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## JULIE SAUL GALLERY

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### '25 Years/ 25 Artists'

#### Julie Saul

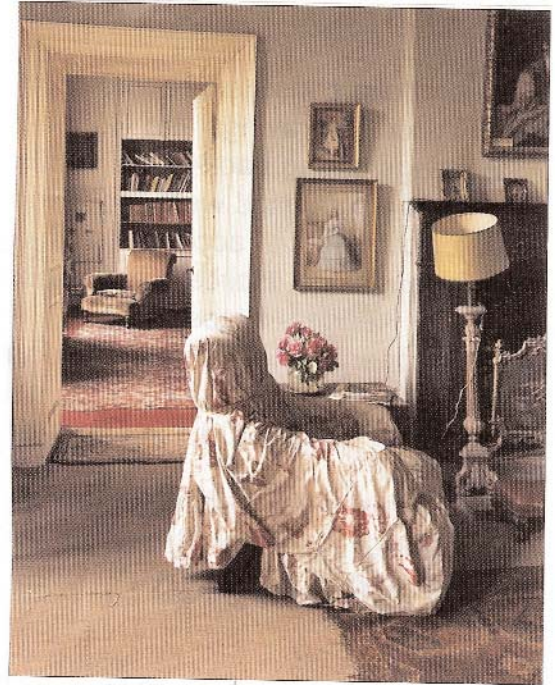
Julie Saul is an art dealer who has proven that longevity has its value. She has kept her doors open and organized consistently thoughtful exhibitions for the past 25 years. In this anniversary show, she celebrated a selection of artists—one for each year she has been in operation—that reflects her interests and discoveries.

Andrew Bush was the first artist to be shown at Soho's Lieberman & Saul Gallery, which opened in 1986 as a partnership between Saul and Nancy Lieberman, and this survey began with Bush. His photograph *Pink Roses* (1983),

from his "Bonnetstown Hall" series, depicts a romantic room in a deteriorated mansion. The gallery soon established itself as a venue for highly experimental, often abstract photography, exhibiting the work of such conceptual artists as James Welling, Penelope Umbrico, and Zeke Berman, also in this exhibition.

Then, in 1992, Lieberman departed for Los Angeles and Saul struck out on her own, organizing a series of museum-quality group shows that brought together science and photography through pictures of botanicals, the moon, and the human body.

But Saul's true gift has been in spotting talent, showing, for example, Bill Jacobson, whom she still represents, in 1994 and adding the estates of Tseng Kwong Chi and Luigi Ghirri to the gallery. Tseng's *New York, New York* (1979), shown in 1996, is a reminder of a time when the World Trade Center was still standing and Chinese artists were beginning to make their presence felt. The pictures in this exhibition from the last decade, after Saul moved to Chelsea, in 2000, confirmed her importance as a dealer who could show artists like Maira Kalman and Julie Evans while focusing as well on new trends in photography. Jeff Whetstone's *Upper Room* (2007), depicting a magnificent cave interior splattered with graffiti, provided a fitting summation of this dealer's history. —**Barbara Pollack**



Andrew Bush, *Pink Roses*, 1983, C-print, 24" x 20". Julie Saul.