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Shows at the Center for Maine Contemporary Art, Bates College and UMaine's museum in Bangor span the summer.

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Ann Craven, Blue Horizontal Promise, 2008, oil on canvas, 48 x 60 inches, courtesy the artist and Karma, NY

Ann Craven, "Birds We Know," June 29 to Oct. 13, Center for Maine Contemporary Art, Rockland

Craven has been painting images of the moon, portraits of birds and bright flowers for decades, and doing so in Maine for going on 30 years. Her summer show at CMCA will be her first major exhibition in Maine. "She has come up every year since the 1990s, and there hasn't been a venue that has reached out," said CMCA executive director Suzette McAvoy. "She has kept a low profile, like so many artists who come up. This is where the work comes from but not necessarily where it gets shown. But with the new CMCA, she saw a venue where she thought she could see her work in."