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A Brief Biography

Mission driven, Singapore-born artist, Meei Ling Ng is a multi-media installation artist, graphic designer and urban farmer. For the past several years her art installations have focused on raising public awareness on urban farming, sustainable living and ways to include the natural world in our lives. Interacting with and engaging the surrounding community has been an important component to these projects. As an artist and urban farmer, sharing her knowledge of farming and the natural world has been part of her artistic approach. She believes that making social connections and forming relationships informs and shapes the final work. These are the factors that inspire and motivate her to continue creating art.

Most of her art installations are functional art integrated into existing environments or working facilities such as urban farms. Besides painting, Meei Ling mainly uses found, recycled and reclaimed materials to create her projects. She also likes to experiment with a variety of mediums such as lighting and video and has lately been incorporating them into her sculptures and installations. Her artwork often remains on-site permanently to be used by the collaborators or to benefit the community in some way.

Meei-Ling Ng graduated from The Art Institute of Philadelphia, USA and Nanyang Academy of Fine Art, Singapore.

Art Exhibitions/Events/Shows

June 2014 – June 2015

“Grow Food Where You Live”, artist in residence. This project was produced by Meei Ling Ng as part of the Asian Arts Initiative’s 2014 - 2015 Social Practice Lab. 1219 Vine St, Philadelphia, PA

May 1 – July 28, 2014

“Musical Garden”, permanent outdoor art installation. Collaboration project with SpArc Services and The Foundry(Philadelphia Salvage), an engaging art-making experience that included gardening and musical themes. Installation site: 2350 West Westmoreland Street, Philadelphia, PA

September – October 2013

Selected and featured artist for The Center For Emerging Visual Artists/Philadelphia Open Studio Tours (POST) “Made in Philly” campaign

Featured large-scale artwork image on a highly visible bus shelter. Philadelphia, PA

September 20 – October 20, 2013

“On Thin Ice”, multimedia art installation at 161 West, 161 W. Cecil B. Moore Ave. Philadelphia, PA

This exhibit is a collaboration effort with 161 West and in conjunction with the Philadelphia Open Studio Tours (POST)

September 7 & October 3, 2013

Featured artist for The Food Trust "Art at Market: Local Food, Local Art" program, Chili Pepper Dryer Interactive Installation at Clark Park Farmers' Market, Philadelphia, PA

September 1, 2013

Riverfest Frenchtown, invited guest artist, outdoor art Installation at a historic mansion garden, Frenchtown, NJ

August 15, 2013

"Sowing Farmer" sculpture installation at the South Street Night Market, Philadelphia, PA
Selected and featured artist by The Food Trust/Night Market and The Magic Garden/Art Gage

July 16 – July 31, 2013

Community collaborating artist for "Stop, Look, Listen" window display art Installation at Mushmina, 1540 South Street, Philadelphia, PA

June – July, 2013

Center City Sips Summer 2013, featured artist on a 20" digital media wall at One Commerce Square 2005 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA

June 15, 2013

"The Edible Garden", traveling art Installation at Historic Headhouse Square, Philadelphia, PA

July 7, 2013

Featured artist for The Food Trust "Art at Market: Local Food, Local Art" program, "Eco-System Chess Board" interactive Installation at Headhouse Farmers' Market, Philadelphia, PA

June 5, 2013

Featured artist for The Food Trust "Art at Market: Local Food, Local Art" program, "The Edible Garden", an Outdoor Art Installation at Clark Park Farmers' Market, Philadelphia, PA

May 4 – May 5, 2013

"The Edible Garden", an Outdoor Art Installation at the Elkins Estate Garden, 1814 Beech Avenue, Elkins Park, PA

This event is being put on in collaboration with the Turtle Artisans Tour at Cheltenham Township and The Elkins Estate

April 28, 2013

Selected and featured artist- Barnes Winner for "Fairmount Arts Crawl exhibit", Fairmount Neighborhood, 2124 Fairmount Ave, Philadelphia, PA

April 26, 2013

Selected artist by The Barnes Foundation to be featured in their "Artist Spotlight: Fairmount Arts Crawl" program, The Barnes Foundation, 2025 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA

April 23 – May 11, 2013

Collaborating Artist –international art exhibition "Tiong Bahru" – Portraits of History IV, Orange Thimble, 56 Eng Hoon Street, Singapore

January 30 – February 24, 2013

3rd Street Gallery Community Exhibit 2013, 3rd Street Gallery on 2nd Street, 58 N. Second Street, Philadelphia

January 19 – January 23, 2013

Selected installation artist for "SNOWBALL - A Unique Winter Ball to Benefit JUNK", Hamilton Hall - University of the Arts, 320 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA

December 16, 2012

Flying Kite's Annual Holiday Craft Market, group exhibition, St. Mark's Church, 4442 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia

November 30 – Dec 2, 2012

Curator, event producer and participating artist of Holiday Pop-Up Art Show at The Bainbridge club, supporting the neighborhood visual and performing artists, 1523 Bainbridge St., Philadelphia, PA. This event is being put on in collaboration with The Bainbridge Club, South of South neighborhood artists, Kevin Broad and Meei Ling Ng and in partnership with South of South Neighborhood Association (SOSNA)

December 1, 2012

Ponder Tree Productions, premiere screening at The Bainbridge Club for "Deep Roots II, DAYS AND NIGHTS ON THE FARM" exhibit, 1523 Bainbridge St., Philadelphia, PA

October 13, 2012

Bloktoberfest, Guest Artist, creating on the spot, Live art sculpture reusing the beer cups at the festival, 17th and South Street, Philadelphia, PA

October 6 – 7, 2012

Curator, event producer, installation artist of "Deep Roots II: DAYS AND NIGHTS ON THE FARM", solo exhibition, Multi-media Art Installation at Weavers Way's Mort Brooks Memorial Farm, 1011 E Washington Ln, Philadelphia, PA

This events is being put on in collaboration with Weavers Way Co-op, Weavers Way's Mort Brooks Memorial Farm, Awbury Arboretum, Philadelphia Open Studios Tour (POST) and lighting Designer Jackson Kay.

September 29, 2012

Woodbury Fall Arts Fest, Juried Art Show, representing Philadelphia Open Studios Tour (POST), Railroad Avenue, Woodbury, NJ

April 14 – June 6, 2012

"Refuse/re-seen", Fiber Philadelphia Venue 2012, group exhibition
Juried International exhibition by Some Things Looming Gallery, 526 Washington Street, Reading, PA

May 5 – May 6, 2012

"Deep Roots", solo exhibition, an Outdoor Art Installation at Elkins Park Front Yard Farm, 7607 Spring Ave, Elkins Park, PA

This event is being put on in collaboration with the Turtle Artisans Tour at Cheltenham Township and Michaelann Velicky, a local permaculturalist.

December 2011 – March 2012

The Schuylkill Center, Featured Artist, 8480 Hagy's Mill Road, Philadelphia, PA

October 21 – November 18, 2011

“Recapturing Memories”, solo exhibition, an Indoor Art Installation at Mt. Airy Art Garage 11 W. Mt. Airy Ave, Philadelphia, PA

October 15, 2011

Bloktoberfest, Art Pops Up, Guest Artist, 16th and South Street, Philadelphia, PA

October 9, 2011

Chestnut Hill Fall for the Arts Festival - Juried Art Show, 8500 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA

May 7, 2011

Mt. Airy Day - Fine Art Show.

6400 Germantown Ave, Mount Airy, Philadelphia, PA

October 23, 2010

Art in Ned Wolf Park - group exhibition, fundraiser for Mt. Airy Art Garage Corner of Ellet and McCallum Streets, Philadelphia, PA

October 10, 2010

Chestnut Hill Fall for the Arts Festival - Juried Art Show 8500 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA

May 15, 2010

Mt. Airy Art Garage, group exhibition, silent Auction/fundraiser at The Governor's Mansion 254 W. Walnut Lane, Philadelphia, PA

May 1, 2010

Mt. Airy Day - Fine Art Show

6400 Germantown Ave at Cliveden Manor, Mount Airy, Philadelphia, PA

March 14, 2010

Canines on the Catwalk - Fundraiser and Art Auction The German Club - 130 Davisville Rd- Warminster PA

December, 2009

Mt. Airy Art Garage, group exhibition, December Fine art & Handcraft Market, 542 Carpenter Lane, Philadelphia, PA

December 6, 2009

Third Annual Nancy's House Fine Art & Craft Sale, group exhibition,
Held in the Music Room & Court of Elstowe Mansion, Elkins Park, PA

October 24, 2009

Bloktoberfest & Art Show at the Shiloh Baptist Church, curator and participating artist, a stunning building designed by Frank Furness in 1868, Philadelphia, PA

June 1st, 2009 – June 9, 2009

“Australian Cattle Dog Fundraiser Art and Auction”, EBay online Auction

May 20, 2009 – July 20, 2009

Big Green Earth Store & Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

May 9, 2009 – MAY 29, 2009

“2nd Annual City Kitties Art Show & Auction” group exhibition, at Studio 34, Philadelphia, PA

January 24, 2009 – March 7, 2009

Hosted by MCGOPA “The world of the professional artist #3” juried art show at SPP Gallery, Honorable Mention for “Native Abstract” (Mixed Media)

Public Art/Installation Displays

“Musical Garen”, Permanent Outdoor Art Installation. Installation site: SpArc Services, 2350 West Westmoreland Street, Philadelphia, PA

Weavers Way's Mort Brooks Memorial Farm-The Children Garden, Functional Sculpture: The Chicken Tractor. Medium- Found, recycled and re-purposed materials

Elkins Park Front Yard Farm

Toad Village – Functional Sculpture, Medium- Found, recycled and re-purposed materials

Animal Lifeline Thrift Shop, Warrington, PA, 20 ft Long - Panel Mural

Medium- Mixed Media with recycled and re-purposed materials

Maryland Science Center, Dinosaur Mysteries Interactive Exhibits, Baltimore, MD Art Director/Artist/Graphic Designer

Dhoby Ghaut MRT(Mass Rapid Transit) Station, Singapore Hanging Sculptures – Group work

Professional Background

Multi-media installation Artist, Urban Farmer, Graphic Designer, Curator, Event Producer, Philadelphia, PA, Singapore

Board member (Art Director) of Mt. Airy Art Garage (MAAG) 2009 - 2011

Art Director/Graphic & Web Designer 2006 – 2011, MLing Studio, Philadelphia, PA

Art Director 2001-2006, Haley Productions, Media, PA

Senior Designer 1997-1999, Kent Ridge Digital Labs, National University of Singapore Graphic

Designer/Illustrator 1996-1997, Games Online, Singapore

Professional Awards

Grant Award -PPA (Pennsylvania Partners in Arts), featured artist for The Food Trust “Art at Market: Local Food, Local Art” program, December 2013

Barnes Winner, selected and featured artist by The Barnes Foundation for their "Artist Spotlight: Fairmount Arts Crawl" program, April 26, 2013

Honorable Mention for “Native Abstract” (Mixed Media) at SPP Gallery “The world of the professional artist #3” juried art show, 2009

American Design Awards, April 2006, Monthly Winner
ADCP Creative Awards Annual 2005, Interactive CD and Kiosk, Gold Winner
ADCP Creative Awards Annual 2005, Self Promotion, Silver Winner
The Communicator Award 2005, Video/Film/Multi-Media, Crystal Winner Aurora Awards 2004,
Corporate Film or Video, Gold Winner
AXIEM Award 2004, Advertising Industry Self Promotion, Silver Winner ADDY Award 2004, Advertising
Industry Self Promotion, Silver Winner Horizon Interactive Award 2004, Business-to-Business, Silver
Winner
The Communicator Award 2004, Corporate Film or Video, Crystal Winner Stevie Award 2004, Corporate
Film or Video, Finalists

Publications/Articles/Links

July 5, 2014, Press Release, The Philadelphia Inquirer, Featured Artist, http://articles.philly.com/2014-07-05/entertainment/51078441_1_chickens-art-and-nature-art-institute#sMHmjxSYFOfMqriK.01

September- October 2013, Selected and featured artist for The center For Emerging Visual Artists/Philadelphia Open Studio Tours (POST) "Made in Philly" campaign. Publications: Website/social media/large-scale bus shelter poster/POST visitor tour guide book.
<http://www.philaopenstudios.org/post/made-in-philly>

September 5 , 2013, Featured Artist, The Food Trust,
<http://thefoodtrust.org/events/2013/09/05/art-at-market-local-food-local-art-1>

June 2013 issue, Grid Magazine, Featured Artist, <http://www.gridphilly.com/magazine/>

May 11, 2013, Featured Collaboration Artist, Singapore. ARTITUTE-online magazine
<http://www.artitute.com/2013/05/11/tiong-bahru-portraits-of-history-iv/>

April 28, 2013, Selected and featured Artist, Barnes Winner, the Fairmount Community Development Corporation (The Fairmount CDC), <http://fairmountcdc.org/events/arts-crawl/>

April 26, 2013, Selected and Featured Artist, The Barnes Foundation,
<http://www.barnesfoundation.org/programs/april/artist-spotlight-fairmount-arts-crawl>

April 24, 2013, Featured Artist, Plan Philly,
<http://planphilly.com/eyesonthestreet/2013/04/24/barnes-foundation-partners-with-fairmount-arts-crawl-hosts-local-artist>

April 25, 2013, Featured Artist, Global Philadelphia,
<https://globalphiladelphia.org/news/philadelphia-artist-and-singapore-native-meei-ling-ng-envisions-beautiful-world-using-recycled-materials>

Feb 4, 2013, Certain Circuits Magazine, Featured Artist,
<http://certaincircuits.tumblr.com/>

Dec 16, 2012, Flying Kite Media, group exhibition,
<http://www.flyingkitemedia.com/features/holidaycraftfair1211.aspx>

Dec 1, 2012, Ponder Tree Productions, documentary film and review for "Deep Roots II, DAYS AND NIGHTS ON THE FARM" exhibit, <http://pondertree.wordpress.com/portfolio/videos/deep-roots-ii/>

Nov 23, 2012, NYC-ARTS, featured artist, <https://www.facebook.com/NYCdashARTS>,
<http://a.pgtb.me/dtWxCv>

Nov 2012 issue, Weavers Way Coop The Shuttle Paper, Review of "Deep Roots II, DAYS AND NIGHTS ON THE FARM" exhibit.

Oct 10, 2012, The Painters Palate, "Deep Roots II, DAYS AND NIGHTS ON THE FARM" exhibit review, <https://thepainterspalate.wordpress.com/2012/10/10/art-installation-down-on-the-farm/>

Oct 6-7, 2012, Philadelphia Open Studio Tours, featured artist and "Deep Roots II, DAYS AND NIGHTS ON THE FARM" exhibit as special event, <http://philaopenstudios.org/events/deep-roots>

Oct 2, 2012, Flying Kite Media, Philadelphia weekly online magazine, featured artist, <http://www.flyingkite.com/features/philadelphiaopentour1002.aspx>

Oct, 2012, Weavers Way Coop The Shuttle Paper, Featured Artist for "Deep Roots II, DAYS AND NIGHTS ON THE FARM" exhibit.

Oct 5, 2012, WHYY-NewsWorks, for "Deep Roots II, DAYS AND NIGHTS ON THE FARM" exhibit. <http://www.newsworks.org/index.php/local//roxborough/45192-nw-weekender>

Sept, 2012, Weavers Way Coop The Shuttle Paper, Featured "Deep Roots II, DAYS AND NIGHTS ON THE FARM" exhibit.

Sept 15, 2012, Fair Food Philadelphia, Newsletter, <http://www.fairfoodphilly.org>

Sept 1, 2012, Go Mt. Airy News, <http://gomtairy.com/news/mt-airy-news/weavers-way-farms-to-host-two-fall-farm-festivals,-multi-media-art-installation.html>

June 8, 2012, The Philadelphia Inquirer, featured artwork "The Chicken Tractor" sculpture

June 6, 2012, Philly.com, featured artwork "The Chicken Tractor" sculpture, <http://www.philly.com>

May 5, 2012, Ponder Tree Productions, documentary film and review for "Deep Roots" exhibit, <http://pondertree.wordpress.com/portfolio/videos/deep-roots-video/>

May 5-6, 2012, The Turtle Artisans Tour, participating artist, <http://www.turtlearttour.com/meei-ling-ng.html>

April 14, 2012, Some Things Looming, gallery publication.

Nov 30, 2011, Grid magazine, featured artist, <http://www.gridphilly.com/grid-magazine/2011/11/30/when-worlds-collide-meei-ling-ng-intertwines-recyclables-wit.html>

Oct 18, 2011, Mt. Airy Patch, artist exhibit, <http://mtairy.patch.com/articles/mt-airy-art-garage-s-first-exhibit-opens-friday>

Oct 26, 2011, Mt. Airy Art Garage, "Recapturing Memories" exhibit review,
<http://www.mtairyartgarage.org/2011/10/recapturing-memories-a-review-by-guest-blogger-diana-tedone/>

Oct 26, 2011, THE WALDORF SCHOOL OF PHILADELPHIA, <http://www.phillywaldorf.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/07/8-October-26-2011.pdf>