

LINDA STEPHEN – Paper Artist, Author & Illustrator

Art Curriculum Vitae

Illustrator/author of picture book *The Day We Went to the Park*
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SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Linda Stephen Paper Arts*, Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha, NE, October
Nebraska Outdoors in Origami, Minden Opera House Art Gallery, Minden, NE, March-April
- 2020 *Holmes Lake Park in Origami: Picture Book Illustrations*, Francie & Finch Bookshop, Lincoln, NE, February
- 2018 *Origami Landscapes: Urban and Rural*, Loft Gallery, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
Origami Farms & Fields, Kimmel Gallery, Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City, NE
Origami Summer, Pilgrim Hall, First-Plymouth Church, Lincoln, NE
- 2017 *Nonprofit Hub Exhibit by Linda Stephen*, The Foundry, Lincoln, NE
Outdoors in Origami, Immanuel Fine Arts Gallery, The Landing, Lincoln, NE
Linda Stephen Origami Landscapes, Loft Gallery, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
Everyday Joys, Pilgrim Hall, First-Plymouth Church, Lincoln, NE
- 2016 *Celebrations*, Unitarian Church of Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
Origami Landscapes, The ESO Gallery, Omaha, NE
- 2015 *Homestead Landscapes in Origami*, Homestead National Monument of America, Beatrice, NE
Great Plains in Origami, Nebraska Governor's Residence, Lincoln, NE
Lincoln Outdoors – Paper Landscapes, The Art Gallery, Bryan Medical Center, Lincoln, NE
- 2014 *Linda Stephen Origami Landscapes*, Norfolk Arts Center, Norfolk, NE
Seasons Unfolding, Exhibition Gallery, County-City Building, Lincoln, NE
Beauti-fold: Origami Art of Linda Stephen, Krempp Gallery, Jasper Arts Center, Jasper, IN
Shutterfold: Capturing the Moment, Immanuel Fine Arts Gallery, The Landing, Lincoln, NE
- 2013 *Origami Landscapes: Linda Stephen*, Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti Chamber of Commerce, Ann Arbor, MI
Folding in Color: Origami Landscapes, Gifts of Art Gallery, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Unveiling "Enfolded by Beauty," 6th Annual Festival of the Arts, Artworks Gallery, Big Rapids, MI
- 2012 *Constructions of Cranes: Origami Collage*, Minden Opera House Art Gallery, Minden, NE
Origami Art of Linda Stephen, Artworks Gallery, Big Rapids, MI
- 2011 *Origami Art, Linda Stephen*, The McClelland Art Gallery, Union College, Lincoln, NE
Folding the Flock, Minden Opera House Art Gallery, Minden, NE
- 2010 *Linda Stephen Featured Artist*, Noyes Art Gallery, Lincoln, NE
Linda Stephen: Origami Collage Nebraska Governor's Mansion, Lincoln, NE
- 2008 *Linda Stephen: Origami Art*, Big Rapids Festival of the Arts, City Hall Gallery, Big Rapids, MI
Origami – from Peace Cranes to Art, Pilgrim Hall, First Plymouth Congregational Church, Lincoln, NE

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

National Park Service, Homestead National Monument of America, Beatrice, NE
Eleanor Creative, Lincoln, NE
Pyrtle Elementary School, Lincoln, NE (3 works)
Minden Opera House, Minden, NE (3 works)
Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska, Camp Catron, Nebraska City, NE
Edward Jones of Northern Michigan, Big Rapids, MI
Lansdale Tutoring & Testing, Inc., Lansdale, PA
Tobacco Free Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
JW Marriott Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, MI (6 works)
Big Rapids City Hall, Big Rapids, MI
Omihachiman City Hall, Omihachiman, Shiga, Japan
Utsuwa-no-Yakata House of Pottery, Nyack, NY (3 works)
Private Collections: Original art is part of 100+ collections across the world including Nice, France; Shiga, Japan; Chiba, Japan; Damascus, Syria; Sedona, AZ; Washington, D.C.; San Diego, CA; Marquette, MI; Grand Rapids, MI; Austin, TX; Mamaroneck, NY; Larchmont, NY; White Plains, NY; Fayetteville, AR; Stamford, CT; Bend, OR; Lincoln, NE; Omaha, NE; Albuquerque, NM.

GRANTS AND RESIDENCIES

- 2021 *Artist in Residence*, Cranefest 2021, Minden Opera House, Minden, NE
- 2014 *National Parks Service Artist in Residence*, Homestead National Monument, Beatrice, NE
- 2013 *CSArt Grant*, Collector Artist (50 original commissioned works), Lincoln Arts Council, Lincoln, NE
Teaching Artist in Residence, Pyrtle Elementary School, Lincoln, NE
- 2012 *Artist in Residence*, CraneFest 2012, Minden Opera House, Minden, NE
Visiting Artist, Fifth Annual Big Rapids Festival of the Arts, Big Rapids, MI
- 2011 *Artist in Residence*, CraneFest 2011, Minden Opera House, Minden, NE
- 2008 *Visiting Artist*, Big Rapids Festival of the Arts, Big Rapids, MI

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SELECT ART AWARDS

- 2021 *Illustration Honor Award*, Nebraska Book Awards, Nebraska Library Association, Lincoln, NE
2020 *First Place* for "Summertime on the River," in "Willful Women" regional exhibit, Artworks, Big Rapids, MI
2019 *Honorable Mention*, Nebraska Arts Conference, Association of Nebraska Art Clubs, Albion, NE
Fourth Place, ArtSlam19, University of Omaha Friends of Art, Omaha, NE
2017 *Juror's Choice Award*, 18th Annual "American Landscapes," Maryland Federation of Art, Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD
2016 *Finalist*, Visual Arts 2-Person Exhibit, Omaha Entertainment and Arts Awards, Omaha, NE
2015 *Nebraska Arts Council 2015/16 Artist*, Nebraska Governor's Residence Program, Lincoln, NE
2014 *Holiday Card Artist* for "Sledding Day at Pioneers Park," Bryan Medical Center, Lincoln, NE
2012 *Best of Show*, Lincoln Artists Guild Fall Art Show, Nebraska State Office Building, Lincoln, NE
2010 *Nebraska Arts Council 2009/10 Artist*, Nebraska Governor's Residence Exhibition Program, NE
2006 *Featured Artist*, 6th Annual Lincoln Arts Festival, Lincoln, NE
2005 *Second Place, Mixed Media*, 43rd Annual White Plains Outdoor Arts Festival, White Plains, NY
2004 *First Place-Mixed Media*, 59th Beaux Arts Finale, Westchester Women's Clubs, Pleasantville, NY
First Place-Mixed Media, White Plains Woman's Club Annual Art Exhibition, White Plains, NY

SELECT LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS, TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 2021 Author/Illustrator Reading & Origami, July 2020, Art in the Park, Homestead National Historic Park, Beatrice, NE
Author/Illustrator Reading & Origami, June 2020, Summer Nature Camp, Pioneers Park Nature Center, Lincoln, NE
Author/Illustrator Reading & Origami Workshop, April 2020, C L Jones Middle School, Minden, NE
Author/Illustrator Reading & Origami Workshop, April 2020, Minden East Elementary School, Minden, NE
Origami Workshop for Seniors, April 2020, Bethany Home, Minden, NE
Community Unfolding in Minden Workshop, March 2020, Minden Opera House, Minden, NE
2020 Author/Illustrator Storytime & Workshop, July 2020, Lincoln City Libraries, Lincoln, NE
Author/Illustrator Reading & Workshop, June 2020, Morton-James Public Library, Nebraska City, NE
Pandemic Volunteer Service. May 2020, 1,000 Cranes for Lincoln's Healing, Bluestem Montessori, Lincoln, NE
Pandemic Volunteer Service. May 2020, Author visit & origami teaching 2 days, Bluestem Montessori, Lincoln, NE
Pandemic Volunteer Service. May 2020, Livestream Storytime & Origami, Francie & Finch Bookshop, Lincoln, NE
Pandemic Volunteer Service. Apr. 2020, Livestream Origami Art Workshop, Empty Opera House Series, Minden, NE
Pandemic Volunteer Service. Mar. 2020, Livestream Storytime & Origami, Empty Opera House Series, Minden, NE
Feb. 2020, Guest Speaker: Writing & Origami, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, NE
Feb. 2020, Picture Book Writing & Illustrating, Writing Group, Francie & Finch Bookshop, Lincoln, NE
Feb. 2020, Origami, the Japanese Art of Paper Folding, OLLI Term 3 Class, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
Feb. 2020, Origami Puzzles, artVenture 2020 for grades 2-12, Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
Jan. 2020, Easy Origami for Seniors, Aging Partners - 4 seniors centers, Lancaster County, NE
2019 Gallery Artist Talk, *Fine Craft in America*, Bob & Roberta Rogers Gallery, Omaha, NE
Public teaching event on easy origami, Harvest Moon Festival, Asian Community & Cultural Center, Lincoln
Workshops on Japanese paper arts & origami, Japanese Ambience Festival, Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha, NE
Teaching origami, 450 students in 20 classes K-5, Olympic Day, Aldrich Elementary School, Omaha, NE
Public teaching event on origami for all ages: Nebraska Asian Festival, Omaha, NE
Workshop on origami and design, Global Furniture Group- Detroit Design Showroom, Southfield, MI
Presentation: Origami Landscapes, ArtSlam 19, University of Nebraska-Omaha Friends of Art, Omaha, NE
2018 Presentation: Japanese Paper Arts, Japanese Ambience Festival, Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha, NE
Teaching origami, 450 students in 20 classes K-5, Aldrich Elementary School, Omaha, NE
2017 Workshop, University of Nebraska State Museum, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
Presentation: Japanese Paper Arts, UNL Japan Festival, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
2016 Gallery Talk in conjunction with *Origami Landscapes*, ESO Gallery, Omaha, NE
Gallery Talk in conjunction with *Flora of the National Parks*, U.S. Botanic Gardens, Washington, D.C.
2015 Gallery Talk in conjunction with *Homestead in Origami*, Homestead National Monument, Beatrice, NE
Presentation, Capstone Young Readers, Book Expo America, Javits Center, New York, NY
2014 Presentation *Folding the Prairie in Paper*, Homestead National Monument of America, Beatrice, NE
Gallery Talk and workshop in conjunction with *Origami Landscapes*, Norfolk Arts Center, Norfolk, NE
Gallery Talk in conjunction with *Seasons Unfolding*, Lancaster County-Lincoln City Hall, Lincoln, NE
Gallery Talk in conjunction with *Beauti-fold*, Jasper Arts Center, Jasper, IN
Lecture *The World in Paper* to Jasper area high school art students, Jasper Arts Center, Jasper, IN
Lecture on origami and invention, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
2013 Keynote Speaker, Girl Scouts artVenture Exhibition and Reception, Lied Center, Lincoln, NE
Lectures and workshops to artists from 11 schools, High School Art Exploration Day, Lincoln, NE
2012 Guest Artist, Japan Festival 2012, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 *Great Lakes to Great Plains: Linda Stephen and Iggy Sumnik*, Fred Simon Gallery, Omaha, NE
2008 *Mixed Media: Suxan Anderson and Linda Stephen*, Nebraska Club, Lincoln, NE

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *Community*, Baright Gallery, Fontenelle Forest Nature Center, Bellevue, NE
Willful Women, Artworks of Big Rapids, Big Rapids, MI
2020 Vision, Focus Gallery, Noyes Art Gallery, Lincoln, NE
- 2019 *American Craft Week: Fine Craft in America*, Regional Exhibit, Roberta & Bob Rogers Gallery, Omaha, NE
Art Exhibit of Nebraska Artists, Association of Neb. Art Clubs Conference, Albion, NE
Street Scenes, Curve Gallery, Maryland Federation of Art, Annapolis, MD
- 2018 *Water/Ways*, Artworks Gallery with Smithsonian Museum on Mainstreet, Big Rapids, MI
American Landscapes, 18th National Exhibit, Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD (First Place)
- 2017 *Urban Dreaming*, Blue Cat Gallery, Wayne, NE
150 for Nebraska's 150th Show, Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art, David City, NE
38th Annual Paper in Particular, Sidney Larson Gallery, Columbia College, Columbia, MO
- 2016 *2016 Small Works Collective Show*, Bryan Medical Center Gallery, Lincoln, NE
Art on Paper, Maryland Federation of Art's Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD
Flora of the National Parks, U.S. Botanical Gardens, National Mall, Washington, D.C.
Omaha Entertainment & Arts Awards Visual Arts Showcase, KANEKO, Omaha, NE
- 2015 *Medici Art Event*, Eisentrager Howard Gallery, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE
- 2014 *Cut, Formed, Folded, Pressed: PAPER*, Museum of Nebraska Art, Kearney, NE
Elsie Vredenburg Quilts and Quilt-Inspired Art, Artworks Gallery, Big Rapids, MI
- 2013 *CSArt Unveiled: Linda Stephen's "Harvest Coming" series*, Lincoln Arts Council, Lincoln, NE
Art Exhibit of Nebraska Artists, Association of Nebraska Art Clubs' Annual Conference, Alliance, NE
20th Anniversary of Noyes Art Gallery, Noyes Art Gallery, Lincoln, NE
Lincoln Artists' Guild Fall Award Show, Nebraska State Office Building, Lincoln, NE
- 2012 *Body & Soul*, Woodways Interior Design Showroom, Grand Rapids, MI
Landscapes and Figures, Focus Gallery, Noyes Art Gallery, Lincoln, NE
Lincoln Artists' Guild Summer Show, Nebraska Bookstore, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
Cranestorm: Wishes in Flight, Museum of Nebraska Art, Kearney, NE
Art Exhibit of Nebraska Artists, Association of Neb. Art Clubs' Annual Conference, Columbus, NE
- 2011 *Art at the Wall*, Against the Wall Gallery, Lincoln, NE
Art in Religions around the World, Artworks Gallery, Big Rapids, MI
14th Annual Art & Soup Festival, Visiting Nurse Association, Omaha, NE
- 2010 *CraneFest 2010, Art Walk for Annual Sandhill Cranes Migration*, Courthouse Square, Minden, NE
Art Exhibit of Nebraska Artists, Association of Nebraska Art Clubs' Annual Conference, Aurora, NE
- 2009 *CraneFest 2009, Art Walk for Annual Sandhill Cranes Migration*, Minden, NE
Asia Inspired, Focus Gallery, Noyes Art Gallery, Lincoln, NE
- 2008 *Art Exhibit of Nebraska Artists*, Annual Conference, Association of Nebraska Art Clubs, Aurora, NE
- 2007 *Mixed Media: Wood, Paper & Paint*, Focus Gallery, Noyes Art Gallery, Lincoln, NE
- 2006 *6th Annual Lincoln Arts Festival*, Southpoint Pavilions, Lincoln, NE
Women's Week Art Show, Rotunda Gallery, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
- 2005 *43rd Annual White Plains Outdoor Arts Festival*, White Plains, NY
Beaux Arts Finale, 59th Annual Exhibition, Westchester County Fed. of Women's Clubs, Pleasantville, NY
Winter Exhibition, GR Gallery, Mamaroneck, NY
- 2004 *New Rochelle Art Association 89th Annual Juried Exhibition*, New Rochelle, NY
Art in the Park, Ridgefield, CT
Port Jervis Fine Art Fair, Port Jervis, NY
White Plains 42nd Annual Outdoor Arts Festival, White Plains, NY
Larchmont Manor Park Art Show, Larchmont, NY
Women Artists of the Hudson Valley, Museum of the Hudson Highlands, Cornwall, NY
- 2003 *Larchmont Fine Arts Festival*, Larchmont, NY
Third Annual American Crafts Festival, New Rochelle, NY

EDUCATION

- 1996 M.A.: Journalism, Emphasis: International, New Media, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, MO
1991 B.A.: French, Minors: Music, Mathematics, Business, *summa cum laude*, Northern Michigan, University, Marquette, MI
1991 Certificate, 1-year Japanese Language, Art & History, Japan Center for Michigan Universities, Hikone, Shiga, Japan

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