







## CONTACT

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## SKILLS

- Teaching
- Curriculum Development
- Technology Integration
- Grant Writing
- Project Management
- Design - Adobe Creative Suite & GSuite
- Marketing

### NON-PROFIT BOARDS

Forge Appalachia, Treasurer  
2023-present  
Rural Retreat Historical Society  
2018-2021

## EDUCATION

### ASSOCIATES/ GRAPHIC DESIGN

Virginia Intermont College, 2001-2004

### BACHELOR OF FINE ART - EDUCATION PK-12

Virginia Intermont College, 2001-2005

### VDOE TEACHING ENDORSEMENTS

Arts Education PK-12  
Special Education PK-12

# ERIN SIMONS

## PROFILE

I am passionate about art, history and my community which has resulted in a career that supports education and creative thinking. Building my home and entrepreneurial endeavors in the Appalachian Mountains has inspired me to blend preserving local history with modern technology to inspire the next generation of artists and engage learners of all ages and abilities.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### ART, MUSIC, & SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER PK-5 & 8-12

Wythe County Public Schools / 2006-2011, 2018-present

- Designed, developed, and implemented differentiated in-person and virtual projects and assignments.
- Curated a county-wide student art exhibition in collaboration with all of the district schools, local arts council, and local businesses.
- Collaborated with general education teachers to incorporate cross-curricular activities.
- Awarded approximately \$25,700 in grants for continuing education and classroom projects since 2006.

### CHILDREN'S INSTRUCTOR PK-8

Rose Cottage School of Art / 2015-present

### ARTIST

Laurel Ridge Studios / Wytheville, VA / 2023-present

- Innovation
- Marketing and website design

2023 Central Appalachia Living Traditions Tradition Bearer Fellow  
Interpretation, Demonstration, Education - Broom Making

- Richmond Folk Festival / 2023
- Big Walker Lookout / 2023
- Millwald Theater / 2024
- Birthplace of Country Music Museum / 2024
- Matthews Living History Farm / 2024
- Jackson Homestead Museum / 2024

Curated Shows - Broom Making & Watercolor

- William King Museum of Art 2023-2024 - From These Hills: Contemporary Art of the Southern Appalachian Highlands
- Abingdon Arts Depot Members Gallery - 2024
- The Peck Gallery, Laurel Creek Pottery - 2023 & 2024
- HollerHouse Bristol: Community Spotlight - 2024

### DESIGNER & PREPRESS OPERATOR

One Line Design / Wytheville, VA / 2010-2019

- Developed client relationships to assist in product creation and branding.
- Designed logos and typeset various marketing materials for print
- Copy-editing, to improve the formatting, style, and accuracy of publications.