

MELVIN EDWARD NELSON

B.1908, Michigan, died 1992, Colton, OR

Solo Exhibitions:

- 2014: Melvin Edward Nelson and Charles Harlan, Adams and Ollman, Portland, OR
- 2013: Two Transcend: Drawings by J.B. Murray & Melvin Edward Nelson, Cavin-Morris Gallery, NY
- 2011: Melvin Edward Nelson: Photo Genetics/Sentra Photo Thesis, RAW: Geographies, Reed College, Portland, OR
- 2008: Photo Genetics + Sentra Photo Thesis: Star Dust Drawings, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
Melvin Edward Nelson Exhibition, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY

Selected Group Exhibitions:

- 2021: Figure Out: Abstraction in Self-Taught Art, Andrew Edlin Gallery, New York, NY
Winter Spotlight: Gallery Choices, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
- 2019: Garden, Shrine, New York, NY
Garden, Sargent's Daughter, New York, NY
America Does Not Exist! (I Know Because I've Already Been There), MIMA, Art et Marges Museum, and CENTRALE for Contemporary Art, Brussels, Belgium
- 2018: Outsider Art Fair, represented by Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
Vestiges & Verse: Notes from the Newfangled Epic, American Folk Art Museum, New York, NY
- 2017: Rebel Clay, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
The Museum of Everything, Museum of Old and New Art, Hobart, Australia
- 2016: Escape Routes, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
- 2015: Spaced: Covering the Universe, Edward Thorp Gallery, New York, NY
The Visionary Experience: Saint Francis to Finster, American Visionary Art Museum, Baltimore, MD
Outsider Art Fair NY, represented by Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
All Back in the Skull Together, Maccarone, New York, NY
- 2014: Enigmas Rapt in Mysteries, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
Outsider Art Fair NY, represented by Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
Metro Show, represented by Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
- 2013: Outsider Art Fair: Paris, Cavin-Morris Gallery, Paris, France
Alternative Guide to the Universe, Hayward Gallery, London, England
The Land Before and After Time, Accola Griefen Gallery, New York, NY

Outsider Art Fair NY, represented by Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, New York, NY

- 2012: Farfetched—Mad Science, Fringe Architecture, and Visionary Engineering, Gregg Museum of Art and Design, North Carolina State University, NC
Darker Stars: The Origins of Steampunk, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
Outsider Art Fair Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
- 2011: Art Brut and Then Some, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
Outsider Art Fair, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
- 2010: The Keno Twins 3, Galerie Susane Zander, Cologne, Germany
Outsider Art Fair, Cavin-Morris Gallery New York, NY
- 2009: Outsider Art Fair, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
Mapping the Immaterial World, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
Artists' Books Through the Ages, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
- 2008: Outsider Art Fair, Puck Building, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
Entrances of Old Man Winter, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
New Views, Re-Views, Cavin-Morris Gallery, NY
- 2007: Field Notes, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY
Chthonic Youth, Cavin-Morris Gallery, New York, NY

Publications:

Falk, Peter Hastings, *The Cosmic Visions of Ed Nelson*, Folk Art Magazine, Fall 2008.

Karlins, N.F., *Out Is In*, Artnet review, January 2009.

Sharpe, Mathew, *Representational Abstractions: How Melvin Edward Nelson Recorded His Travels in the Cosmos*, Art on Paper, September 2009.

Valérie Rousseau, "Melvin Edward Nelson. Tracking the World in Its Whirl," in *Vestiges & Verse: Notes from the Newfangled Epic*, ed. Valérie Rousseau, American Folk Art Museum, New York, 2018.