



## ***Purlieu***

Jane Swavely

October 31 – November 30, 2013

Opening Reception: Thursday, November 7, 6-9pm

A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to present ***Purlieu***, a solo exhibition of brand new paintings and drawings by New York artist Jane Swavely.

This series of large-scale paintings and small pastel drawings will be on view from October 31<sup>st</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>. The opening reception will be held on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm. This is Swavely's second solo show at A.I.R. Gallery.



Jane Swavely's recent work is a continuation of the investigation of abstract painting, referencing the landscape as a structural element. This emphasis on the landscape allows for an improvisation that extracts dynamic tension without losing what occupies the moment between what is seen and what is familiar.

Swavely's work manages to hover somewhere between abstraction and place, and rests in between dream and reality. Swavely's images create a purlieu, a place to 'hang out', for both the artist and viewer to experience not only the structure of the landscape, but also to experience something intangible, if only for a fleeting few seconds.

Jane Swavely's work is informed by a life spent on the open water and wandering the Catskill Mountains of upstate New York.

Jane Swavely is currently a member of A.I.R. Gallery. She is the recipient of a Ford Foundation Grant, and her work can be found in public and private collections. She was previously represented by CDS Gallery in New York. For more on the artist, visit [www.janeswavely.com](http://www.janeswavely.com)

A.I.R. Gallery is located at 111 Front Street, #228, in the DUMBO neighborhood of Brooklyn. Gallery hours: Wed. – Sun., 11am to 6pm. The gallery will be closed November 27–29 for Thanksgiving. For directions please visit [www.airgallery.org](http://www.airgallery.org). For additional information please contact the Interim Director, JoAnne McFarland, at 212-255-6651 or [info@airgallery.org](mailto:info@airgallery.org).

Image: Jane Swavely, *Purlieu*, oil on canvas, 2013