

**For Immediate Release**



Reflection, Vicki's Boat, Cotton Fabric and Cotton Batting, 2023

## **Ellen Piccolo**

### ***A Journey***

Paint – Collage - Textile

October 31 – November 25, 2023

Opening Reception:

Thursday, November 2, 2023

5-8 pm

Gallery Hours - Tues. – Sat., 11-6pm

After 50 years of representational oil painting, Ellen's practice is evolving to include collage and textile art. Shifting from realism to abstraction was influenced by Nancy Crow, one of the leading figures of the contemporary quilt movement in America. This show demonstrates that shift in a series using nautical subject matter as inspiration. Images begin with fishing vessels, tugs and sailboat components. Paint is used to create representational images which are abstracted in painted paper collage. These are refined and enlarged then the final work is constructed in fabric. Thread and stitching add another graphic layer. The end result is a transition from craft to a genre of fine art.