

**Art & Exhibitions**

## Come for the Slopes, Stay for the Art: Your Guide to Must-See Exhibitions at Snowy Resorts

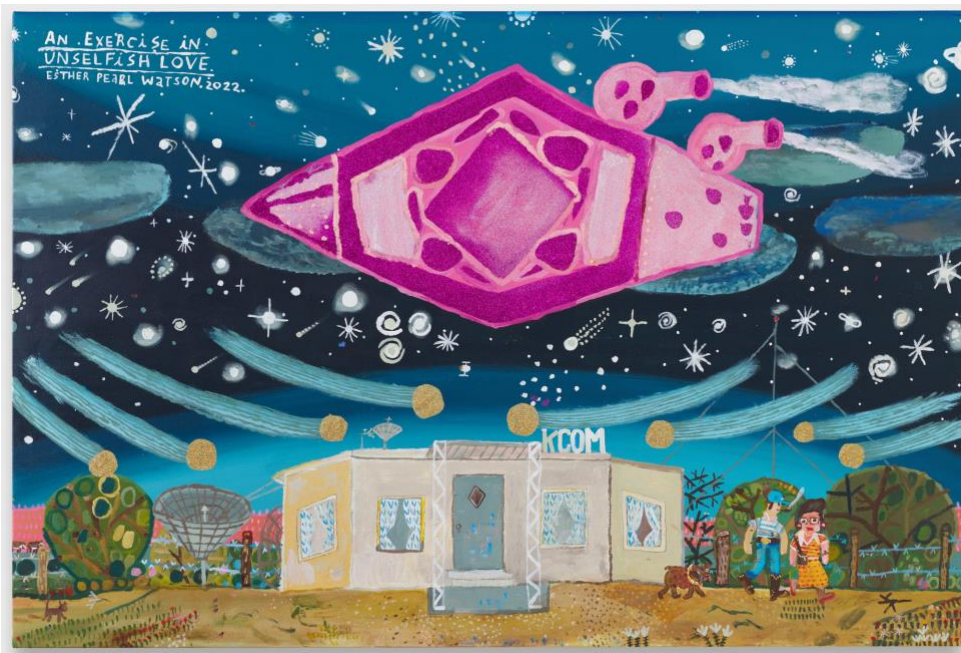
There's more to these resort towns than just winter sports.

Caroline Goldstein, December 12, 2023

### Sun Valley, Idaho

#### **"Sightings" at the Sun Valley Museum of Art**

Through January 4, 2024



Esther Pearl Watson, "An Exercise in Unselfish Love", 2022.

Over the last few years, individuals have been nudged, rather forcefully, to reassess their relationship with the natural world. Worldwide isolation measures prevented extensive travel, and the challenge of remaining in one

place became an opportunity to reevaluate our most immediate surroundings. The impetus for “Sightings” arose with the understanding that many artists began to look to the night sky as a source of comfort and inspiration – a beautiful and comforting constant in a time of upheaval.

The Sun Valley Museum of Art is uniquely located at the edge of the iconic Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve – a 1,415-square-mile area designated by the International Dark Sky Association for its breathtaking open views of the Milky Way in all its glory. Regulations prevent excess light sources from diminishing optimal views of the stars that draw photographers and stargazers from around the world, and musings about the existence of extraterrestrial life forms abound. The artists in “Sightings” each address the night sky individually, as both a source of mystery and logic.