

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 1974-76, M.F.A. in Painting
University of Washington, 1968-72, B.A. in Art History, B.F.A. in Painting
University of Washington Study Abroad Program in Avignon, France, 1970
Western Washington State College, 1967-68
Walla Walla High School, Walla Walla, WA, 1964-67

Art Education Employment

Northwest Native American Art Workshops in Schools, 2008-2014
Young Audiences, 1998-2007
Neighborhood Arts Program, 1996-2000
Art projects at the North Portland Library, 1995-2007
Columbia Gorge Arts-in-Education, 1994-98
Sitka Center for Art and Ecology, 1993-96
Saturday Academy, 1993-98
Arts-in-Education Program, RACC, 1992-2002
Talented and Gifted Program, Portland Public Schools, 1989-2000
Pacific Northwest College of Art Continuing Education Program, 1989-2001

Exhibitions

Signs of Dissent, Blackfish Gallery group show, February 2026
Peregrinations, one-person exhibit in Blackfish Gallery 3, January 2026
Adventures in Abstraction, 2-person exhibit, Blackfish Gallery, March 2025
Aurora Light Festival group show, February 2025
45th Anniversary Blackfish Gallery group show, December 2024
New Work, 2-person exhibit, September, 2023
Club V All Women's Art Show, (juried) Ford Gallery PDX, March/April 2023
Creative Diversity Abides, group exhibit at Blackfish Gallery, March 2023
Counterpanes, small gallery 3 solo exhibit, January 2023
Corona Chronicle, 2-person exhibit, December 2021
Blackfish Gallery group exhibit ***Impacted***, August 2021
Unraveled, backroom gallery show, August 2021
Blackfish Gallery group exhibit; ***E Pluribus Unum***, a U.S. flag created out of facemasks, October-November 2020
Blackfish Gallery fishbowl 1 window installation, ***Cabana***, June-July 2020
Blackfish Gallery two-person show, ***New/Redux***, December 2019
Blackfish Gallery backroom exhibit, ***Circles***, January 2019
Blackfish Gallery fishbowl window, ***Coulrophobia***, September 2018
Blackfish Gallery two-person exhibit, ***Pieced and Sewn Paintings***, April 2018
Newport Art Center, Blackfish exhibit, ***We the People***, November 2016

Blackfish Gallery group exhibit, *We the People*, August 2016, in Portland
Blackfish Gallery fishbowl window installation *Night Music Blue*, April 2016
Blackfish Gallery two-person exhibit, *Sewn Constructions*, September 2016
Blackfish Gallery group exhibit, *GREEN*, August 2016
Blackfish Gallery fishbowl window installation, *Night Music*, February 2016
Arlington Club PADA exhibition, September 2015
Blackfish Gallery backroom show, *Recycling BLUE*, September 2015
Lake Oswego Festival of the Arts *On The Fringe* juried exhibit, June 2015
Blackfish Gallery group show *Window: A Dialogue*, January 2015
Blackfish Gallery fishbowl window *Allegory*, November 2014
Blackfish Gallery two-person exhibit, *Pieced Constructions*, October 2014
Blackfish Gallery **35th Anniversary Show**, April 2014
Blackfish Gallery group exhibit **I'ron'ik** February, 2014
Blackfish Gallery backroom one-person show, **STYX**, November 2013
Blackfish Gallery group show, **Ritual**, June 2013
Blackfish Gallery fishbowl window installation, *Cascades*, April 2013
Blackfish Gallery group show, **RAIN**, January 2013
Blackfish Gallery two-person exhibit, *Quadrangles and Counterpanes*, November 2012
Blackfish Gallery fishbowl window exhibit *Puppets in Landscape*, February 2012
Blackfish Gallery, **Under the Influence** group show, January 2012
Blackfish Gallery, backroom solo installation, *Cabana*, January 2012
Blackfish Gallery group show **Horse**, December 2011
Blackfish Gallery, **Transfigurations**, solo exhibit, February 2011
Blackfish Gallery fishbowl window exhibit, **Styx**, September 2010
Gallery 110, Seattle, group show, August 2010
Blackfish Gallery backroom solo exhibit **Bones**, April 2010
Blackfish Gallery **DRAWINGS** group show, January 2010
Blackfish Gallery fishbowl window exhibit **Mama's Doll Shop**, December 2009
PNCA Anniversary exhibit at Blackfish Gallery, October 2009
Blackfish Gallery, **Configurations**, two-person show, September 2009
Black Butte Lodge Gallery solo exhibition, May-June 2009
Blackfish Gallery 30th Anniversary group show, April 2009
Blackfish Gallery **OREGON SEEN** group show, February 2009
Blackfish fishbowl 1 window exhibit **GEE - HAW!** September 2008
Blackfish Gallery backroom exhibit, **Parachute**, September 2008
Carnegie Gallery, Walla Walla, WA, **Pacifist Potential** group show, March 2008
Portland Center for the Performing Arts **10 Blackfish Gallery Artists**, Dec. 2007
Blackfish Gallery solo exhibition, **Every Thing that Grows**, September 2007
Newport Arts Center, **Pacifist Potential** group show, July - August 2007
Blackfish fishbowl 1 exhibit, **can't see the trees for the forest**, July 2007
Pacifist Potential group show, Pierced Star Quilt, June 2007
Gallery 110, Seattle, group show, February 2007
Backroom show, Blackfish Gallery, **Old Lonesome Souvenirs**, January 2007
PADA exhibit at Portland Center for the Performing Arts, Nov. 2006 - Feb. 2007
55 Mercer Gallery, New York City, **Blackfish at 55 Mercer** show, August 2006
CoHo Theatre, painting Medea exhibited in lobby, May 2006

Blackfish Gallery, painting Daphne and Peneius in **Mythfest** exhibit, May 2006
Blackfish Gallery, **Cloud Forest Paintings**, solo exhibit, September 2005
Blackfish Gallery, **Floats and Flowers** show, June 2005
Blackfish Gallery, **New Members** show, January 2005
Blackfish Gallery, 25 Year Anniversary show, June 2004
Pacific NW College of Art Continuing Education instructors exhibition, September 2001
Blackfish Gallery, Michael Knutson and Carol Benson Knutson exhibit, March 2001
Multnomah Art Center, solo exhibition, January - February 2001
Paper Products, Blackfish Gallery, invitational show, 2000
Oregon Biennial, Portland Art Museum, 1995
Midsummer Night's Dream, Blackfish Gallery invitational exhibit, Portland, 1989
Pacific Northwest Arts & Crafts Festival, Bellevue, WA, juried exhibit, 1987, 1992
Washington/Oregon 85, Maryhill Museum, WA, juried exhibition, 1985
Oregon Biennial, Portland Art Museum, 1985
Pacific Northwest Arts & Crafts Festival, Bellevue, WA, juried exhibit, 1983
Association of University Women Art Exhibit, Delaware Community College, PA, 1976
Art Louie Gallery, Seattle, WA, group exhibition, 1974
Polly Friedlander Gallery, Seattle, WA, group exhibition, 1974
Everett, WA, Summer Arts Festival, 1974, Honorable Mention for Drawing
Edmonds, WA, Art Show, juried exhibition, 1974
Mercer Island, WA, Arts Festival, juried exhibit, 1974
Pacific Northwest Arts & Crafts Festival, Bellevue, WA, juried exhibit, 1974
Bumbershoot Seattle Arts Festival, invitational group show, 1973

Commissions and Collections

Reed College collection, **Quadrangle 1**, 2011
Oregon Arts Commission purchase, July 2010, installed at OSU, Corvallis, OR, **Salmon River Estuary as Seen from Cascade Head**
Willamette TAG Center, Portland Public Schools, design and creation of five banners of pieced fabric (60" x 172"; 64" x 220") in Native American patterns, 1992
Painting commission from City of Chicago Planning Department, exhibited in Chicago Civic Center and reproduced in Planning Report of 1976

Other creative work

Pandemic Poems, 2021
Performer with Westernaires Line Dancers, 2014-2020
The Old Lonesome, a novel, Farcountry Press, August 2006
Thirty block print illustrations for **Thematic Guide to World Mythology**, published by Greenwood Press, August 2004
Dancer and mask-maker for Mythobolus Mask Theatre, 1993-present
Research, writing, illustrations for children's book on NW Coast Indian Myths, 1984-86