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Education

Virginia Department of Education - Special Education Certification PK-12 June 2021
Virginia Intermont College - Bachelor of Fine Art in Art Education PK-12 May 2006
Virginia Intermont College - Associates of Fine Art in Graphic Design May 2005

Exhibitions

William King Museum of Art, Abingdon, VA Oct. 2023 - Feb. 2024
From These Hills: Contemporary Art in the Southern Appalachian Highlands

Awards and Honors

Wythe-Bland Chamber of Commerce Community Impact Award, Wytheville, VA October 2024
1st Place in Natural Fibers, Wythe Arts Council Chautauqua in the Park, Wytheville, VA June 2023
1st Place in Watercolor, Wythe Arts Council Chautauqua in the Park, Wytheville, VA June 2022
Virginia Intermont Watercolor Scholarship (2 week intensive in England/Scotland) March 2003

Residencies

Virginia Humanities Folklife Apprenticeship in Traditional Appalachian Broom Making 2024
Central Appalachia Living Traditions Tradition Bearer Fellow 2023

Solo Exhibitions

Laurel Creek Pottery Solo Broom Exhibition March 2023
Laurel Creek Pottery Solo Watercolor Exhibition May 2022

Lectures, Workshops, & Demonstrations

Matthews Living History Farm Demonstrator - Broommaking 2023-present
Jackson-Umberger Homestead Museum Demonstrator - Broommaking 2024-present
Dr. Pepper Day Demonstrator - Broommaking Oct. 2024
Bands, Art, Bourbon, & Ale Festival Demonstrator - Broommaking June 2024
Richmond Folk Festival Virginia Folklife Demonstrator - Broommaking Oct. 2023
Big Walker Lookout Craft Corner Demonstrator - Broommaking Oct. 2023

Curatorial Projects

Wythe County Art Educators "Paint the Town" Student Art Exhibition 2020 - Present

Professional Affiliations

Treasurer Forge Appalachia (Non-Profit Organization), Wytheville, VA 2022 - Present
'Round the Mountain, SW Virginia Artisan Network (Juried Artisan), Abingdon, VA 2022 - Present
Depot Artist Association, Abingdon, VA 2022 - Present

Skills

Artisan: Traditional/Contemporary Appalachian Broom Making, Watercolor, Pottery, Printmaking, Photography, Wool Felting
Creative: Graphic Design, Adobe Creative Suite
Instruction: Art Education and Living History Demonstration
Professional: Grant Writing, Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Website Development