

## Ageless Beloved works by Abbie Rabinowitz

OPENING RECEPTION

Saturday, May 21 at 2 - 4pm

Ives Gallery



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May 16 - July 8

For **Abbie Rabinowitz**, painting is the personal way to tap into the universal. Ageless Beloved shows a series of oil paintings completed during her MFA program Western Connecticut University in 2015. Living at home, she chose to paint her parents and their caregiver as the subject for her thesis since they played a big part in her daily life. These studies of her elderly parents express the love, intimacy and affection that they still shared for each other in their 90s. The act of posing actually allowed her mother and father to rekindle their affection. Her paintings are about the experience of intimacy in old age, the acceptance of being cared for and the vulnerability in losing one's independence.

**Abbie Rabinowitz** grew up in rural Bethany, Connecticut. Her parents, both artists, strongly influenced her choice in following a career as a painter. They were the founders of the Creative Arts Workshop in New Haven, where Abbie spent much of her youth taking art classes. In 2012 she returned to Bethany to help care for her elderly parents, both in their 90s. She received her MFA from Western Connecticut State University where she further developed her art with an emphasis on figurative painting and portraiture.

For more information about Abbie, please visit: www.abbiesart.com