

Martha Bird

Visual Artist—Sculptural Basketry

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Born in Newark, New York

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SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2021-22 *Body Fragmented*, Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, WI
Body Work, Susan Hensel Gallery, artsy.net, (catalog, invitational)
Willow in Motion, The Windows on Cedar—Susan Hensel Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (invitational)
- 2021 *Rooted Reckonings*, Kaddatz Galleries, Fergus Falls, MN (invitational)
- 2019-20 *Basketry To Enhance Health*, Hennepin County Library—East Lake, Minneapolis, MN
- 2019 *The Forest Breathes*, Otter Tail County Historical Museum, Fergus Falls, MN
Listen, Kaddatz Galleries, Fergus Falls, MN
Holistic Practice: A Nurse and Her Art, University of MN, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018 *Weaving Wellness: Art, Community and Mental Health Resilience*, MN History Center, St. Paul, MN

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022-23 *Art Ability*, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA (international, juried)
- 2022 *Uncommon Threads*, San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center/Southern California Open Regional Exhibitions, Encino, CA (international, juried)
Eye to Eye, Fresh Eye Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (invitational)
Two Hundred Six, Art at the Bridgewater, Minneapolis, MN (invitational)
Colors of Spring, ArT @ 967 Payne, St. Paul, MN (three person exhibit, invitational)
- 2021-22 *Art Ability*, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA (international, juried)
- 2021 *Woven*, Inez Greenberg Gallery, Artistry, Bloomington, MN (three person exhibit, juried)
Art of Possibilities, Courage Kenny Foundation, Minneapolis, MN (international, juried)
Collars for RBG, Kaddatz Galleries, Fergus Falls, MN (invitational)
- 2020 *Fine Arts Exhibition*, MN State Fair, St. Paul, MN (juried)
Observation: The Human Form, Art Works, Eagan, MN
- 2019 *inVISIBLE*, UCare Health Plan & CIRCA Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (juried)
What Is Forbidden, Catherine G. Murphy Gallery, St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN (juried)
More Basketry, Celebrating Our Community, Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center, Bowling Green, KY
- 2018 *Art in Bloom*, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017-18 *All Things Considered 9: Basketry in the 21st Century*, Tacoma, WA (touring, catalog, juried)
To Really See, Minneapolis, MN (touring)
- 2017 *Forever Home*, Duluth Art Institute, Duluth, MN (juried)
Anguish and Hope, Vine Arts Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (juried)
More to Consider 2, National Basketry Organization, Kittridge Gallery, Tacoma, WA

GALLERY AFFILIATION

ArtForce, Minneapolis, MN

Susan Hensel Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (+Artsy.net)

SELECTED GRANTS, AWARDS and HONORS

- 2023 Minnesota State Arts Board, *Creative Support for Individuals Grant*
- 2022 Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, *Arts Impact for Individuals Grant*
Minnesota State Arts Board, *Creative Support for Individuals Grant*

- Artability, St. Paul, MN, *First Place Award—Drawing, “Expansion/Contraction”*
 Art Ability, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA, *Third Place Award—Jewelry and Fine Craft, “Creel Purse”* (international)
- 2021 McKnight Visual Artist Fellowship, *Finalist*
 Minnesota State Arts Board, *Creative Support for Individuals Grant*
- 2019 Minnesota State Arts Board, *Artist Initiative Grant*
 Anderson Center at Tower View, Red Wing, MN, *Residency*
- 2018 Springboard for the Arts, Fergus Falls, MN, *Hinge Arts Career Development Residency*
- 2017 Artability, St. Paul, MN, *Best Social Commentary Award, “Medicine Basket with Safety Net”*

RESIDENCIES

- 2022 Lanesboro Arts & Jerome Foundation Artist Residency, Lanesboro, MN
- 2019 Anderson Center at Tower View, Red Wing, MN
- 2018 Hinge Arts Career Development Residency, Springboard for the Arts, Fergus Falls, MN

SELECTED INSTALLATIONS

- 2022 *Process of Wholeness*, Sylvan Park, Lanesboro, MN (single piece display, outdoor)
- 2021 *Intertwining Stories: A Macro Macramé (Macromé!) Project*, Art Works, Eagan, MN (group)
- 2017 *The Sculptural Form*, recycled materials installation, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA (group)

SELECTED COLLABORATIONS

- 2022 *Swirls Cathead Basket, Flat Weaving Swirls, Forest Swirls, Swirls Collage* (multidisciplinary),
 Collaborator: Danielle Day
 exhibited in *Eye to Eye*, Fresh Eye Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2021 *Willow Dance* (multidisciplinary), Collaborator: Shannon Hartle
 exhibited at Springboard for the Arts, St. Paul, MN; Eagan Art House, Eagan, MN.
Harmonious Pathway: Embracing the Unexpected (multidisciplinary, national), WIT eXchange,
 Collaborators: Sally Ault, Tina O’Brien
RBG: One Step at a Time (multidisciplinary), Collaborators: Natalia Pederson, Angélica Morales
 exhibited at Art Works, Eagan, MN; Ames Center, Burnsville, MN
- 2018 *Wayward* (multidisciplinary), Collaborators: Chris Mueller, Craig Gilbert
 exhibited at Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN

SELECTED COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY-BASED ART

- 2022 *The Ahimsa Tree: a Collaboration*, Vail Place Garage Mural, Minneapolis, MN
- 2021 *38th Street Resilience Project* (at George Floyd Square), Metro Blooms, Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center & University of MN Bee Lab, Minneapolis, MN
- 2020 *2020*, Avivo ArtWorks Community Mural with COMPAS, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN
- 2019 *South’s Heart—Family Engagement Center*, South High School/Art to Change the World, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016-19 *Stories of Humor, Hope and Healing*, History Theater, St. Paul, MN.

COLLECTIONS

Public

- Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Main Line Health, Malvern, PA
- Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, MN
- Minnesota History Center, St. Paul, MN
- Newark-Arcadia Historical Society, Newark, NY
- Romulus Historical Society, Romulus, MI

Private

Art Partners (Project Collaborator for a national cause based art program), Minneapolis, MN
Large national healthcare provider, Glendale, CA; Carmel, IN; Muncie, IN; Lutz, FL; Tampa, FL; Twin Lakes, FL, Indianapolis, IN; Charleston WV
Farmboy Fine Arts (Project Collaborator), Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
Modera Six Pines—Millcreek Residential, Shenandoah, TX

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2022 "Lanesboro Arts hosts willow sculptor this fall," Winonapost, July 27.
"Biannual Community Report" (sculptures on cover), Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, WI, May. 5.
- 2021 Jonathan M. Clark, "Body Work: Martha Bird and the Art of Mortality," Susan Hensel Gallery, Artsy.net, November 15.
Heather Kantrud, "Kaddatz Galleries showcasing three artists," *The Daily Journal*, Fergus Falls, MN, June 9.
"Artistry presents 'Woven' at the Inez Greenberg Gallery" (video), Artistry, January 20.
- 2020 Laine Bergeson, "The wonders of weaving," *Star Tribune*, Minneapolis, MN, March 22 (invitational).
- 2019 Ruth Nerhaugen, "Weaving Toward Wholeness," *Republican Eagle*, Red Wing, MN, August 17. B6.
- 2018 Kristin Goosen, "Baskets and Books," *Daily Journal*, Fergus Falls, MN, April 4.
Members in Print: Vessels (Juror: Jane Sauer), *National Basketry Organization*, (71), Summer. 5.
- 2017 Kelly Savage, "Business Spotlight—Martha Bird: Artist," *Corcoran Newspaper*, Minneapolis MN.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AS AUTHOR

- 2017-18 Published writer on basketry, Irish Basketmakers Association, Association of MI Basketmakers, MN Basket Weaver's Guild (6 articles).

SELECTED TEACHING and MENTORING

- 2017-present Mentoring, Basketry/Artist Career Support, 13 individuals, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2022 *Willow Preparation/Gathering*, Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center, Lanesboro, MN, August 27.
Brigid's Cross, Sylvan Park, Lanesboro, MN, August 23.
Mindful Art: Basketry, Vail Place, Minneapolis, MN, March - November (monthly).
- 2021 *Brigid's Cross: Symbol of Protection*, Red Hot Art Festival, Minneapolis, MN, July 11.
- 2019 *Winter Wellness: Basketry*, Hennepin County Library—East Lake, Minneapolis, MN, December 29.
Brigid's Cross, Nature-Based Therapeutic Services, University of MN, Chaska, MN, November 6.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS, ARTIST TALKS and PANELS

- 2022 Artist Talk, *Uncommon Threads*, San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center/Southern California Open Regional, virtual, December 3.
Artist Talk & Critique, *Engaging in Criticism & Creating Open Dialogues* (juror William G. Franklin), Fresh Eye Gallery, Minneapolis, MN, October 22.
Artist Talk, Discussion & Sculpture Reveal, Sylvan Park, Lanesboro, MN, September 8.
Presentation & Discussion, *Basketry and Wellness*, St. Mane Theater, Lanesboro, MN, August 20.
Artist Talk, *Two Hundred Six*, Art at the Bridgewater, Minneapolis, MN, May 2.
- 2021 Artist Talk, *Rooted Reckonings*, Kaddatz Galleries, Fergus Falls, MN, June 19.
Presentation, *Addressing Stigma: Reclaiming Basketry*, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN, May 4.
Artist Talk, *Woven*, Artistry, Bloomington, MN, February 9.
- 2019 Presentation, *Basket Weaving for Healing PTSD in Veterans*, VA Hospital, Minneapolis, MN, May 14.
- 2018-19 Presentation, *Reclaiming Basketry: Working Through Stigma to Reach Creative Potential* (various locations including Society of Arts + Crafts, Fuller Craft Museum, MN Historical Society)
- 2018 Artist Talk, Minnesota History Center, St. Paul, MN, September 25.

- Artist Talk, Minnesota Orchestra, Minneapolis, MN, January 14.
 2017 Panel, *To Really See*, Hennepin County Library—Central, Minneapolis, MN, September 27.

ART DEMONSTRATIONS

- 2022 Lanesboro Arts Artist-in-Residence, Lanesboro Farmers Market, Lanesboro, MN
 2021 *CollabArts Vol.3*, Springboard for the Arts, St. Paul, MN
 2017 *Fiber Festival*, North Star Farm Tour, Windswept Hill Farm & Studio, Farmington, MN

SELECTED CURATORIAL

- 2018 *Weaving Wellness: Art, Community, and Mental Health Resilience*, MN History Center, St. Paul, MN
 2017 *Water’s Edge*, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, MN

SELECTED RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- 2018-present Subject Matter Expert and Curriculum Review (Basketry), Scouts BSA
 2001-present Nurse Consultant, Health Counseling Services, MN
 2022 Expert Review Panelist, American Holistic Nurses Credentialing Corporation
 Grant Panelist, Arts Impact for Groups, Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, Minneapolis, MN
 2020-21 Grant Panelist, Flexible Support (Rounds 1,2, 3), Metro Regional Arts Council, Minneapolis, MN
 2019 Grant Panelist, Artist Initiative, Minnesota State Arts Board, St. Paul, MN
 Volunteer, *YouBetcha*, Patrick Dougherty Sculpture (5 days), MN Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, MN
 Instructional Support Staff, Occupational Therapy Program, University of MN
 2018 Client Instructor, Occupational Therapy Program, University of MN, Minneapolis, MN; Rochester, MN
 2017-22 Nurse Assessment Specialist, CHCS Services, MN
 2016-22 Member, Avivo ArtWorks Collective, Minneapolis, MN
 2003-07 Member, 26th Street Artists: Pre-vocational Creative Arts Program, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN
 Art Program Volunteer, Interact Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, Minneapolis, MN
 Participant Artist, Interact Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, Minneapolis, MN

EDUCATION

- 2002 MA in Human Development, St. Mary’s University, Minneapolis, MN (Focus: Holistic Health)
 1987 BS with Distinction in Nursing, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
 2018 Women’s Art Institute, St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN
 1993-present Basketry and other art classes, nationally and internationally known teachers