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Artist Statement

My goal as an artist is to portray the symbiotic relationship between the natural world and the living universe. Working in mixed media, I depict nature through the lens of environmental sustainability, capturing viewpoints of the flora and fauna that inhabit a particular landscape. Traveling to endangered regions gives me new perspectives on the need for sustainability and inspires much of my artwork. I began working creatively to convey environmental awareness in 2017 and have since devoted myself full-time to ecologically focused art and climate justice.

Galleries, Professional Memberships and Residencies

- Torpedo Factory Artists' Association Juried Member, 2024-present
- Gallery 75 Juried Member, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 2022-present
- Artist in Residence, Palette 22 Washington, DC, 2024-present
- Signature Juried Member, National Association of Women Artists, 2023-present

Curatorial and Juror Experience

- Jan 5-27, 2024: Curator: "Visions of Resilience: Art for Climate Justice," Delray Artisans
- May, Sept. 2023: Juror for the Capitol Hill Arts League monthly challenges

Teaching Experience

- March 23, 2024: "Collage City Spires and Skylines" Delray Artisans
- Jan 13, 2024: "EcoArt: Collage Landscapes for Climate Awareness" Delray Artisans
- Sep 2007-June 2017: Master Gardener: led environmental education and creative projects; consulted with FCPS and parks on establishing pollinator and vegetable gardens

Art Exhibits and Awards

2025 Solo Exhibition

- June 1-30: "EcoArt for Climate Awareness," Hunters Woods Gallery, Reston, VA

2025 Juried Group Exhibition

- Jan 23 - : Winter Solstice Exhibit, Nepenthe Gallery, Alexandria, VA

2024 Solo Exhibitions

- March 27-June 30: Potomac Falls Health Center Solo Exhibit
- March 11-21: "Earth Echoes", Dumbarton Concert Series Featured Artist Solo Show
- April - May: "Flora and Fauna," Green Spring Gardens, Alexandria, VA
- July 5- July 28: "Earth Awakened: An Artistic Exploration of Ecological Consciousness," Stone Tower Gallery, Glen Echo, MD
- October 8-December 2: "Voices of the Earth," Bodzin Gallery, Fairfax, VA

2024 Juried Group Shows

- May 1 - May 31 "May Flowers" Van Landingham Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 2nd place Best In Show for "Motherhood"
- McLean Art Society Spring Thing show, juried honorable mention for "Potomac Bluebells"
- May 7 - Sept 5: Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital CHAL Juried exhibit
- April 27-June 30 Alexandria Party4TheArts
- April 20 - May 5 Art At The Mill Regional Juried Exhibit
- April 10-May 5 April Open Exhibit, Art League of Alexandria

- March 5-27 March Open Exhibit, Art League of Alexandria
- March 1-30 "March Luck" Van Landingham Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center
- Mar 12 – Apr 12 "Destinations," The Mansion at Strathmore, Rockville, MD
- Jan 12 - Feb 19: Touchstone Gallery Virtual Figures Exhibit, Washington, DC
- Jan 10-28: "Still Life," The Art League Gallery at Torpedo Factory, Alexandria VA
- Jan 8-May 4: Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital Regional Juried Exhibit, DC
- Nov 18-Jan 7: Glen Echo Holiday Art Show and Sale, Glen Echo, MD
- Year round: juried member of Gallery 75, TFAC

2023 Select Juried Group Shows

- Dec 2-9: "Rhythm" Dumbarton Concert Series exhibit, Washington, DC
- Dec 2-3: Occoquan Regional Holiday Fair, juried fine art vendor
- Dec 17 - Jan 8: Gifts from the HeART Fundraiser for Cornerstones, Reston, VA
- Jan-Dec Capitol Hill Arts Workshop: "Color Explosion," "Environmental Chaos" (**Honorable Mention**) and "Dislocation"
- Sept 1-4: Glen Echo Labor Day Art Show
- Jul 30-Aug 7: "People and The Planet" Touchstone Gallery International Exhibit
- Art League of Alexandria, TFAC: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Aug, Sept, Nov (**Honorable Mention** for "Requiem for Winter," "Tomorrow is Another Day," and "Still Standing")
- Oct 1: Mclean Project for the Arts Mid-Atlantic Art Fest
- Apr 27: Britepaths' Artful Living Juried Fundraiser, Fairfax, VA (**First Place Award**)
- April ("Discord") and August ("It's Only Natural") Capitol Hill Arts Workshop Juried Monthly Challenges: **First Place**
- Del Ray Artisans Gallery: "The Unseen," (**Honorable Mention**) "Fun With One," "A Tale of Two Studios," "American Patchwork," Alcove Gift Shop, and Spring Art Market
- March: League of Reston Artists Founders Show Juried Awards (**Honorable Mention**)

2022 Select Juried Group Shows

- Art League of Alexandria Gallery exhibits at Torpedo Factory: Feb, Mar, Apr, May, July, Dec. (**two Honorable Mention Awards**)
- Gallery 75 at the Torpedo Factory juried member: year-round
- Apr 2- May 1 "Decades Ahead, Visions of the Future," Glen Echo Popcorn Gallery
- May 2-5: Glen Echo Labor Day Art Show
- April-May: Ice House Gallery group exhibit, Morgan WV
- Falls Church Art Gallery Exhibits: "Make Me Happy" **Honorable Mention** for "Wild"
- April: Hunters Woods Gallery "Reflected Light" exhibit and juried award: **Honorable Mention** for Moonshadow

Media

- April 9, 2024: Canvas Rebel magazine feature
- Dec 2023 "Visions of Resilience" exhibit featured on WTOP news and VA Dogwood News
- Nov 2023: Sketchbook Revival Featured Artist
- Nov 2023: International "It's Liquid Contest", Honorable Mention and Featured Interview
- Oct 2023: Artsy Shark Featured Artist
- July 2023: Capitol Hill Arts Workshop "Mind of the Artist" Feature

Education

Fine Art Coursework

- 2016-present: extensive coursework at the Art League of Alexandria, Lorton Workhouse Art Center, Golden Certified Artists, and internationally renowned instructors virtually

American University, Washington D.C.

- 1996: Master's Degree in International Development, public health concentration

Muhlenberg College, Allentown PA

- 1992: Bachelor of Arts in English and International Studies; coursework in ceramics and painting

Work and Volunteer Experience

- 2007-2017: Master Gardener, Green Spring Gardens, Virginia Cooperative Extension
- 2017-2019: Master Food Educator, Virginia Cooperative Extension
- 2006-2016: Freelance writer and photographer: *Horticulture, Virginia Gardner, & Mother Earth News, Virginia Cooperative Extension*
- 2000-2006: Program Analyst, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- 1996-2000: Project Leader, Prevention Study, ROW Sciences, Rockville, MD