JODY PILON

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EXHIBITION EXPERIENCE

2024 The Artist, mixed media, 20"X20"X1.5", honorable mention, LaCloche Art Show, Whitefish Falls, Ontario

2023 Stringer of Stories, mixed media, 71" X 9" Gananogue Arts Network, Gananogue Ontario

2023 Boro Bower, textile chamber, 10'X10' installation at Westfest Fibre Festival St Jacobs Ontario

2020 *The Bully*, textile, mixed media 20" X 20" X 1.5" contributor to virtual exhibition Creative Strength Training Members Exhibit, host Jane Dunnewold

2019 *Boro Bower*, textile chamber, 10'X10' installation at Proutopia arts gathering Winnipeg Beach Winnipeg Manitoba 2018 *Only In Canada Eh?*, mixed media, 36" X 9" contributor to Support the Girls Exhibit Espanola Recreation Complex, Espanola Ontario

2017 *Tree Ties*, textile, 6" X 10' collaborator Ties That Bind, group textile project, outdoor installation Sherwood Park Espanola Ontario

2016 Ordinary, 24"X 48" Story Flags contributor to group exhibit of flags, Recreation Complex Espanola Ontario

CURATORIAL

2019 Holodomor Mobile Classroom, documentary videos Ukrainian Genocide 1932 - 1933

2018 with Julieanne Steedman, A Map For Me, community engagement and textile exhibition, Espanola Ontario

2017 with Heather Thoma, The Universe Canticle Textile Exhibit from South Africa, Espanola Ontario

2017 Peace Paper Project, Interactive Paper Making Experience Espanola Ontario

2016 Textile Exhibit by Mary Pal, Espanola Ontario

2015 Fibre Muses Textile Exhibit with Espanola Fibre Muses, Espanola Ontario

2014 Manitoulin Circle Project Exhibit by Judith E Martin, Espanola Ontario

2013 with Jocelyne Sobeski Fibre Bombing & T-Shirt Street Art, Espanola Ontario

2012 to 2019 Espanola Fibre Arts Festival Founder & Artistic Director

COMMUNITY ENGAGED WORK

- 2023 Coordinator UFO & Pie Circle monthly community engagement circle, Gananoque Ontario
- 2020 Contributor 26" X 24" hand stitched panel "Hemmed in by Man-Made Borders and Seas of Red Tape", 25
 Million Stitches International Community Art Project, Sacramento California USA
- 2020 Contributor 12" X 12" hand and machine stitched pocket "Dear Mom" for The Dangerous Pockets Community Art Collaboration, Coalville, Leicestershire, United Kingdom.
- 2019 Coordinator with Sharon Hamlin, Box To Book Community Art Project Espanola Ontario
- 2019 Lead facilitator with Shelley Ross Hand Stitched Steampunk Cuffs at the Coldwater Steampunk Festival Coldwater Ontario
- 2019 Co-facilitator with Shelley Ross Textile Sun Catchers at the Northern Lights Festival Boreal Sudbury Ontario
- 2018/19 Lead facilitator with Daccy Morrow, Boro & Sashiko stitching circle Espanola Ontario
- 2018 Coordinator with Chantal Lafrance Community Art Project

 A Day in the Park, Espanola Ontario
- 2018 Co-facilitator with Shelley Ross Large Dorset Buttons at the Northern Lights Festival Boreal Sudbury Ontario
- 2017 Lead facilitator, Community Art Project Ties that Bind Espanola Ontario
- 2016 Coordinator with various artists Community Art Project Story Flags Espanola Ontario
- 2015 Coordinator with Shelley Ross, Community Art Project Fishy Windsocks Espanola Ontario
- 2015 Lead facilitator with various artists, Community Art Project Coral Reef Project Espanola Ontario
- 2014 Lead facilitator Community Art Project 'Wheely Wednesdays' & Large Dorset Buttons Espanola Ontario
- 2013 Coordinator with Jocelyne Sobeski, Community Art Project Fibre Bombing & Street Art T-Shirts Espanola Ontario

EDUCATION

2023 Abstract Collage Course Remote Learning (Cordula Kagemann, Bruchhausen-Vilsen Germany)

2021 Construct: A Creative Deep Dive (Alice Vander Vennen, Cobourg Ontario)

2020 Creative Strength Training Remote Learning (Jane Dunnewold, Texas USA)

2019 to 2021 Bobbin Lace Torchon & Bedfordshire (Veronika Irvine, Sudbury Ontario)

2019 Finders Keepers Mixed Media (Alice Vander Vennen, Cobourg Ontario)

2019 'HOT' Mixed Media (Susan Lenz, Espanola Ontario)

2018 Coptic Book Binding (Heidi Hunter, Espanola Ontario)

2018 Textile Mixed Media (Alice Vander Vennen, Espanola Ontario)

2017 Traditional Rug Hooking (Trudy Bolduc, Espanola Ontario)

2011 to Present, Celtic Harp Weekly Lesson (Susan Zevenbergen, Remote Learning via Zoom)

2010 to Present, Annual Bobbin Lace Camp (Various Teachers, Gore Bay, Ontario)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ARTS EXPERIENCE

Founder and artistic director of the Espanola Fibre Arts Festival. This role included organizational development, curatorial direction, team leadership and volunteer management, grant-writing and fundraising. Successfully raised \$140,000 in grants, donations, fundraising and registration fees over 7 years.

From 2013 - 2019 I coordinated and executed 7 fibre arts festivals. Attendance grew by 800% over the duration of the festival. Throughout this time, I wrote 5 grant applications for submission to the Ontario Arts Council and was successful in receiving funds each time.

2023 Invited guest speaker Weftfest Fibre Festival, St Jacobs Ontario

2020 Invited juror for Ontario Arts Council, Craft Connections, Toronto Ontario

2018 Invited juror for Maker's North Square Foot Show, Sudbury Ontario

2014 Invited juror for Artist on Elgin Annual Calendar Sudbury Ontario

GRANTS

2019 Awarded *Exhibition Assistance Grant* from the Ontario Arts Council to exhibit Boro Bower at arts event Proutopia, Winnipeg Beach, Manitoba.

VOLUNTEER

2020 - 2023 Board member, secretary Gananoque Arts Network, Gananoque Ontario

2024 - current Board member, chair International Bobbin Lace Camp, Gore Bay Ontario