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EXPERIENCE

Self-employed as an artist, producing photo-realist drawings and paintings (colored pencil, oil and acrylics), including commissioned work.

Instructor since 1990 at the Dunedin Fine Art Center, Dunedin, Florida, teaching courses in drawing, colored pencil, oil and acrylic painting. Featured workshop presenter at the Colored Pencil Society of America's annual convention, August 2005. Registered teacher with the Michael Wilcox School of Color.

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

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Signature member and Ways & Means Director of the Colored Pencil Society of America (CPSA); past President of CPSA- District Chapter 113; member, Florida Artist Group; Signature member, Miniature Artists of America; member and past Board member, Miniature Art Society of Florida; member, past board member and newsletter editor, Professional Association of Visual Artists (PAVA); member Plein Air Florida.

PUBLICATIONS

One of 16 artists featured in *Creative Colored Pencil Portraits* by Vera Curnow (1996); Drawings also in the books *The Best of Colored Pencil 2* (1994), *The Best of Colored Pencil III* (1996), *The Best of Colored Pencil 5* (1999), *Portrait Inspirations* (1997), and *Creative Colored Pencil*, by Vera Curnow (1995). (All from Rockport Publishers.) Also in *The Best of Portrait Painting* (North Light Books, 1997).
Featured in "Methods & Materials: Drawing with Wax-Based Colored Pencils," by Christopher Willard, *American Artist Magazine*, November 1996 and *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) to be used for Derwent pencil product promotion and advertising (2004, 2008). Also quoted on Derwent product packaging and information leaflets. Feature artist in advertising for Stonehenge paper by Legion Paper, 2008
"Official Tour Artist" since 1998 for the Dunedin Historical Society, illustrating the homes on the Society's biennial fundraising tours, their museum, and other historic buildings.
Other clients have also included numerous individuals; Pinellas County, Florida (St. Petersburg - Clearwater International Airport); Morton Plant- Mease Health Care (Clearwater and Dunedin, FL); Frazer, Hubbard, Brandt, Trask & Yacavone LLP (Dunedin, FL); Florida Eye Center (St. Petersburg, FL); Berkeley Preparatory School (Tampa, FL); McDonald's regional office (Cleveland, OH); Wesley Health Care Center (Saratoga Springs, NY); Herman, Cahn & Schneider (Cleveland, OH); and Lake Erie College (Painesville, OH).

Past Venues, Florida and National, include: Venice Art Center; St. Augustine Art Association; Florida Gulf Coast University, Ft. Myers; Lake Wales Art Council; High Springs Gallery, High Springs; La Cittadella Gallery, West Palm Beach; Edison Community College, Ft. Myers; Jacksonville Museum of Contemporary Art; Polk County Community College, Winter Haven; Florida Southern College, Lakeland; Octagon Art Center, Clearwater; Riverwalk Gallery, Ft. Lauderdale; St. Petersburg College, Clearwater. Cleveland Museum of Art; Canton (OH) Art Institute; Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY; Lake Erie College, Painesville, OH; School of Fine Arts, Willoughby, OH; Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, 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, OH 1995; Chicago, IL 1997; Arlington, VA, 1998; Ft. Worth, TX 2002 (Award for Excellence); Memphis, TN 2004, Chicago, IL 2005; **Bethesda, MD, 2007 (Award for Excellence)**

Annual International Miniature Art Shows, Miniature Art Society of Florida, '02 (1st Place, Drawing & Pastel); '03 (Honorable Mention, Figure); '04 (3rd Place, Human Figure), '05, '06, **'07 (1st Place, Drawing & Pastel), '08 (1st Place, Human Figure)**

Cider Painters of America Annual International Exhibit, 2008 **(Award for Portrait)**

Anniversary Fine Arts Exhibitions, Ridge Art Center, Winter Haven, 2004, 2005, **2008 (2nd Place)**, 2009

Miniature Painters, Sculptors and Gravers Society of Washington, DC, Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature, Washington, DC, 2006, 2007

Autumn Artfest, Live Oak Artists Guild, Live Oak, FL, 2000 (2nd place), 2001, 2004 (Honorable Mention), 2005 (Judge's Choice), **2006 (1st Place)**, 2007, **2008 (3rd Place)**

Florida Artist Group Annual Exhibitions, The Capitol, Tallahassee, 2001 (Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation Award); Winter Haven, **2006 (Best of Show)**, Daytona Beach 2008, Tarpon Springs, 2009

Biennial National Exhibit, Charlotte County Art Guild, Punta Gorda, 2004 **(Special Merit Award)**, Judge: Daniel Greene); 2006

“Signature Showcase” (CPSA Signature Members Invitational Exhibit), Cornell Museum of Art & History, Delray Beach, 2006

“The Human Element” National Juried Colored Pencil Exhibit, Dunedin Fine Art Center, 05 (Merit Award)

Regional Juried Exhibition, Thomas Center Galleries, Gainesville, 2005

Florida Artist Group, Areas III and IV Exhibition, Longboat Key Center for the Arts, Longboat Key, 2005 (2nd Place)

World Federation of Miniaturists, Third Worldwide Exhibition, Ripley Center, Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC, 2004 (Judge’s Award of Excellence)

“Explore This!” CPSA Biennial Exhibitions, Stuart, 2003 (Friends of CPSA Award); Brea, CA 2007

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, Lake Worth, 1999 (3rd place)

Amsterdam Art Exhibition & Competition, Berkeley, CA, 1998 (Silver Award in Colored Pencil)

“Points of Color,” Statewide Colored Pencil Exhibit, Cornell Museum of Art & History, Delray Beach, 1998 (2nd place, pure colored pencil category)

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, 1994, 1995, **1996 (Award of Distinction)**, 1997

Images in Art, Ocala, FL, 1994 (Award of Honor, Purchase Award); 1995; 1996 (Award of Honor, Purchase Award); 1997

Mainsail Arts Festival, St. Petersburg, FL, 1994, 1995, 1996 (Award of Merit), 1997

Mt. Dora Arts Festival, Mt. Dora, FL, 1996 (Merit Award), 1997

OTHER EXHIBITIONS INCLUDE:

“Water’s Edge” one person show, Pasco Hernando Community College, New Port Richey, 2009

“Life’s a Beach IV” and “Surf’s Up!” Invitational Exhibitions, Ormond Memorial Museum, Ormond Beach, 2002 and 2008

“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,” one person show, Dunedin Fine Art Center, 2002

“Vistas,” Invitational Exhibition, Alliance for the Arts, Ft. Myers, 2002

“Tight Focus” one person show, Dunedin Fine Art Center, 1996

ANNUAL GROUP SHOWS: CPSA District Chapter Shows, 2000- 09; Annual Cool Art Shows and PAVA members’ juried exhibitions, 1991-2009 (Best of Show, Members’ show 2002); Florida Artist Group Statewide and Area shows, 1997-2009; Dunedin Fine Art Center, Annual Faculty and Members Shows, 1990-2009