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PROFILE

I am a prolific artist who's application of materials and process vary to meet the needs of the project purpose. My work consists of fine porcelain, public & private art installation paintings and Icons. All of which are passed on while teaching others.

EDUCATION

Business Management, Trenton Jr. College, Trenton, Missouri, 1981-83

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Kansas City Art Institute, KCMO 1985-88

Master of Fine Arts, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas 1988-90

Painting, Arte Soto Un Teto, Florence, Italy 2001

Portrait Painting, Angel Academy of Art, Florence, Italy 2013

EXPERIENCE

Jennie Becker Studio, 1998 to present

Artist studio, gallery and school with an emphasis on ceramics and painting, children's art classes, adult classes, and special occasion workshops.

Vice-Chair of the Board, Botanica the Wichita Gardens, Wichita, Kansas 2013-14

St Thomas Aquanis School, 2008 to 2010

Art Teacher for grades kindergarten through 8th grade.

State of Kansas Arts Commissioner, 2002 to 2009

Appointment by the State of Kansas Governor's office. Duties to include: Oversee the direction of, and the financial accounts of the Kansas Arts Commission.

State of Kansas Commemorative Coin Design Commissioner, 2003 to 2005

Appointment by Governor Kathleen Sebelius. Duties to include: Oversee the development of the coin design for the Kansas state quarter. Chair of the Education committee of the coin design.

Chair of Fundraising for the Coin Launch Committee for Governor Sebelius, 2004 to 2005

Raise funding and oversee the promotional designs for the coin debut.

Vice-Chair of The Arts Council for the City of Wichita, Kansas, 2006-2008

Chair of the Cultural Funding Committee for the City of Wichita, Kansas, 2008

Boeing Company Internship for Educators and Students, visual understanding of CATIA design, 1998

School to Career Coordinator, South High School, Wichita, Kansas, 1997-1999

National Tech Prep Conference Presenter, Nashville, Tenn. 1997

KSDE Annual Conference Presenter, Wichita, Kansas 1998

City Manager's Aesthetic Review Team, City of Wichita, 1996-1999

Education Internship, The Boeing Company, Problem solving Wichita, Kansas Summer 1997

Instructor of Ceramics, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas 1992-1997

Artist-in-Residence, Wichita Public Schools, Wichita, Kansas 1993 & 1993

Sabbatical Replacement for the Head of Ceramics, Wichita State University 1992

Art Program Director, Children's Museum of Wichita, 1991-1993

Instructor, Wichita Parks & Recreation, Wichita, Kansas 1990

Ceramics Instructor, Kansas City Art Institute High School program, KCMO, 1986-88

Studio Assistant to Ken Ferguson (artist), KCMO 1988

Assistant to Instructor, Kansas City Art Institute Summer Degree Program, KCMO 1987

Art Teacher, St John Grade School, Kansas City, Missouri 1987-1988

Art Director, Don Bosco Community Center, Kansas City, Missouri 1987-88

Assistant Teacher, Nelson Atkins Museum of Art, Creative Art Center, Kansas City, Missouri 1987

Assistant to Photographer A. Pascalini, Hallmark Cards Incorporated, Kansas City, Missouri 1985

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

SS Clarus 2005 Award of Merit, Public Relations Society of America, Illustration for Catholic Charities Annual Report, (Children's Book)

1st Place Award, KCPT TV 19 Action Gallery of Art, Kansas City, Missouri 1997

2nd Place Award, USA TODAY, 2nd Annual National Juried Ceramics Exhibition, Denton, Texas 1996

1st Place Award, Wichita River Festival Parade, Non-Commercial Division Children's Museum Float, Wichita, Kansas 1992

Outstanding Volunteer of the Year for USD 259, Student International exchange of artwork with 11 different countries, 1992

Peak Program Grant, Kansas Arts Commission, Student International Exchange of art with 11 different countries, 1992

2nd Place Award, Wichita River Festival Parade, Non-Commercial Division Children's Museum float, Wichita, Kansas 1991

Honor Award, National Juried Platter Exhibition, Firehouse Gallery, Norman, Oklahoma, 1991

Project Beauty of Wichita, Citation award for the contribution to the beauty of the community, Mosaic - Emerson, 1991

PUBLIC INSTALLATIONS

Mighty Viking Mural, Porcelain floor installation, Winfield Harbor, Winfield High School, Winfield Kansas 2016

Fu Cang Long, Treasure Dragon Sculpture, length 87 ft, height 5 ft to 9 ft, width varies from 40 to 12 inches, Chinese Garden of Friendship, Botanica the Wichita Gardens, Kansas, 2015

Published article: Wichita Eagle, November 2014

Published article: Wichita Eagle, June 6, 2015

Published article: Splurge Magazine, June 2015

Plum Tree Mural, Pavilion Wall Murals, Interior and Exterior Tile Mural, Length 20 ft, height 9 ft, Porcelain, Chinese Garden of Friendship, Botanica the Wichita Gardens, Wichita, Kansas 2015,

Blue & White Donor Archway Entry Mural, Porcelain tile, Chinese Garden of Friendship, Botanica the Wichita Gardens, Wichita, Kansas, 2015 (Structure dimensions: length 40 ft, Height varies from 6-11 ft, Width varies from 2-4 ft)

St Anthony House; Telling the story, Figurative Relief Dedication Entry Mural, Porcelain, St Anthony House Family Shelter, , Wichita, Kansas, 2003, (Length 14 ft, height 8 ft)

When I Grow Up, Memorial Mural to a victim of a drive by shooting, Colaboration with USD 259 Wichita Public Schools, Wichita, Kansas 2005

Play it Safe, Memorial Mural to a victim of a Skate Board Accident, North East High School, USD 259 Wichita Public Schools, Porcelain, Wichita, Kansas 2004

Hommage to Twin Towers, Dedication Sculpture, Colaboration with Rainbows United Wichita. Porcelain & Concrete, squared pillars 1 ft in diameter, 7'6" in height x 2) Wichita State University Campus Children's Learning Center, Wichita 2002

Water Wall Mural, Vest Pocket Park, Downtown, Wichita, Kansas 1999 (Porcelain)

Interfaith Ministries Mosaic, Porcelain mosiac, Interfaith Ministries, Wichita 1998

Stratification / Grammer, Faces, Abstraction & Artifacts, (Clay and Mosaic), Century II Convention Center, Wichita, Kansas 1997

EXHIBITIONS

Two Person Exhibition, Carriage Factory Gallery, Newton Kansas, January-February 2017

Solo Exhibition, Assecione delle Bottega, Spoleto Italy March 2016

Permanent Exhibitor, Wichita Art Museum Store, Wichita, Kansas

Permanent Exhibitor, Artworks Gallery, 2012 to present

Empty Bowl Invitational Exhibition, Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas 2015, 2016

ACAC International Exhibition, Lincoln Center, NY June 2014

International Invitational Painting Exhibition, Bevania, Italy 2012

"10 Women" Invitational Exhibition, Art Center on Main, Garden City, Kansas 2008

Women of the Flint Hills, Strecker Nelson Gallery, Manhattan, Kansas 2008

Kansas Masters Exhibition Strecker Nelson Gallery, Manhattan, Kansas 2008

3 Artist Invitational Exhibition, Strecker Nelson Gallery, Manhattan, Kansas 2008

Teapots Exhibition, Strecker Nelson Gallery, Manhattan, Kansas 2007

Three Clay Artist Exhibition, Wichita Center for the Arts, Wichita, Kansas 2004

Two Person Invitational Exhibition, Blue Gallery, Kansas City, MO 2004

Permanent exhibitor, Blue Gallery, Kansas City, MO 1997 to 2005

Solo Exhibition, The Floor Studio, Phoenix, Arizona 2003

Synthesis of Clay, 3 person Invitational, 36th Annual Conference of the National Council of Education for Ceramic Arts, Blue Gallery, Kansas City, MO 2002

Holiday Tables, Annual Exhibition, Wichita Center for the Arts 2001

Clay Cup VII National Exhibition, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 1999

Say it with Clay, 4 person Exhibition, City Arts, Wichita, Kansas 1998

Hard Hat Invitational Exhibition, City Arts, Wichita, Kansas 1997

Wichita National Exhibition, Wichita, Center for the Arts, Wichita, Kansas 1997

Three person Invitational Exhibition, Jayne Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri 1996

USA TODAY Exhibition, National Greater Denton Arts Council, Denton, Texas 1996 & 1997

Topeka Competition 20 National Exhibition, Topeka, Kansas 1996

Decorating the Domestic, Solo Ceramic Exhibition, Wichita State University, 1995

Ken Ferguson Invitational & Auction Benefit, Kansas City Art Institute, KCMO 1995

Two Person Invitational Exhibition, Garden City College, Garden City, Kansas 1994

3D Faculty of WSU Exhibition, Butler County CC, El Dorado, Kansas 1994

Fruit, Wine & Nudes Invitational Exhibition, Jayne Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri 1994

Wichita Symphony Show House, Wichita, Kansas 1994

Tabletop Concepts '94, Invitational Exhibition, University of Indiana Bloomington, IN 1994

96th Annual Meeting of the American Ceramic Society, Indianapolis Convention Center 1994

Women in the Arts Invitational, Butler County CC, El Dorado, Kansas 1993 & 94

Solo Invitational Exhibition, Heston College, heston, Kansas 1993

Tenth Biennial Faculty Exhibition, Edwin Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita, Kansas 1993

Holiday Invitational Exhibition, Leedy Voulkos Art Center, Kansas City, Missouri 1992

National Invitational Exhibition, West Virginia University, Morgantown WV 1992

Six States of Clay Juried Exhibition, Kansas City Artist Coalition, Kansas City, MO 1991

Topeka National Exhibition, Topeka Public Library, Topeka, Kansas 1991

MFA Exhibition, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas 1990

Clay in Henrion, McFarland Gallery, Wichita, Kansas 1989

Eighth Biennial Faculty Exhibition, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas 1988

Side by Side, Continuing Education Faculty of KCAI with their Students, Faculty Exhibitor, Kemper Crosby Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri 1988

Two Person Invitational Exhibition, First Bank of Gladstone, Gladstone, Missouri 1988

Artful Living Invitational, Benefit Exhibition, Kemper-Crosby Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri 1988

Continuing Education Faculty of KCAI invitational Exhibition, Wyandotte County Library, Kansas City, Missouri 1988

Form & Function Group Exhibition, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, Missouri 1987

KC Regional Council for Higher Education, Juried Exhibition, KC Artist Coalition, Kansas City, Missouri 1985, 1986, 1987

Lenexa National 3D Art Show, Juried Exhibition, Lenexa, Kansas 1985