crescent Marketing Center, Dallas, Texas"
- 1984 "A Museum of Fun, Part II", organized by the Asahi Shimbun, directed by Itsuo Sakane, Tokyo (catalogue)
- "La rime et la raison (les collections Menil, Houston - New York)", Galeries

- nationales du Grand Palais, Paris
- "Contemporary Art in Public Places", Diverse Works, Houston, Texas
- 1983 "Sculpture", Janie C. Lee Gallery, Houston, Texas
- "A Century of Modern Sculpture: 1882 - 1982", Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Tx
- "Inaugural Exhibition", Gateway Gallery, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, Texas
- 1979 "Made in Texas", Huntington Gallery, University of Texas, Austin, Texas
- "Fire: An Exhibition of 100 Texas Artists", Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, Tx
- 1975 "Monumental Sculpture", Janie C. Lee Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 1974 "Modern Sculpture from Houston Collections", Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
- 1972 "Invitational Exhibition", Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston
- 1971 "One i at a Time", Pollock Galleries, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas  
(catalogue)
- 1968 "Jermaine MacAgy, A Life Illustrated by an Exhibition", Fine Arts Gallery, University  
of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas
- Industrial Sculpture Park, Great Southwest Corporation, Atlanta, Georgia
- "1968 Annual Exhibition - Sculpture", Whitney Museum of American Art, New York,  
New York
- 1968 "Three Man Exhibition", Atelier Chapman Kelley, Dallas
- Hemisphere, San Antonio, Texas
- "Permanent Collection of the University of St. Thomas", Museum of Fine Arts,  
Houston, Texas
- 1967 "Four Man Show", Louise Ferrari, Houston, Texas
- "Mixed Masters", Fine Arts Gallery, University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas
- 1966 "Made of Iron", Fine Arts Gallery, University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas
- "Exhibition for the Benefit of the Marcel Duchamp Chess Foundation", Cordier  
Eckstrom Gallery, New York, New York
- 1965 "Unromantic Agony", Fine Arts Gallery, University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas
- "Through the Porthole", Fine Arts Gallery, University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas
- 1963 "Sculpture from the Museum of Modern Art, with Additional Loans and Exhibits",  
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
- "Gallery Group", Haydon Calhoun Gallery, Dallas, Texas
- "Art Has Many Facets", Fine Arts Gallery, University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas
- "Some Recent Acquisitions, '61 - '63", Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Texas
- 1962 "The Age of the Thousand Flowers", University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas
- "Eight Sculptors", Haydon Calhoun Gallery, Dallas, Texas
- 1961 "The Art of Assemblage", Museum of Modern Art, New York, New York
- "Three Southwest Sculptors", Dallas Museum for Contemporary Art, Dallas, Texas
- 1960 "Dallas Collects", Dallas Museum for Contemporary Art, Dallas, Texas
- 1958 "Islands Beyond", Fine Arts Gallery, University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas
- 1957 "Humor in Art", Dallas Museum for Contemporary Art, Dallas, Texas

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- Ann Holmes "Love's Bears at CAN: Humorous, Intellectual", Houston Chronicle, Monday,  
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- Moser, Charlotte "Sculpture, all done in the name of Love", Houston Chronicle, Sunday,  
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- Holmes, Ann "Love in Bloom", Houston Chronicle, Sunday, September 7, 1980, Sec The  
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### **Selected Public Collections**

Alley Theater, Houston  
 City of Houston  
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 Hobby Airport, Houston  
 The Menil Collection, Houston  
 Museum of Fine Arts, Houston  
 Museum of Modern Art, New York  
 Norton Gallery of Art, West Palm Beach, Florida  
 Rice University, Houston  
 The University of Houston, University Park  
 The University of Texas at Dallas  
 Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
 Dallas Museum of Art, Texas  
 University of Houston, Blaffer Gallery, Texas  
 Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, Texas  
 Blanton Museum of Art, Austin, Texas  
 Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, La Jolla, California  
 Nasher Sculpture Center, Dallas, Texas