

## Allen Say Exhibition

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It was nine hours of driving, round-trip, but worth it. Allen Say's retrospective exhibition...in celebration of his 70th birthday...will be at the Eric Carle Museum in Amherst, Massachusetts, until October, and if you are able to get there, you should. We all know his books. But to see the original paintings is a very different experience; they are luminous.

I was fortunate to have dinner with Allen and a number of others including Eric Carle and his wife. The grounds of the museum are so beautiful, and there was a moment, when, glancing out, I could see one of Allen's guests from Japan, in kimono, standing in the twilight in the garden...it was magical.

Here is a not-so-magical photograph of me and Allen.



And here, having nothing whatsoever to do with Allen and his work...is a photograph of one of my most amazing flowers, now in bloom: a black hollyhock.



Days. Under storm starting. I have to turn off the computer.