

## MARTHA BIRD

### Curriculum Vitae

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#### **AWARDS, GRANTS and HONORS**

- 2025      Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, *Arts Impact for Individuals Grant*  
Minnesota State Arts Board, *Creative Individuals Grant*
- 2024      Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, *Arts Impact for Individuals Grant*  
Minnesota Department of Human Services, *Minnesota Individualized Microgrant*
- 2023      Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, *Arts Impact for Individuals Grant*  
Minnesota Department of Human Services, *Minnesota Individualized Microgrant*  
Sievers School of Fiber Arts, Washington Island, WI, *Merit Scholarship*  
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, Union Depot, 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*  
Minnesota Social Service Association, MSSA 128th Conference, *Visual Centerpiece Award “Healing Burst”*
- 2020      North Country Studio Workshops, Bennington, VT, *Merit Scholarship*  
Avivo & UnitedHealth Group, *Artist Feature Video “This is Martha’s Story”*
- 2019      Minnesota State Arts Board, *Artist Initiative Grant*  
Vocational Rehabilitation Services, *Small Business Art Grant*  
Vocational Rehabilitation Services, *Small Business Disability Expenses Grant*  
Teladoc Health, *Honorable selection for International Holiday Card, “Rebirth”*  
Avivo, Minneapolis, MN, *Compassionate Community Leader Award*  
Avivo, Minneapolis, MN, *Artists in Community Award*
- 2018      Women’s Art Institute, St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN, *Merit Scholarship*  
People Incorporated, St. Paul, MN, *Honorable selection for Visual Art Notecard, “Flowing Upstream”*  
Artability, St. Paul, MN, *Honorable Mention—Non-Fiction, “From MI to MN, and Reaching Back Again”*  
Camp Koinonia, Crosslake, MN, *Art at Heart Award*
- 2017      John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, NC, *Merit Scholarship*  
Peters Valley School of Craft, Layton, NJ, *Merit Scholarship*  
Artability, St. Paul, MN, *Best Social Commentary Award, “Medicine Basket with Safety Net”*  
Artability, St. Paul, MN, *Honorable Mention-Non-Fiction, “Shedding the Old, Moving Into the New”*

- National Basketry Organization, *art selected as 1 of 40 out of 332 pieces for US tour, "Braided Curves"*
- 2016 Avivo ArtWorks, Minneapolis, MN, *Artist of the Month*  
Artability, St. Paul, MN, *Honorable Mention—Creative Non-Fiction, "Springtime Ritual"*
- 2006 Artability, St. Paul, MN, *First Place—Creative Non-Fiction, "The Meaning of Spring"*
- 1998 Minnesota State Fair, St. Paul, MN, *Third Place Basketry Award, "Revealed Heart"*

#### **ARTIST RESIDENCIES**

- 2022 *Lanesboro Arts & Jerome Foundation Artist Residency, Lanesboro, MN (August 15 - September 12)*
- 2019 *Anderson Center at Tower View, Red Wing, MN (August)*
- 2018 *Hinge Arts Career Development Residency, Springboard for the Arts, Fergus Falls, MN (March)*

#### **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2024 *Weaving Wholeness*, F-O-K Studios Gallery, St. Paul, MN
- 2023-24 *In Sight; Sight In*, Susan Hensel Gallery, artsy.net (invitational)
- 2023 *A World Beyond*, First Universalist Church, Minneapolis, MN (invitational)  
*in, out, Through*, Kaddatz Galleries, Fergus Falls, MN (invitational)  
Pop up Exhibit, Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, MN (invitational)
- 2021-22 *Body Fragmented*, Gallery Two, Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, WI  
*Body Work*, Susan Hensel Gallery, artsy.net (invitational) (catalog)  
*Willow in Motion*, The Windows on Cedar—Susan Hensel Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (invitational)
- 2021 *What's Next?* Hennepin County Library—East Lake, Minneapolis, MN  
*Rooted Reckonings*, Kaddatz Galleries, Fergus Falls, MN (invitational)  
*Raise Your Voice*, MN Social Services Association
- 2019-20 *Basketry To Enhance Health*, Hennepin County Library—East Lake, Minneapolis, MN (invitational)
- 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  
*Basket Medley*, Hennepin County Library—East Lake, Minneapolis, MN (invitational)
- 2017 *Finding Focus: Returning to a First Love*, First Universalist Church, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 *Connections: A Solo Show from Martha Bird*, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN

## **GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2025      *Mental Health, Finding Creative Solace*, ArtReach St. Croix, Stillwater, MN (juried)  
*Common Threat at the Carnegie*, Carnegie Art Center, Mankato, MN
- 2024-25   Art Ability Exhibition and Sale, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA (juried, international)
- 2024      *Constellation: Womens invitational Small Works Show*, SLA Gallery, NY, NY (invitational, international)  
*Women Take the Walls*, Garrett Museum of Art, Garrett, IN (invitational)  
*Unearthed*, Art@967 Payne, St. Paul, MN (invitational)  
*What Fierce Looks Like: Artists of the Women's Art Institute*, Form + Content, Minneapolis, MN (juried)  
*50/50 Postcard Exhibition*, Atlantic Gallery, Chelsea Arts District, New York, NY  
*Artability Art Show*, Union Depot, St. Paul, MN  
*A Common Thread 2024*, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2023-24   Art Ability Exhibition and Sale, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA (juried, international)
- 2023      *My Stories*, History Theatre, St. Paul, MN (invitational)  
*Momentary Certainties 2023*, Eagan Art House, Eagan, MN (invitational)  
*KINETIC*, The Cultural Center of Cape Cod, Yarmouth, MA (juried, international)  
*Tenuous Threads*, Atlantic Gallery, Chelsea Arts District, New York, NY (Juror: Patricia Miranda, Founder, The Crit Lab & MAPSpace, New York, NY) (catalog)  
*From Fiber*, Springfield Art Association Visual Art Center, Springfield, IL (Juror: Ann Coddington, Professor of Art at Eastern Illinois University)  
*Fine Arts Exhibition*, MN State Fair, Fine Arts Center, St. Paul, MN (Juror: Katayoun Amjadi)  
*Fibers of Nature*, Hayloft Gallery, Floyd Center for the Arts, Floyd, VA (juried)  
*From the Earth*, Kavanagh Gallery, Fine Line Creative Arts Center, St. Charles, IL (juried)  
*Ruby Red*, Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, WI (juried)  
*REVOLUTIONARY: the feminine perspective beyond 50*, Fresh Eye Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (juried)  
*Celebrating Creativity: 6th Annual Member/Supporter Exhibit*, Art Works, Eagan, MN (juried)  
*Winter Maker's Fair*, First Universalist Church, Minneapolis, MN  
*CAFAC x MSS: Student Showcase*, Fresh Eye Gallery, Minneapolis, MN  
*Artability Art Show*, Union Depot, St. Paul, MN  
*Powderhorn Art Fair*, Fresh Eye Arts, Powderhorn Park, Minneapolis MN  
*In the Middle*, Hub Gallery, MSS, St. Paul, MN  
*Good Together*, Fresh Eye Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2022-23   Art Ability Exhibition and Sale, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA (juried, international)
- 2022      *Colors of Spring*, ArT @ 967 Payne, St. Paul, MN (three person exhibition, invitational)  
*Two Hundred Six*, Art at the Bridgewater, Minneapolis, MN (invitational, curated by Alison Price)  
*Eye to Eye*, Fresh Eye Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (invitational)  
*Uncommon Threads*, San Fernando Valley Arts & Cultural Center/Southern California Open Regional Exhibitions, Encino, CA (Juror: Jeanne Medina Le, Assistant Professor 3D Media & Program Head—Fiber, California State University Long Beach) (international)  
*Yulemart*, Fresh Eye Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (juried)  
*Life in the Details* (touring), Art Works, Eagan, MN; Ames Center, Burnsville, MN (juried)  
*Artability Art Show*, Union Depot, St. Paul, MN
- 2021-22   Art Ability Exhibition and Sale, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Malvern, PA (juried, international)

- Crossroads*, Best Buy Foundation Gallery, Hennepin Theater Trust, Minneapolis, MN
- 2021 *Collars for RBG*, Kaddatz Galleries, Fergus Falls, MN (invitational)  
*Woven*, Inez Greenberg Gallery, Artistry, Bloomington, MN (three person exhibition, juried)  
*CollabArts Vol.3*, Springboard for the Arts, St. Paul, MN (juried)  
*Art of Possibilities Art Show & Sale*, Courage Kenny Foundation, Minneapolis, MN (juried, international)  
*Create Connections 2021* (touring), Art Works, Eagan, MN; Ames Center, Burnsville, MN (juried)  
*Virtual WIT eXchange*, American Association of Woodturners (international)  
*Momentary Certainties 2021*, Eagan Art House, Eagan, MN  
*@TheTable: Disability Arts Feast*, Americorp & MN Council on Disability, Minnesota  
*Overcoming*, Hennepin County Library—East Lake, Minneapolis, MN  
*Reflections: Living Creatively*, Twin Cities Premium Outlets, Eagan, MN  
*Frame of Reference*, Avivo ArtWorks, Minneapolis, MN  
*Virtual Reality*, Fresh Eye Gallery, Minneapolis, MN  
*2020 Reflections & Beyond* Avivo ArtWorks, Minneapolis, MN  
*The Light Show*, Eagan Art House, Eagan, MN
- 2020 *Fine Arts Exhibition*, MN State Fair, Fine Arts Center, St. Paul, MN (Juror: Erin Paradis)  
*Momentary Certainties*, Eagan Art House, Eagan, MN (invitational)  
*Foot in the Door 5: The Virtual Exhibition*, Minneapolis Institute of Art, MN  
*Pop-Up Exhibition*, Hennepin Theater Trust, Minneapolis, MN  
*Virtual*, Tiny Gallery, NordHaus, Minneapolis, MN  
*Collaboration: Annual Member Show*, Art Works, Eagan, MN  
*Observation: The Human Form*, Art Works, Eagan, MN  
*Organized Chaos*, Eagan Art House, Minneapolis, MN  
*Peace in the Home (Shalom Bayit)*, Sabes & St. Paul Jewish Community Center, St. Paul, MN
- 2019-20 *Together We Thrive: ArtWorks at MSP Airport*, Minneapolis, MN  
*Breaking Barriers Through Arts*, Hennepin County Library—Minneapolis Central, Minneapolis, MN  
*Art Made in Community*, Family Justice Center, Minneapolis, MN  
Group Exhibition, Nicollet Diner, Minneapolis, MN
- 2019 *inVISIBLE*, World Mental Health Day, UCare Health Plan & CIRCA Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (juried)  
*What Is Forbidden*, Catherine G. Murphy Gallery, St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN (juried)  
*THIS IS WOMEN'S WORK: Women's Art Institute Class of 2018*, Howard Conn Gallery, Minneapolis, MN  
*Artability Art Show*, Great Hall, St. Paul, MN  
*Achieving Dreams*, Hyatt Hotel, Minneapolis, MN  
*Winter Market*, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN  
*Greatest of All Time (GOAT)*, Artability, The Show Gallery, St. Paul, MN  
*More Basketry, Celebrating Our Community*, Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center, Bowling Green, KY  
*A Week's Work, Tradition & Innovation in Basketry 10*, West Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY  
*Summer Market Preview Sale*, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN  
*Avivo at Blick Art Materials*, Blick Art Materials, Roseville, MN  
*Avivo Private Party with Funders*, Minneapolis, MN (invitational)  
*Art Works = More Than the Sum Of Its Parts*, Art Works, Eagan, MN  
*United Practice*, University of MN, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018-19 *Art at Work: Membership Invitational Showcase*, Art Works, Eagan, MN (invitational)
- 2018 *Whimsical Weaving*, Association of Michigan Basketmakers Convention, Bellaire, MI (juried)

- Winter Market*, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN  
*Artability Art Show*, Great Hall, St. Paul, MN  
*Monochromatic*, Theater in the Round, Minneapolis, MN  
*Having Resiliency*, Unity Church-Unitarian, St. Paul, MN  
*Work from The Women's Art Institute*, Catherine Murphy Gallery, St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN  
*Pop Up Sale*, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN  
*Art on the Lake*, Minnetonka, MN  
*Art in Bloom*, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN  
*Hopeful*, Park Square Theater, St. Paul, MN  
*Reflections*, Park Square Theater, St. Paul, MN  
*Exploring Waters*, Park Square Theater, St. Paul, MN  
*A Rare and Revealing Look at Mental Illness*, History Theater, St. Paul, MN  
*A Common Thread*, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN  
*Stages: One Step at a Time*, Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017-20     *The Beauty of It All* (rotating art), Family Partnership, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017-18     *All Things Considered 9: Basketry in the 21st Century* (touring), Tacoma, WA; Layton, NJ; Boston, MA  
 (Juror: Lloyd Herman, Founding Director, Renwick Gallery, Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC) (catalog)  
*Photovoice Empowerment Photography: To Really See*, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN  
*To Really See* (touring exhibition), Cargill Gallery and University of MN, Minneapolis, MN; St. Luke's Hospital, Duluth, MN
- 2017         *Water's Edge*, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, MN (invitational)  
*Anguish and Hope*, Vine Arts Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (juried)  
*Forever Home*, Duluth Art Institute, Duluth, MN (juried)  
*Art of Possibilities Art Show & Sale*, Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute, Golden Valley, MN (juried)  
*Inauguration: Acts of Resistance, Acts of Kindness*, Susan Hensel Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (juried)  
*Art 4 Shelter*, Le Meridien Chambers Hotel, Minneapolis, MN (juried)  
*Divergent Offerings*, Women's Art Resources of MN, The Show Gallery, St. Paul, MN  
*Winter Market*, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN  
*Artability Art Show*, The Great Hall, St. Paul, MN  
*Art 4 Shelter*, Le Meridien Chambers Hotel, Minneapolis, MN  
*Student Exhibition*, John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, NC  
*Celebrating 20 Years: Minnesota Basket Weaver's Guild*, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN  
 Creative Arts, Minnesota State Fair, St. Paul, MN  
*More to Consider 2*, National Basketry Organization, Kittridge Gallery, Tacoma, WA
- 2016-17     *Photovoice Empowerment Photography: Breath of Life*, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016         *A Rare and Revealing Look at Mental Illness*, History Theater, St. Paul, MN  
*Winter Market*, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN  
*Flourish: Artability Art Show*, The Great Hall, St. Paul, MN  
*Zagzum Visual Art Exhibition*, Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN (invitational)
- 2015         *Artability Art Show*, The Great Hall, St. Paul, MN  
*A Rare and Revealing Look at Mental Illness*, History Theater, St. Paul, MN  
*Art & Eating Disorders: Building Community Awareness*, Art Institutes International, Minneapolis, MN (invitational)

- 2013 *Art & Eating Disorders: Building Community Awareness*, Art Institutes International, Minneapolis, MN (invitational)
- 2012 *Artability Art Show*, Mounds Theater, St. Paul, MN
- 2006 *Studio Sale*, Interact Inside Out Gallery, Minneapolis, MN  
*Uncommon Senses*, Inside Out Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2005 *Powderhorn Art Fair*, Powderhorn Park, Minneapolis MN
- 2004 *Transformation—Burn This Show*, Inside Out Gallery, Minneapolis, MN  
*Studio Sale*, Inside Out Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2003-07 *26th Street Artists Biannual Show & Sale*, Minneapolis, MN; Edina, MN; St. Paul, MN
- 1998 Creative Arts, Minnesota State Fair, St. Paul, MN

### **INSTALLATIONS**

- 2024 *Constellations of Connection: Willow Work by Martha Bird*, Vail Communities, St. Paul, MN (13 pieces)  
*Nebula*, Conversations About Mental Health, The Depot Renaissance Hotel, Minneapolis, MN (single piece display)
- 2022 *Weaving Water*, Sarah Nassif & Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, Minneapolis, MN (group)
- 2021 *Intertwining Stories: A Macro Macramé*, Haley Harnagel & Art Works, Eagan, MN (group)
- 2019 *Irish Skib*, Vail Place, Minneapolis, MN (single piece display)
- 2018-19 *Nebula*, Art Works, Eagan, MN (single piece display)
- 2018 *Nebula*, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN (single piece display)
- 2017 *The Sculptural Form*, recycled materials sculptural installation, Barbara De Pirro & University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA (group)  
*I Am*, Artability Art Show, Great Hall, St. Paul, MN (group)
- 2006 *Sensory Perception Installation: Uncommon Senses*, Inside Out Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (group)

### **COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY-BASED ART**

- 2024 *A Quilt of Beauty*, Across a Wide Ocean, (Kao Kalia Yang), Minnesota Marine Art Museum, Winona, MN  
*Hospital Gown Project*, Makwa Studios, Minneapolis, MN (to be exhibited at the Museum of Contemporary Native Arts in 2025)
- 2023 *Horizons: A Participatory Sculpture*, a community response to *Rising Sun: Artists in an Uncertain American* exhibit, Rise Rest Gallery, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art, Philadelphia, PA  
*Powderhorn Art Sled Rally*, Powderhorn Park, Minneapolis, MN

- 2022      *Gingerbread Wonderland*, Galleri at Norway House, Minneapolis, MN  
*Flags Up For: people, places, & ideas*, Powderhorn Art Fair, Powderhorn Park, Minneapolis, MN  
*The Ahimsa Tree: a Collaboration*, Vail Place Garage Mural, Minneapolis, MN
- 2021      *Feeding Connection with Postcard Art*, Stevens Square Neighborhood Organization, Minneapolis, MN  
*38th Street Resilience Project* (at George Floyd Square), Metro Blooms, Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center & University of MN Bee Lab, Minneapolis, MN  
*Hope Signs*, Avivo, 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
- 2018-19   *Avivo Art Garden*, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017      *Bird Nests in Fiber*, North Star Farm Tour, Windswept Hill Farm & Studio, Farmington, MN

#### **PRESENTATIONS, ARTIST TALKS, and PANELS**

- 2025      Artist Talk, *Arts Roseville: Featured Artists Program*, Ramsey County Library - Roseville branch, Roseville, MN, April 12.
- 2024      Artist Video, *Conversations About Mental Health*, The Depot Renaissance Hotel, Minneapolis, MN, October 11.  
Artist Talk, *Weaving for Wellbeing*, Vail Communities, Minneapolis, MN, August 15.  
Artist Talk, *What Fierce Looks Like*, Form + Content, Minneapolis, MN, May 11.  
Artist Talk, *Unearthed*, Art @ 967 Payne, St. Paul, MN, February 16.  
Artist Talk (with basket donation to organization), *Community Engagement & Basketry*, Vail Place, Minneapolis, MN, February 2.
- 2023      Teaching Artist Talk, *Weaving Wellness*, Vail Place, Minneapolis, MN, August 3.  
Artist Talk, *"Art & Soul" with Davu Seru and Martha Bird*, First Universalist Church, Minneapolis, MN, July 16.  
Poetry Reading, *Our Personal Stories in Resilience*, Fresh Eye Gallery, Minneapolis, MN, June 10.  
Artist Talk, Vail Place members at First Universalist Church, Minneapolis, MN, May 24.  
Artist Talk, First Universalist Church, Minneapolis, MN, May 14.  
Artist Talk, MOHR Choice Awards— Arts Employment, Fresh Eye Gallery, Minneapolis, MN April 27.  
Artist Talk, *50 years of Plymouth Drop In Celebration*, Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, MN, March 19.  
Artist Talk, *in, out, Through*. Kaddatz Galleries, Fergus Falls, MN, March 18.  
Artist Talk, *Exploring Art and Architecture in NYC*, Fresh Eye Arts, MSS, St. Paul, MN, January 30.
- 2022      Artist Talk, *Community Engagement & Basketry*, Vail Place, Minneapolis, MN, December 8.  
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 Theatre, Lanesboro, MN, August 20.  
Artist Talk, Lanesboro Arts, Lanesboro, MN, August 16.

- Artist Talk, *Eye to Eye*, First Birthday Bash Fundraiser for Fresh Eye Gallery, Minneapolis, MN, July 9.  
 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.  
 Artist Talk, *Frame of Reference*, Avivo ArtWorks, Minneapolis, MN, June 11.  
 Presentation, *Addressing Stigma: Reclaiming Basketry*, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN, May 4.  
 Artist Talk, *Woven*, Artistry, Bloomington, MN, February 9.  
 Artist Talk, *Art out of the Minneapolis 2020 Uprising*, Avivo ArtWorks, Minneapolis, MN, January 22.
- 2020     Panel, *Fundraising in a Crisis Like COVID*, USA Clubhouse Conference, October 8.  
 Presentation, *Meditation on Mental Health*, First Universalist Church, Minneapolis, MN, October 7.  
 Artist talk & Studio Tour, *Observation: The Human Form*, Art Works, Eagan, MN, September 20.  
 Artist Talk, *Momentary Certainties*, Eagan Art House, Eagan, MN, September 20.
- 2019     Presentation, *Winter Wellness: Basketry*, Hennepin County Library—East Lake, Minneapolis, MN, December 29  
 Presentation, *Reclaiming Basketry: Working Through Stigma To Reach Creative Potential* various locations:  
     Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, MN, December 8.  
     7500 York Cooperative, Edina, MN, November 14.  
     Otter Tail County Historical Museum, Fergus Falls, MN, September 21.  
     Anderson Center at Tower View, Red Wing, MN, August 20.  
     Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA, July 13 (in conjunction with *Rooted, Revived, Reinvented: Basketry in America* exhibit)  
 Artist Talk/Studio Tour, *Sculptural Basketry*, Anderson Center Tower View, Red Wing, MN, August 20.  
 Presentation, *Basket Weaving for Healing PTSD in Veterans: History, Research and Resources*, Veterans Administration Hospital, Minneapolis, MN, May 14.  
 Presentation, *Boost Your Health, Create With Your Hands*, Koinonia Retreat Center, Annandale, MN, April 13.  
 Artist Talk, *United Practice*, University of MN, Minneapolis, MN, March 14.
- 2018     Presentation, *Reclaiming Basketry: Working Through Stigma to Reach Creative Potential* various locations:  
     Program in Occupational Therapy, Center for Allied Health Programs, University of MN , Minneapolis, MN December 12; Rochester, MN, December 13.  
     Association of Michigan Basketmakers Convention, Bellaire, MI, October 24.  
     Minnesota Historical Society, Minnesota History Center, St. Paul, MN, October 9.  
     Health Counseling Services, Minneapolis, MN, September 10.  
     AUW, Koinonia Retreat Center, Annandale, MN, April 14.  
     Kaddatz Galleries, Fergus Falls, MN, March 20.  
     Society of Arts + Crafts, Boston, MA, March 31.  
 Presentation, *Basketry: Beyond Stigma*, Vail Place, Minneapolis, MN, January 16.  
 Co-Presentation, *This is Us Mental Health*, First Universalist, Minneapolis, MN, October 7.  
 Artist Talk, Minnesota History Center, St. Paul, MN, September 25.  
 Artist Talk, *Having Resilience*, Unity Church-Unitarian, St. Paul, MN, August 12.  
 Artist Talk, Catherine G. Murphy Gallery, St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN, July 22.  
 Co-Presentation, *An Evening with the Writers of Strobel Drop-In Center*, Minneapolis, MN, May 31.  
 Artist Talk, Kaddatz Galleries, Fergus Falls, MN, March 13.  
 Presentation, *Prescription Bottle with Marbles in it* (read by Jes Reyes), Cargill Gallery, Hennepin County Library—Minneapolis Central, Minneapolis, MN, February 1.



- Artist Talk, Minnesota Orchestra, Minneapolis, MN, January 14.  
Presentation, *Art Journey: Minnesota To Ireland*, Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, MN, January 10.
- 2017 Artist Talk, The Show Gallery, St. Paul, MN, November 11.  
Co-Presentation, *Collage of Voices* Mental Health, First Universalist, Minneapolis, MN, October 1.  
Panel, *To Really See*, Hennepin County Library—Central, Minneapolis, MN, September 27.  
Presentation, *Art and Ireland*, Vail Place, Minneapolis, MN, September 14.  
Curator Presentation, *Water's Edge*, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, MN, April 29.  
Co-Presentation, Mental Health Ministry, St. Joan of Arc, Minneapolis, MN, April 10.  
Co-Presentation, Strobel Drop in Center, Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, MN, March 23.  
Co-Presentation, *Flashlight Reading*, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN, March 17.  
Presentation, *Service Dog Etiquette*, AKC Dog Show, St. Paul, MN, January 6.
- 2016 Panel, *Storytelling Through Visual Art: A Panel Discussion*, Zagzum Conference for Visual Artists With a Lived Experience of Mental or Physical Disability, Minneapolis, MN, September 10.  
Presentation, *Understanding Service Animals*, Vail Place, Minneapolis, MN, March 16.  
Presentation, *Clubhouses in Hawaii*, Vail Place, Minneapolis, MN, February 23.
- 2014 Co-Presentation, *Telling Our Legacy Story*, AUW, Minneapolis, MN, January 3 and November 19.  
Co-Presentation, Boneshaker Books, Minneapolis, MN, March 7.
- 2013 Presentation, *Ethical Will of Martha Bird*, First Universalist Church, Minneapolis, MN, December 14.
- 2012 Presentation, *Ethical Will of Martha Bird*, Animal Humane Society, Golden Valley, MN, October 11.
- 2003 Presentation, *Tax Information for Independent Contractor*, Health Counseling Services, Minneapolis, MN  
Co-Keynote Presentation, *Pleasure, Passion, and Play: A Pleasure Based Wellness Model*, AUW, Annandale, MN, April 10.
- 2002 Presentation, *Pleasure, Passion, and Play: A Pleasure Based Wellness Model*, St. Mary's University, Minneapolis, MN, May 10.

### **TEACHING and MENTORING**

- 2024 *Design Your Own Square Basket*, F-O-K Studios, St. Paul, MN, November 2, 9.  
*Weaving for Wellbeing*, Vail Place, Minneapolis, MN, June, July, August.
- 2023 *Farmers Market Basket*, Kaddatz Galleries, Fergus Falls, MN, October 21, 22.  
*Weaving Wellness: Farmers Market Basket*, Vail Place, Minneapolis, MN, June 8, 22; July 6, 20, August 3  
Mentoring, Artist Career Support (painter, photographer, mixed media), St. Paul, MN  
*Winter Wellness: Basketry*, Hennepin County Library—East Lake, Minneapolis, MN, February 4.
- 2022 *Willow Preparation/Gathering*, Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center, Lanesboro, MN, August 27.  
*Brigid's Cross*, Sylvan Park, Lanesboro, MN, August 23.  
Individualized Teaching: Basketry/Weaving, (1 individual), Eagan, MN, 7 sessions in May.  
*Mindful Art: Basketry*, Vail Place, Minneapolis, MN, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 15, October 13, November 10.  
Mentoring, Artist Career Support (photographer, painter [2], multimedia [3])

- 2021 *Mindful Art*, Vail Place, Minneapolis, MN, September 30, October 26, December 30.  
*Brigid's Cross: Symbol of Protection*, Red Hot Art Festival, Minneapolis, MN, July 11.  
*Artsy Photography*, Strobel Drop-In Center, Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, MN, July 7.  
*Embroidery: A Stitch in Time*, Avivo ArtWorks, May 14.  
 Mentoring, Artist Career Support, (fashion photographer, digital illustrator), Minneapolis, MN
- 2020-22 Mentoring, Artist Career Support, (fiber artist), Minneapolis, MN
- 2020 Mentoring, Basketry, Minneapolis resident (Lakota), Minneapolis, MN, June-November.  
 Mentoring, Basketry, (suburban park district staff), Eagan, MN
- 2019 *Winter Wellness: Basketry*, Hennepin County Library—East Lake, Minneapolis, MN, December 29.  
*Brigid's Cross*, Nature-Based Therapeutic Services, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum & Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing, University of MN, Chaska, MN, November 6.  
*Boost Your Health, Create With Your Hands*, Koinonia Retreat Center, Annandale, MN, April 13.  
*Let's Make* (needle felting), American Craft Council, RiverCenter, St. Paul, MN, April 5.
- 2017 Mentoring, Artist Career Support, (fiber artist, furniture maker), Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 *Blackout Poetry*, Artist Way Retreat, Plymouth, MN, September 17.  
*Creative Journaling*, Artability, People Inc., Minneapolis, MN, August 20.  
*Mandala Mobiles*, Koinonia Retreat Center, Annandale, MN, April 16.

#### **ART DEMONSTRATIONS**

- 2023 *Art Ability Dinner Celebration*, Main Line Health, Phoenixville Foundry, Phoenixville, PA
- 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

#### **COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS**

- 2023 *Weaving Wellness: Farmers Market Basket* (11), Collaborators: Vail Place Members (14) exhibited in Vail Place, Minneapolis, MN
- 2022 *Community Engagement & Basketry Collaborative Baskets* (10), Collaborators: Vail Place Members (25) exhibited in Vail Place, Minneapolis, MN; *in, out, Through.*, Kaddatz Galleries, Fergus Falls, MN; *50 years of Plymouth Drop In Celebration*, Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, MN; *Our Voices*, History Theater, St. Paul, MN  
*Swirls Cathead Basket, Flat Weaving Swirls, Forest Swirls, Swirls Collage* (multidisciplinary), Collaborator: Danielle Day  
 exhibited in *Eye to Eye*, Fresh Eye Gallery, Minneapolis, MN; *In the Middle*, Hub Gallery, MSS, St. Paul, MN
- 2021-22 *Resilience* (needle felting), Collaborator: Kimberly Laudert  
 exhibited in *Crossroads*, Hennepin Theater Trust, Minneapolis, MN; *Life in the Details* (touring), Art Works, Eagan, MN; Ames Center, Burnsville, MN

- 2021 *Dancing Willow* (multidisciplinary), Collaborator: Shannon Hartle  
exhibited in *CollabArts Vol.3*, Springboard for the Arts, St. Paul, MN; *Momentary Certainties 2021*, Eagan Art House, Eagan, MN  
*Harmonious Pathway: Embracing the Unexpected* (multidisciplinary, national), WIT eXchange, Collaborators: Sally Ault, Tina O'Brien  
exhibited in *Virtual WIT eXchange*, American Association of Woodturners (international); *Celebrating Creativity*, Art Works, Eagan, MN  
*RBG: One Step at a Time* (multidisciplinary), Collaborators: Natalia Pederson, Angélica Morales  
exhibited in *Create Connections 2021* (touring), Art Works, Eagan, MN; Ames Center, Burnsville, MN
- 2019 *Relationships* (digital photography), Collaborator: Glenn Wm. Wymore  
exhibited in *Breaking Barriers Through the Arts*, Hennepin County Library—Minneapolis Central, Minneapolis, MN; *Collaboration: Annual Member Show*, Art Works, Eagan, MN
- 2018 *Wayward*, (multidisciplinary), Collaborators: Chris Mueller, Craig Gilbert  
exhibited in *Art in Bloom*, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN

#### **PUBLIC ART**

- 2023-24 *Body Spiral*, Bus Shelter Beautification (Bus Stop #13312, Franklin & Chicago Avenues), Better Bus Stops and Public Art in Transit programs, Metro Transit, Metropolitan Council, Minneapolis, MN
- 2022 *Process of Wholeness*, Sylvan Park, City of Lanesboro, MN

#### **COMMISSIONS**

- 2025 *Rooted and Rising* (outdoor sculpture), Minneapolis, MN
- 2023 Display Basket, Penny George Institute for Health and Healing, Allina Health, Minneapolis, MN
- 2021 *Descent/Dissent* (wearable art), Fashion Photographer Natalia Pederson, Coon Rapids, MN
- 2017 *Medicine Basket with Safety Net*, Avivo ArtWorks, Minneapolis, MN  
Creel Baskets (9), Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, MN  
*Woven "T"* for Avivo ArtWorks Collective sign, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 *Map Basket*, Brooklyn Center, MN  
*Map Basket*, Minneapolis, MN
- 2007 *My Blood Turns to Sludge*, Interact Center for the Visual and Performing, Minneapolis, MN
- 2006 Various Baskets, Interact Center for the Visual and Performing, Minneapolis, MN

#### **CURATORIAL PROJECTS**

- 2018 *Weaving Wellness: Art, Community, and Mental Health Resilience*, MN History Center, St. Paul, MN
- 2017 *Water's Edge*, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, MN  
*Divergent Offerings*, The Show Gallery, St. Paul, MN (co-curated with Women's Art Resources of MN & Avivo ArtWorks Collective)

## **COLLECTIONS**

### **Public**

Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Main Line Health, Malvern, PA  
Garrett Museum of Art, Garret, IN  
Minnesota Historical Society, 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, Alhambra, CA; Glendale, CA; Carmel, IN; Indianapolis, IN; Muncie, IN; Lutz, FL; Tampa, FL; Twin Lakes, FL; Charleston WV  
Farmboy Fine Arts (Project Collaborator), Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  
Modera Six Pines—Millcreek Residential, Shenandoah, TX  
Robert Jones Collection, former studio manager for Helen Frankenthaler and private assistant to Kirk Varnedoe, New York City, NY.  
Various private collections

## **GALLERY AFFILIATION (past and present)**

ArtForce, Minneapolis, MN  
Art Ability, Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital, Main Line Health, Malvern, PA  
Lanesboro Arts Gallery, Lanesboro, MN  
Susan Hensel Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (+Artsy.net)

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- 2019 Rebecca Miller, "Forum: basketry," *The Flame*, Plymouth Church, Minneapolis, MN, December L(11). 4.  
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Metro Regional Arts Council, Minneapolis, MN, *Flexible Support Grant Round 2*

2020 Metro Regional Arts Council, Minneapolis, MN, *Flexible Support Grant Round 1*

2019 Minnesota State Arts Board, St. Paul, MN, *Artist Initiative Grant*

#### **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

2024 Entrepreneur Exhibitor, Self Direction Connection Conference, Mayo Health Systems Event Center, Mankato, MN  
Volunteer, Loose Ends Projects, complete unfinished craft projects for bereaved family of crafters

2022 Expert Review Panelist, American Holistic Nurses Credentialing Corporation

2020 Cultural exchange partnership with individual (Lakota), Minneapolis, MN  
Lead, Public Installation Mural Artist, *2020, Avivo*, Minneapolis, MN

2019 Volunteer, *YouBetcha*, Patrick Dougherty Sculpture (5 days), MN Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, MN  
Singer, Choir, Brianna Lane *Our Bodies Carry a Song*, Cedar Cultural Center, Minneapolis, MN

2018-22 Subject Matter Expert and Curriculum Review (Basketry), Scouts BSA  
Merit Badge Counselor (Basketry and Disability Awareness), Scouts BSA

2018-19 Lead, Public Installation Mural Artist, *Beehive*, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN

2018 Subject Matter Expert (Basketry), JW Powell Collection, USGS Museum, Reston, VA  
Singer, Rising Choir, Lynn O’Brien *Rising* album, Minneapolis, MN

2017-20 Organizer, Mental Health Service, First Universalist Church, Minneapolis, MN

2017 Art Advocate, expanded show to include basketry sculpture, Artability, People Inc., Minneapolis, MN

2016 Organizer, JFCS Mental Health Conference Resource Fair & Artability, Minneapolis, MN  
Organizer, JFCS Mental Health Conference & Avivo ArtWorks, *Photovoice*, Minneapolis, MN  
Mental Health Advocate, Mental Health Connect & First Universalist Church, Minneapolis, MN  
Grassroots Organizer, Mental Health Connect Collaborative, First Universalist, Minneapolis, MN  
Dancer, *Vital Matters Donor Film*, Vital Matters Dance Festival, Minneapolis, MN

2015-16 Member, Artist’s Way group, Minneapolis, MN

- 2014 Art Project Manager, First Universalist Church, Minneapolis, MN
- 2006 Walker Art Lab Volunteer, *UnCommon Senses* (4 weeks), Walker Art Center, 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
- 2003 Creator, *Twin Cities Mental Health Resources* manual, First Universalist Church, Minneapolis, MN
- 2001 Committee Member, Complementary Medicine Committee, Allina Hospital, Minneapolis, MN
- 1999-2013 Dancer, Social Dance (Salsa, West Coast Swing, Waltz, Scandinavian), Minneapolis, MN

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2019-present Small Business Owner (art), Martha Bird, Minneapolis, MN
- 2019 Instructional Support Staff, Occupational Therapy Program, University of MN
- 2018 Client Instructor (Basketry), Occupational Therapy, University of MN, Minneapolis; Rochester, MN
- 2017-22 Nurse Assessment Specialist, CHCS/Assuricare, MN
- 2001-22 Nurse Consultant, Health Counseling Services, Minneapolis, MN

### **ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS (current)**

American Craft Council  
Textile Center  
Visionary Art Collective

### **EDUCATION**

- 2002 MA in Human Development, St. Mary's University, Minneapolis, MN;  
Focus: Holistic Health  
Position Paper: *Pleasure, Passion, and Play: A Pleasure Based Wellness Model*  
Board Certified—Holistic Nurse Baccalaureate (2019)
- 1987 BS with Distinction in Nursing, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI;  
Certificate: Gender and Women's Studies
- 2023 Peer Employment Training, RI International.
- 2020 RN Refresher Course, Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Coon Rapids, MN
- 2018 Women's Art Institute, St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN
- 2017 Month-long Individual Study: 4 master basketmakers, 1 fiber artist, Ireland (various locations)

2007      Resilience Training, Dr. Henry Emmons, Penny George Institute, Minneapolis, MN

1993      Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction, Jon Kabat Zinn, University of Massachusetts

1989      Gallaudet University, Washington, DC (proficient in American Sign Language)  
Institute on Deafness, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL.

**LICENSES and CERTIFICATIONS**

Holistic Nursing Baccalaureate—Board Certified, American Holistic Nurses Certification Corporation  
Public Health Nurse, State of Minnesota  
Registered Nurse, State of Minnesota  
Certificate: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Minnesota Unified Certification Program  
Certificate: Gender and Women’s Studies  
Certificate: Instructor, Work of Art: Business Skills for Artists, Springboard for the Arts, MN  
Certificate: Make It OK Ambassador (reducing mental illness discrimination), HealthPartners, MN  
Certificate: Certified Peer Support Specialist (Mental Health), Department of Human Services, MN  
Certificate: Starting your Own Business in Health and Healing, Allegra Learning, [allegralearning.com](http://allegralearning.com)  
Certificate: Youth Protection, Scouts BSA