

Sharon Beals is the author and photographer of *Nests: Fifty Nests and the Birds that Built Them*. The Nest Series documents nest and eggs specimens dating from the 1800's to present day from The California Academy of Sciences, the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology in Berkeley, the Western Foundation of Vertebrate Zoology in Camarillo, CA, Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates, and the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian. She is currently photographing the nests of extinct and endangered birds.

Besides the nests, she photographs wild native habitats and water sheds, and constructs photographs of beach plastic to make large scale, deceptively beautiful yet confrontational images.

### **Solo Exhibits**

The Habitats of Claremont Canyon, Berkeley Faculty Club, November 2006.  
The Architecture of Nests, Studio 391, February 2008, Gualala, CA  
The Botany of Nests, Helen Crocker Russell Library of Horticulture, The Strybing Arboretum, April thru June, 2009  
Plastic in the Ocean, public art installation, Big Think Studios, August thru Sept 2009  
Nests: Blue Heron Nature Preserve, Atlanta, February 2012  
Nests: Cordon Potts Gallery, November 2, 2011 to January 10, 2012  
Nests: The National Academy of Sciences, August 2013 to May 2014  
Nests: The Morris Museum, Morristown New Jersey, Jan to April 2014  
Nests: SF International Airport, February to April 2014  
Wondrous/Strange: Photographs by Sharon Beals, American Museum of Bird Art, Canton, MA 2015  
Flock: The Gallery at Lotusland, Santa Barbara, February 2015 through May 2015  
Built by Birds: Gensler Art, San Francisco, June through August 2015  
Nests: Cornell University Lab of Ornithology, Ithaca, NY, February to May, 2016

### **Group Exhibits**

100th Anniversary Show and Symposium, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, October 2008  
Plastic in the Ocean, APA Personal Work Show, January 2010  
Wondrous/Strange, SFMOMA Artist's Gallery, August 2010  
Carry the Sky, The Morris Museum, Morristown, NJ, July 2012 thru Nov 2012  
FourSquared, Arc Studios and Gallery, August 25 to Sept 22, 2012  
CordonPotts Gallery Artists Group Show, Plastic Beach Jan 2012  
Cordon Potts Gallery Artists Group Show, to Feb 2016

### **Collections**

2009 The California Academy of Sciences  
2010 The Art in the Embassies Program of the US State Department: US Embassy in Riga, Latvia.  
2010 Permanent Installation China Basin Landing, San Francisco  
2011 Palo Alto Medical Facility  
2011 Kaiser Hospital Palo Alto  
2012 Collection of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission  
2013 Collection of the National Academy of Sciences  
2014 Twitter Office Headquarters, Kaiser Permanente, and Palo Alto Medical Center

## **Publications**

Audubon Magazine, Small Miracles, April 2008, Cover and Article on Bird's Nests  
Nests: Fifty Nests and the Birds that Built Them, Chronicle Books, Spring 2011  
Scientific American Magazine, August 2012  
American Photo, Best Photo Books of 2011  
L'Illustré, November, 2013  
Nests: Fifty Nests and the Birds that Built Them, Japanese Edition, 2014  
Nests: Explore, National Geographic Magazine, July 2015

## **Lectures**

The California Academy of Sciences, 2011  
Fernwood Botanic Garden, November, 2011  
Blue Heron Preserve, May, 2012  
TED, Long Beach, the Earth, 2012  
Marin Audubon, September, 2013  
Gensler Architects, June 2015