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EDUCATION

- 2009 Penland School of Crafts Creative Capital Professional Development Workshop Penland, NC
1990 East Carolina University B.A. Anthropology, Art Minor Greenville, NC

SELECT SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2012 North Carolina Wesleyan College Mims Gallery Rocky Mount, NC
2011 New American Art Studio New York, NY
2011 St. Thomas University Sardinas Gallery Miami, FL
2011 Art Works Studios and Galleries Jane Sandelin Gallery Richmond, VA
2011 University of North Carolina at Charlotte Student Union Art Gallery Charlotte, NC
2010 Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History Boatwright Gallery Danville, VA
2008 Flanders Art Gallery Local Artists Program Raleigh, NC
2006 Greene County Museum of Art and History Snow Hill, NC

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2012 'Looking For Answers' FlynnDog Burlington, VT
2012 'LAYERS' Art Works Studios and Galleries Richmond, VA
2011 Marina Reiter Studio Bushwick Open Studios Brooklyn, NY
2011 'Natural Selection 2.0' Dakota State University Madison, SD
2010 Stefan Maguran Gallery Plympton, South Australia
2010 'Block Party' Artwell Gallery Torrington, CT
2010 Earth Day Recycle Art Show Plant Zero Project Space Richmond, VA
Jurors: Glenda Kotchish and Heather Russell Third Place
2009 National Collage Society 25th Annual Exhibit Mason Murer Fine Art Atlanta, GA
2009 'My Space on 7th' Touchstone Gallery Washington, DC
2009 The 2nd International Society of Acrylic Painters Online International Open Exhibition First Place

- 2007 'Signs, Symbols & Gestures' Gallery Project Ann Arbor, MI
- 2007 Raleigh Fine Arts Society 29th Annual Artists Exhibition Meredith College Raleigh, NC
Juror: Brian Dursum, Director/Chief Curator of the Lowe Art Museum at the University of Miami
- 2006 'Aha! Epiphanies & Breakthroughs' Union Street Gallery Chicago Heights, IL
Juror: Byron Roche, Byron Roche Gallery Chicago
- 2006 Wayne County's 27th Annual National Juried Fine Arts Exhibition
Juror: Dr. Eric Denker, Curator of Prints and Drawings at the Corcoran Gallery of Art and Senior Lecturer at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC
Wayne County Arts Council Goldsboro, NC
- 2006 Eastern Carolina Regional Juried Fine Arts Show First Place, Mixed Media
Juror: Jennifer Hodges, Interim Director of the Greenville Museum of Art
Craven Arts Council and Gallery New Bern, NC
- 2005 51st Annual Juried Art Show Durham Art Guild Durham, NC
Juror: Judy Chicago, Artist and Lecturer

EXPERIENCE

- 2012 **Flynndog** I will serve as artist/curator for the group exhibition, 'Looking for Answers', featuring national caliber artists Josh Dorman, Melissa Ann Lambert, Jan-Ru Wan and Jane Horner. The community art space is located in Burlington, VT.
- 2012 **Art Works Studios and Galleries** I will serve as artist/curator for the group exhibition, 'LAYERS', featuring national caliber collage artists. The venue is located in Richmond, VA.
- 2011-1994 **Arts Alive Magazine** I cover visual arts as a writer for this regional arts magazine based in Morehead City, NC. Topics include show reviews, arts festivals and competitions, and highlighting the ECU African Art Collection. I spoke in public schools to promote the inaugural ECU/GMA Youth Arts Festival. I am responsible for regional distribution of the magazine to arts venues.
- 2011 **Dakota State University** I served as guest curator for Gallery Director Alan Montgomery. About twenty works in 'Natural Selection 2.0' highlighted a diverse range of international artists using natural materials or those particularly inspired by the natural world. Dakota State University is in Madison, SD.
- 2010 **University of North Carolina at Charlotte** I assisted Student Union Gallery Manager Zach Schaff as a curatorial consultant. I suggested a series of contemporary artists to show and discuss their work with the campus community and specifically in art classes to generate interest before shows opened.
- 2010 **Twin Rivers Artists Association** I served as juror for the 2010 members art show held at the Craven Arts Council and Gallery in New Bern, NC.
- 2009 **LabourLove Gallery** I served as a guest curator at this Durham, NC gallery. I selected five artists with ties to the unconventional natural materials I use in painting. Alongside contemporary paintings in the exhibition were large metal sculptures and small fiber based works with ceramic elements. To promote the 'Natural Selection' exhibition I contacted media outlets including newspapers and magazines.
- 2006-2005 **Eastern Carolina Visual Arts Consortium** I promoted this regional arts association by distributing marketing pieces from the greater Raleigh area throughout Eastern North Carolina.

PUBLICATIONS

April 16, 2011 'The Fine Art of Connection' www.artsyshark.com
August 25, 2010 'Top regional artists featured' Sun Journal New Bern, NC
July 2010 'The Spiritual Made Tangible' Evince Magazine Danville, VA
June 16, 2010 'Danville Museum of Fine Arts to hold artists reception' Altavista Journal Altavista, VA
April 9, 2010 'Artists association honors exhibit winners tonight' Sun Journal New Bern, NC
March 6, 2010 'Destry Sparks' www.aestheticsnow.com
Spring 2010 'Destry S. Sparks' St. Thomas University Alumni Contact Newsletter Miami Gardens, FL
February 2, 2010 'Destry Sparks - USA' OutsidersFestival.blogspot.com/
December 3, 2009 'LabourLove celebrates like-minded artists' The Duke Chronicle Durham, NC
November 14, 2009 'LabourLove Gallery/Natural Selection' Painterly Visions Washington, DC
November 12, 2009 'LabourLove Gallery Opens Natural Selection' This Is Diversity New York, NY
November 1, 2009 'NCS 25th Juried Exhibit' Exhibition Catalog National Collage Society Hudson, OH
November 1, 2009 'Eastern NC Artists Exhibit in Durham' Arts Alive Magazine Morehead City, NC
March 1, 2008 'Gloria Dei Art Exhibit' Arts Alive Magazine Morehead City, NC
November 28, 2007 'Markers and Milestones' Metro Times Detroit, MI
November 26, 2007 'Symbols of the Everyday' The Michigan Daily Ann Arbor, MI
December 14, 2006 'Worthless Scraps Converted to Cosmic Art' The Free Press Kinston, NC
December 1, 2006 'Greene Museum Hosts Art of Sparks' Arts Alive Magazine Morehead City, NC
November 29, 2006 'Destry Sparks at Greene County Museum' The Standard Laconic Snow Hill, NC

ONLINE PROJECTS/PORTFOLIOS

www.artistsspace.org
www.brooklynartproject.com
www.northcarolinaartists.net
www.inkstonegallery.com
www.twogalleries.net
www.linkedin.com
www.twitter.com
www.facebook.com

COLLECTIONS

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