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EXPERIENCE

Self-employed artist, known for realist drawings and paintings (colored pencil, oil and acrylics), including commissioned work.

Instructor since 1990 at the Dunedin Fine Art Center, Dunedin, Florida, teaching drawing, colored pencil, oil and acrylic painting. Workshop instructor, various art centers and art organizations in Florida, and Springmaid (SC), Dillman's (WI), Albuquerque NM, Portland OR. Featured workshop presenter at the Colored Pencil Society of America's annual conventions, 2005, 2010. Registered teacher with the Michael Wilcox School of Color and demonstration artist for Chartpak, Canson, and other companies.

Other experience includes teaching at the Museum of Fine Art, St. Petersburg; gallery installation; guest lectures; show judging; instructing design and illustration at St. Petersburg College and Tampa College; agency and free-lance graphic design.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

President, former ways and means director, and ten year merit signature member and CPX signature member of the Colored Pencil Society of America (CPSA); past President of CPSA District Chapter 113; board member and past newsletter editor, Professional Association of Visual Artists (PAVA); signature member and newsletter editor, Miniature Artists of America; member and past board member, Miniature Art Society of Florida; Florida Artist Group; Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Society of Washington DC; Cider Painters of America

PUBLICATIONS

The Artist's Magazine, October 2012, "Mix It Up" (step by step mixed media technique with colored pencil); *CPSA Signature Showcase* (2010); *Modern Masters of Miniature Art in America* by Wes Seigrist (2010); *Creative Colored Pencil Portraits* by Vera Curnow (one of 16 featured artists, 1996); *The Best of Colored Pencil 2* (1994); *The Best of Colored Pencil III* (1996); *The Best of Colored Pencil 5* (1999); *Portrait Inspirations* (1997); *Creative Colored Pencil*, by Vera Curnow (1995) (Curnow and *Best of CP* all from Rockport Publishers); *The Best of Portrait Painting* (North Light Books, 1997)
American Artist Magazine, November 1996, "Methods & Materials: Drawing with Wax-Based Colored Pencils," by Christopher Willard (Reprinted in *American Artist Drawing Highlights*, 1999)

GRANTS

Artists Resource Fund and Professional Development grants from Pinellas County Cultural Affairs Department (formerly Pinellas County Arts Council), 2000 and 2008

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts (painting), summa cum laude, 1974, Lake Erie College (Ohio)

PATRONS/COLLECTIONS

Artwork commissioned by Cumberland Pencil Co. (Keswick, England) for Derwent pencil promotion and advertising (2004, 2008), product packaging and brochures. Artwork also featured in brochures and advertising for Stonehenge paper by Legion Paper, Canson paper, Bruynzeel, Derwent and Prismacolor colored pencils, and Staedtler-Mars product packaging.

"Tour Artist" for the Dunedin Historical Society since 1998, illustrating the homes on the Society's biennial fundraising tours, their museum, and other historic buildings.

Other clients include numerous individuals; Pinellas County, Florida (St. Petersburg - Clearwater International Airport); Morton Plant Mease Health Care Foundation (Clearwater); Frazer, Hubbard, Brandt, Trask & Yacovone LLP (Dunedin); Florida Eye Center (St. Petersburg); Berkeley Preparatory School (Tampa); McDonald's regional office (Cleveland OH); Wesley Health Care Center (Saratoga Springs NY); Herman, Cahn & Schneider (Cleveland OH); and Lake Erie College (Painesville OH).

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SELECTED EXHIBITIONS/AWARDS

International Colored Pencil Exhibitions, Colored Pencil Society of America, Birmingham MI 1993 (Artistic Merit Award); Lake Oswego OR 1994; Cleveland 1995; Chicago 1997; Arlington, VA 1998; Ft. Worth 2002 (Award for Excellence); Memphis 04, Chicago 05; Bethesda 07 (Award for Excellence); Los Gatos CA 10; Dallas 11; Covington KY 12; Daytona Beach 14, Bethesda 17 Chicago 18, Brea CA 19
"Explore This!" CPSA Exhibitions: Online, 2010 (Award for Excellence); 2011 (Award for Excellence); 2015 and 2020 (Award for Excellence); in galleries, Stuart FL, 2003 (Friends of CPSA Award); Brea CA 2007
Richeson 75 "Small Works" National Juried Show, Kimberly WI, 2011 (catalog cover selection), 2012, 15, 17 (Honorable Mention)
Annual International Miniature Art Shows, Miniature Art Society of Florida, 2002 – 17, Judge for 2018 exhibition: (2002 - 1st/ Drawing & Pastel, 2003 - Honorable Mention/Figure; 2004 - 3rd/Human Figure, 2007 - 1st/Drawing & Pastel, 2008 - 1st/Human Figure, 2012 - 2nd/Drawing & Pastel, 2015 - 1st/Drawing & Pastel, 2016 - 1st/Human Figure, 2020/3rd Drawing & Pastel)
Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Society of Washington, DC, Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature, Washington, DC, 2006 – 19, numerous awards
Cider Painters of America Annual International Exhibit, 2008 – 19, numerous awards
Lee County Alliance for the Arts, Ft Myers, All Florida 2017, Best of Show
Fifth Ave Gallery, Melbourne, Pure Florida 2017, Merit Award
Anniversary Exhibitions, Ridge Art Center, Winter Haven, 2004, 05, 08 (2nd), 2009, 11, 12, 14 (3rd Place), 15, 16 (2nd Place), 17, 18, 19, 20 (Award of Excellence)
Autumn Artfest, Live Oak (FL) Artists Guild, 2000-17, numerous awards 2000 (2nd Place), 2004 (Honorable Mention), 2005 (Judge's Choice), 2006 (1st Place), 2008 (3rd Place), 2010 (3rd Place & Peoples' Choice), 2011 (Best of Show), 2015 (3rd/Drawing), 2016, 2017 (Judge's Choice), 2018 (1st Drawing, 2019 (3rd /Drawing)
Florida Artist Group Annual Exhibitions, 1997 – 2018; 3 Best of Show awards: 01, 06, 09, and others
Biennial National Exhibit, Visual Art Center, Punta Gorda, 2004 (Special Merit Award, Judge: Daniel Greene), 2006, 2010, 2012, 2014 (award), 2018, 2020
"The Human Element" National Colored Pencil Show, Dunedin Fine Art Center, 2005 (Merit Award)
Florida Artist Group, Areas III and IV Exhibition, Longboat Key Center for the Arts, 2005 (2nd Place)
World Federation of Miniaturists, 3rd Worldwide Exhibition, Ripley Center, Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC, 2004 (Judge's Award of Excellence); 4th Worldwide, Tasmania, Australia, 2008
Lake Oswego Festival of the Arts International Miniature Art Show, Lake Oswego, OR, 2002 (1st Place for Colored Pencil)
58th Anniversary Florida Artists Juried Exhibition, Lake Worth Art League, 1999 (3rd Place)
"Points of Color," Statewide Colored Pencil Exhibit, Cornell Museum of Art & History, Delray Beach, 1998 (2nd Place, pure colored pencil category)

SELECTED ARTS FESTIVAL AWARDS:

Out of the Blue Festival of Art, Clearwater, FL 2004 (Award of Merit), 2005 (Honorable Mention) 2006 (Award of Distinction)
Lake Wales Art Show, Lake Wales, FL, 1996, 1997 (Award of Distinction), 2003 (Award of Distinction)
Palm Harbor Arts, Crafts & Music Festival, Palm Harbor, FL, 1994 (Award of Distinction); 1995 (Festival T-shirt); 1996 (Honorable Mention); 1997 (Award of Merit); 2002 (Honorable Mention)
Art Harvest, Dunedin, FL, 1993 - 95, 1996 (Award of Distinction), 1997
Images in Art, Ocala, FL, 1994 - 97 (1994 & 96, Awards of Honor, Purchase Awards)
Mainsail Arts Festival, St. Petersburg, FL, 1994 - 95, 1996 (Award of Merit), 1997
Mt. Dora Arts Festival, Mt. Dora, FL, 1996 (Merit Award), 1997

OTHER EXHIBITIONS INCLUDE:

"Water's Edge" solo show, St Petersburg College, Seminole, FL, 2016
"Return to the Water's Edge" (2015) and "Water's Edge" (2009) solo shows, Pasco Hernando State College, New Port Richey
"Life's a Beach IV," "Surf's Up! 1 and 2," "Speed" Invitational Exhibitions, Ormond Memorial Museum, Ormond Beach, 2002, 2008, 2011, 2012
Florida Museum for Women Artists, Deland, Inaugural Exhibition, 2009
CPSA "Signature Showcase" Invitational, Cornell Museum of Art & History, Delray Beach, 2006
Regional Juried Exhibition, Thomas Center Galleries, Gainesville, 2005
"Illuminated Landscapes" Three person show, Visual Poetry Gallery, St. Petersburg, December 2004
"Inspirations 2003" statewide juried show, Cornell Museum of Art, Delray Beach, 2003
"Between Sand and Sky," solo show, Dunedin Fine Art Center, 2002
"Tight Focus" solo show, Dunedin Fine Art Center, 1996