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Sarah Grant | *New Directions* Opening Reception Friday, June 14, 2024 5 pm – 8 pm

Moberg Gallery 2411 Grand Ave Des Moines 50312 Free and open to the public Parking behind the gallery

Join us for the opening reception of artist Sarah Grant's new exhibit, *New Directions*, on Friday, June 14th, 5 – 8 pm. The artist will be in attendance, and there will be refreshments and music by DJ Dennis Atherton.

Sarah Grant has been thinking about vitality, abundance, security, and more. And she has been painting it all. With small-scale paper works and large-scale canvases, she has created new bodies of work that make us hungry for life. In the process of freeing herself from what has come before, she's leaped into the joyful present tense, and her work manifests an honest presence. Inspired by travels, world events, and the abstracted and realistic ways the world is seen, Grant activates her expansive palette through loose line and stroke, depicting a world in motion, volatile—always vital.

Grant grew up in Ames, Iowa, and flourished amidst the best combination of cultures: arts, academics, science and agriculture. Steeped in a traditional undergraduate art education, she admired and devoured works by artists such as Robert Henri. She earned her BFA, MA and MFA at the University of Iowa, where she studied under Mauricio Lasansky, among others. During her academic years, she focused on drawing, intaglio printmaking, art history, and painting. This liberal arts foundation led her to connect with Abstract Expressionism, and to recognize and appreciate it for its two schools within the movement: narrative and non-narrative. In 1986, Grant founded Sticks, which has received national acclaim for a distinctive line of furniture, accessories, and object art.