

# Leah Lawless-Smith

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## **Education:**

Bachelor of Fine Art from East Texas State University. Summer in London at

King's College studying art. Semester of graduate school teaching at the University of North Texas.

Master's of Science in Art from Texas A & M University-Commerce.

Teaching certificate from Stephen F. Austin University.

## **Teaching Experience:**

1995 Graduate Assistant, University of North Texas, Denton TX, Drawing

\* Taught undergraduate introductory Drawing I course

1996-98 Graduate Assistant, Texas A&M-Commerce, Sculpture

\* Assisted in the undergraduate Sculpture lab

2000-02 Lancaster High School, Lancaster TX, Art I, Art Teacher

2002-08 Vanston Middle School, Mesquite TX, Art I & II, Art Teacher

2008- 10 Duncanville High School, Duncanville TX, Art I Art Teacher

2010- Ennis High School, Ennis Texas, Art Teacher, Art I, II, III, & IV and

Dual Credit Art Appreciation & Art History

2015-20 Adjunct Professor, Navarro College

## **Higher Education Experience**

New Teacher Training Coordinator at Vanston MS-2004-08

\* Worked with new Teachers to the district to teach school policy

\* Taught new Teachers grade book system

## **Educational Art Department**

2002-2008 Fine Arts Department Head at Vanston Middle School, Mesquite Texas

## **Certifications**

Secondary Art Instructor

AP Certified Teacher

## **ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

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2000- Present-Member of the Texas Art Educator Association

2000-Present-Member of Association of Texas Professional Educators

2007-Present-Historic Waxahachie Inc.

- \* Served as Board Member
- \* Membership Coordinator
- \* Participated in Christmas Home Tour of Waxahachie for two years
- \* Participated in Gingerbread Home Tour of Waxahachie for one year

2015 Present--Ellis County Art Association

2015-Present Texas Visual Arts Association

2016-2019-Irving Art Association

2017-2022-Fort Worth Art Alliance

2021-PresentIrving Art Center

2021-Present American Women Artists

## **Honors**

1995 Who's Who in Women's' Art  
Best in Women's Sculpture

2000-Kappa Delta Pi

International Honor Society in Education, was founded in 1911 and was one of the first discipline-specific honor societies. Its membership is limited to the top 20 percent of those entering the field of [education](#).

2021 Who's Who in America  
Art Education Professionals from the state of Texas

## **AWARDS**

Winner of 3 grants from Educational Foundation.

- The First grant used funds to purchase a clay slab roller and ceramic tools for the art department-2010
- The Second grant used funds to purchase drawing tables for classroom-2015
- The Third grant was used to purchase Nikon cameras for my students-2019

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**Award**-Rio Brazos Art Exhibition Featured Artist Award, Tarleton Department of Fine Arts Department  
2018-Members Show at Art on the Square, 3rd place Winner, Waxahachie, Texas

## **ART EXHIBITIONS**

2016 Juried Art Show at City Hall, April- June, Waxahachie, Texas

2016 Solo Art Show at Professor Petes, Dallas, Texas

2016 Featured Artist at Amerivespa, Nashville, Tennessee

2016 Summer Solstice Show at Gallery 3, Bishops Arts, Dallas, Texas

2016 Juried Art Show at City Hall, August-December, Waxahachie, Texas

2016 Navarro College Faculty Show at Pearce Museum, August-September Corsicana, Texas

2016 Irving's Big Read: Colors of Mexico, Irving West Library, September-December, Irving Texas

2016 Spark Show at Gallery 3, Bishops Arts, Dallas, Texas

2016 Members Only Show at Art on the Square, Waxahachie, Texas

2017 Members Only Juried Show at TVAA Downtown Gallery Plaza of the Americas, 700 N. Pearl Street, Suite G207 Dallas, Texas

2017 Juried Art Show at City Hall, January-May, Waxahachie, Texas

2017 Featured Artist at Gallery on Square, January-December, Waxahachie, Texas

2017 Juried Select Large Art Show, McKinney Arts, April 1st-April 22nd, McKinney, Texas

2017 53rd Annual Lakewood Art Show, April 24th-May20th, Dallas, Texas

2017 CandeeCue Website featured artist in May

2017 70th TVAA Members Only Show, Medical City, May 23-June 4th, Dallas, Texas

2017 Black and Light Juried Show at TVAA Downtown Gallery Plaza of the Americas, 700 N. Pearl Street, Suite G207 Dallas, Texas, June 1-June 30.

2017 Irving Art Association Members Only Juried Show, IAA Gallery, 900 North Puritan, Irving, May 28-June 30

2017 Art on the Square Gallery, 113 W. Franklin St. Waxahachie, Texas 75165, represented

2017 Juried Art Show at City Hall, June-December, Waxahachie, Texas

2017 Paint and Iron Show at Central Arts of Bedford, 2816 Central Dr #140, Bedford, TX 76021, July 19-August 19

2017 Navarro College Faculty Show at Pearce Museum, September 5th-25th Corsicana, Texas

2018 TVAA Exhibition, Downtown Gallery Plaza of the Americas, 700 N. Pearl Street, Suite G207 Dallas, TX

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2018 Frisco Public Art in the Atrium 16, George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., Frisco, TX 75034, April 9-September 10

2018 33rd Texas & Neighbors Regional Art Exhibition at Irving Arts Center, 3333 North MacArthur Blvd., Irving, TX 75062, May 12 - June 9

2018 Juried Art Show at City Hall, January-May & June-December, Waxahachie, Texas

2018 TRAHC's 30th Annual Juried Exhibit, Regional Arts Center, 321 West Fourth Street in Downtown Texarkana, Texas, July 27 to August 25.

2018-Members Show at Art on the Square, 113 W. Franklin St. Waxahachie

2018 Selected Artist to Paint on Sculpture Heart for the City of Waxahachie

Heart Commissioned by the Sun Newspaper, Waxahachie, Texas

Heart Commissioned by Art on the Square, Waxahachie, Texas

2019 Heart Commissioned by Boze-Mitchell McKibbin Funeral Home, Waxahachie, Texas

2019 That's So Fresh Expo Art Show, El Centro College - H. Paxton Moore Fine Art Gallery, 801 Main Street, Student Center, and Technology Building, First Floor, Dallas, TX 75202

2019 Contemporary Art Gallery Online All Women Artist Show,

<http://www.contemporaryartgalleryonline.gallery/2019-art-competition-all-women>

2019 Juried Art Show at City Hall, June-December, Waxahachie, Texas

2019 53rd Annual Regional Juried Art Exhibition and Sale, Richardson Civic Art Society, Richardson, TX 75083-1027.

2019 August-September, Solo Show at the Oak Lawn Library, 4100 Cedar Springs Road, Dallas, TX.

2019 September, Live Painting at the Chautauqua Annual One-Day Event, Waxahachie, Tx 75165

2019 October, Riveter: A Contemporary Collective Exhibit, Envision Arts Virtual Exhibit.

2019-Members Show at Art on the Square, 113 W. Franklin St. Waxahachie

2019 October 26 – November 9, 2019, *Día de Los Muertos* at the Latino Cultural Center, Dallas Tx

2019-2020 November 23rd-January 4, Presence XV, Kettle Art Gallery, 2650-B Main Street Dallas, TX

2020-2021 First United Methodist Church, 505 W Marvin Ave, Waxahachie, TX 75165

2020-January 17-February 8, Navarro Juried Art Show at Pearce Museum, Corsicana, Texas

2020-Ellis County Museum, Artwork Window Display, 201 South College St, Waxahachie, Texas

2020-September, Contemporary Seascape Virtual Art Exhibit, Award Winner Seascape, Contemporary Art Gallery Online

2020-October, All Figurative/Portrait Art Show, Contemporary Art Gallery Online

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2020-December, The 14th Annual Oak Lawn Library Art Show Online, 2nd Place Winner,

<https://oaklawnlibraryfriends.com/14th-annual-art-show-virtual-for-2020>

2021-January-February, Figurative Art National Exhibition, Dallas Metro Arts Contemporary, 1412 14th St, Plano TX 75074

2021-April 3-May 15, 2021, Art214, Moody Performance Hall, 2520 Flora St, Dallas, TX 75201.

2021-March-April, Solo Exhibition, Waxahachie Cultural Center, 201 North College, Waxahachie Tx 75165

2021-April 9th – May 2nd, 2021, 23rd Annual Rio Brazos Juried Exhibition, Dora Lee Langdon Center 308 East Pearl St, Granbury, TX 76048

2021-July-November, Juried Frisco Public Art in the Atrium, George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., Frisco, TX 75034

2021-July-October, 21 Connections Art Show, Irving Art Center, 3333 North MacArthur Blvd., Irving, TX 75062

2021-August-November, Coppell Art Center, *Blue Exhibit*, 505 Travis St. in Coppell, TX.

2021- August-December, Artspace 1111, Texas Now-2021 Texas Artist Showcase Online Exhibit

2021-September-October, State Fair Art Show, Fair Park, 3809 Grand Ave, Dallas, TX 75210.

2021-September-September, Texas Discovery Garden Art Lone Star Competition, Fair Park 3601 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Dallas, TX 75210

2021-September-November, Create Arlington, Color Abstraction Exhibit, 306 W. Main St. Arlington, Texas 76010.

2021-October-December, Waxahachie Cultural Center, Duo Art Exhibit, Stories of Ellis County Courthouse, 201 North College, Waxahachie Tx 75165

2022-January-March, Mesquite Art Center, Solo Exhibition, Color and Pattern thru the Eyes of Leah Lawless-Smith, 1527 N Galloway Ave Mesquite, Texas 75149

2022-April-May, 24th Annual Rio Brazos Juried Exhibition, Dora Lee Langdon Center 308 East Pearl St, Granbury, TX 76048

2022-May-September, Flowers 4 Peace & Prosperity, Red Bluff Art Gallery, Red Bluff, California 96080

2022-July-August, 12 Car Apostles, Solo Show, Granville Art Center, 300 N. 5th Street, Garland, TX 75040

2022-2023 November-January, Juried Members Show-The Envelope Please, Art on the Square, 113 W Franklin St, Waxahachie, TX 75165

2023-January-February, ArtHash Show at Kettle Gallery, 2650 Main St, Dallas, TX 75226.

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2023-Bloom!, March-August, R.W. Norton Art Gallery, Shreveport, Louisiana to travel to Longview Museum of Fine Arts, Longview, Texas

2023-Spring Blooms Exhibition, 04/14 - 5/31 online exhibition, 6th Street Studios and Art Center.

2023- Hit the Gas, 06/1/23-6/30/23, Umbrella Gallery, 2803 Taylor St, Dallas, TX 75226.

2023- Art of the Book, June-August, Ellis County Museum, 201 S College St, Waxahachie, TX 75165.

2023-Irving Art Center Members Show, July-August, Irving Art Center, 3333 N MacArthur Blvd, Irving, TX 75062

2023-The MAC Members Show, July-September, The MAC Gallery, 1503 S Ervay St, Dallas, TX 75215.

2024-Bloom!, R.W. Norton Art Gallery, March 28-May 12, 4747 Creswell Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106.

2024-Timeline: 200 Years, Five Points Museum of Contemporary Art, March-June, 1201 N. Moody Victoria, Texas 77901

2024-214 Art Exhibition at South Dallas Cultural Center, March 22-April 27, 3400 S Fitzhugh Ave, Dallas, Texas 75210.

2024-214 Art Exhibition at Bath House Cultural Center, March 23-April 27, 521 E Lawther Dr., Dallas TX 75218.

2024- Inclusive Exhibition at Fort Smith Regional Art Museum, May 25-August 25, 1601 Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901.

2024-D'Art Center, Flourish: A National Juried Exhibition of Floral and Botanical Artworks During NFK's Historic Garden Week, April 20-May 5, 740 Boush St, Norfolk, VA 23510.

2024-Ellis County Courthouse Exhibition featuring Leah Lawless-Smith, Legends of Ellis County book illustrations, July 1-August 1, 109 W Franklin St, Art and Pour, Waxahachie, TX, 75165.

2024-Greater Denton Arts Council, Gough Gallery, Petal Project: Between Natura, August 13-October 19, 400 E H Hickory St, Denton, TX 76201.

2024-Rockwall Art League 24th Annual Juried Fine Art Show, Sept 27-29th, 700 I-30, Rockwall, TX 75087.

2025-Beauty of Nature Solo Exhibition, Texas Discovery Gardens, January 8-March 2, 3601 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Dallas, TX 75210

## **Collectors:**

Mr. & Mrs. Ray, Private Collector, Texas

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Mrs. Aldrige & Mr. Powell, Private Collector, Texas

Mr. & Mrs. Blundon, Private Collector, Tennessee

Mr. Fleshall, Private Collector, Missouri

Mr. & Mrs. Lewis, Private Collector, Tennessee

Ms. Michelle O'Brien, Private Collector, Washington

Mr. Smith, Private Collector, Florida

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Diane, Private Collector, Texas

Mr. & Mrs. David & Pat Smith, Private Collector, Texas