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Education

1978-1980 Corbin University, Oregon, Pastoral Studies

1980-1981 Western Oregon State College, Oregon, Fine Art. Watercolor with James Kirk

1981-1984 The American Academy of Art, Chicago, Illinois, Fine Art. Watercolor with Irving Shapiro



Exhibitions & Awards

2025

- *May Your Laugh Lines Run Deep* was selected for inclusion in "YourSelfie", an online exhibition at the Cultural Center of Cape Cod. <https://www.cultural-center.org/yourselfie/>
- *A Trustworthy Friend* was selected for inclusion in the 2025 Louisville Art Association National Fine Art Show and Sale.
- *Love in the Mist* and *A Sense of Wonder* have been selected for inclusion in the August 2025 show, "Botanicals" by the Colors of Humanity Art Gallery. <https://www.colorsofhumanityartgallery.com/Botanicals-2025/Botanicals-2025-Show/n-MZ5Bd4>
- *Red Rocks #2* was selected for inclusion to the The Plein Air Artists of Colorado 28th Annual National Juried Fine Art Exhibition and Sale.
- Selected to participate and exhibit in the 2025 Georgetown Plein Air Festival, Georgetown Colorado.
- *The Stories It Could Tell* was selected for inclusion to the 2025 Colorado Watercolor Society Inspirations Exhibition: "Finding Beauty in Unexpected Places," by Juror Dennis Pendleton.
- *My Father's Stubby Screwdriver* and *A Trustworthy Friend* were both selected as jury's favorite 15% of all paintings in the June 2025 BoldBrush painting competition. <https://faso.com/boldbrush/fav15/306>
- *May Your Laugh Lines Run Deep* and *Self-Portrait, November 2023*, were both accepted for inclusion into The Tri Arts Project 2025 Portraiture Exhibit. *May Your Laugh Lines Run Deep* was awarded Second Place by the jurors Robert Quimby and Carol Hein. <https://triartsproject.org/portraiture-gallery/>
- *My Father's Stubby Screwdriver* and *Gettin' Enough Spark?* were both selected as jury's favorite 15% of all paintings in the May 2025 BoldBrush painting competition. <https://faso.com/boldbrush/fav15/305>



- *My Grandfather's Violin* was accepted into the 2025 34th Annual Colorado Watercolor Society's State Watercolor Exhibition, by juror Dale Laitinen.
- *Beautiful Fleeting Moments* was selected for inclusion into the 2025 National Fine Art Show, sponsored by the Thompson Valley Art League and The Lincoln Gallery, by juror Heather Burton.
- *Kodachrome Memories* was selected for inclusion in the National Watercolor Society 2025 Member Exhibition, by juror Mario Robinson. <https://nationalwatercolorsociety.org/2025-NWS-Exhibition>
- *A Trustworthy Friend* was selected for inclusion in the Northwest Watercolor Society 2025 Waterworks Online Members Exhibition. by juror Michele Usibelli. <https://www.nwws.org/>
- *Sunrise* was selected for inclusion in the 2025 Rockies West National, by the Western Colorado Watercolor Society, by juror Iain Stewart. <https://www.wcwsociety.net>
- *Olde Town, Arvada* was selected for inclusion in the 2025 exhibition, The Splendor of Blue, at the Modern Visual Arts Gallery. <https://www.mvaartgallery.com>
- *My Father's Stubby Screwdriver* was awarded Second Place at the 2025 Member's Show for the Colorado Watercolor Society by juror Colleen Nelson. <https://www.coloradowatercolorsociety.org/>
- *Last Snow* was selected for inclusion in the Tri Arts Project 2025 exhibition, Abstracts and Landscapes, by juror Christian Dore.
- *The Stories It Could Tell* was selected for inclusion to the 2025 Member's Show at the Foothills Art Center by juried by the FAC Exhibitions Staff. <https://foothillsartcenter.org/>
- *Flatirons from the South* was selected for inclusion in the Western Federation of Watercolors 50th Annual Exhibition by Juror Ken Call. <https://wtws.org/50th-anniversary-gallery/>

2024

- *Northern Ireland Vista* was selected for inclusion to the Getaway Online Exhibition by Art Fluent.
- *Alive*, and *Centennial Mill* were both selected for inclusion in the 27th Annual National Juried Fine Art Exhibition by the Plein Air Artist's of Colorado, by juror Cynthia Rosen
- *Portrait of Brenda* was selected as a Top 100 FINALIST in the September PleinAir Salon Art Competition
- *A Sense of Wonder* was selected for inclusion in the Main Street Gallery Fine Art Show and Sale in Brighton Colorado.
- Selected to participate and exhibit in the 2024 Georgetown Plein Air Festival, Georgetown Colorado.
- *This Person is Like a Tree Planted by Streams of Water* was selected for inclusion in the Tree Stories Online Exhibition by Sasse Museum of Art.
- *Standing Guard* was selected for inclusion in the 2024 Regional Fine Art Show in Loveland, Colorado by juror Michaell Magrin.

- *Denver Skyline #2* was selected as a Top 100 FINALIST in the July PleinAir Salon Art Competition
- Brad with His Pipe as selected for inclusion in the 2024 Colorado Watercolor Society Inspirations Exhibition, by Juror Karen Standridge
- San Sebastián from the Olde Town Cathedral was selected for inclusion in the Rhode Island Watercolor Society: Primary Colors Exhibition by juror Arnie Casavant.
- Olde Town Arvada was selected for inclusion in the 41st Annual All Colorado Show, at the Curtis Center for the Arts, by juror Melinda Laz.
- Surface Tension: Crested was selected for inclusion in the Rhode Island Watercolor Society, Painting To Music Exhibition, by juror Karen Rand Anderson
- What Blue Eyes, You Have was selected for inclusion, and awarded an Honorable Mention in the The Artist's Eye Exhibition, by Marin Society of Artists, by juror Susan Snyder.
- Surface Tension: Surrender was selected for inclusion, and awarded the Pikes Peak Watercolor Society Award in the 33rd Annual Colorado Watercolor Society State Exhibition, by juror Carolyn Lord.
- Surface Tension: Reflections was selected for inclusion in the 2024 Pattern and Abstraction Exhibition by the Rhode Island Watercolor Society

Earlier Exhibitions and Awards

2021 - 100 Recent Paintings, A Solo Exhibition at the Vineyard Art Gallery, Duluth, Minnesota

1996 - Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts, Fridley, Minnesota. Resident Artist Solo Exhibition.

1996 - The Up North Gallery, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Solo Exhibition

1995 - Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts, Fridley, Minnesota. Two Artist Exhibition.

1991 - Burnsville Area Society for the Arts Annual Show, Burnsville, Minnesota. Best of Show Award.

1991 - Art Resources Gallery, St. Paul, Minnesota. Two Artist Exhibition.

1991 - Art Resources Gallery, St. Paul, Minnesota. Included in a Figure Exhibition.

1990 - Lawrence Gallery, Sheridan, Oregon. Solo Exhibition.

1990 - Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts, Fridely, Minnesota. Solo Exhibition.

1989 - Art Resources Gallery, St. Paul, Minnesota. Two Artist Exhibition.

1988 - Lawrence Gallery, Sheridan Oregon. Solo Exhibition.

1988 - Twin Cities Watercolor Society Show, Minneapolis, Minnesota. First Place Award.

1988-89 - Edina Art Center. Edina, Minnesota. Various Exhibitions.

1987 - The International Pinot Noir Celebration, McMinnville, Oregon. Purchase Award.

1987 - The Midwest Watercolor Society Annual Show, Greenbay, Wisconsin.

1987 - S.A.I.F. Gallery, Salem, Oregon. Solo Exhibition.

1986-87 - Keizer Art Association, Keizer, Oregon.

1986 - Carole Smith Gallery, Salem, Oregon.

1983-85 - American Academy of Art, Student Gallery, Chicago, Illinois.

Selected Collections

The Minnesota Museum of American Art, Permanent Collection, St. Paul, Minnesota.
YMCA of St. Paul, Minnesota.
Lee Jeans of St. Lewis, Missouri. Extensive collection of illustrations for in-store advertising and display throughout the USA, by Fallon McElligott Inc. of Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Marquette Banks, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
The College of St. Thomas, Counseling Center, St. Paul, Minnesota.
The Department of Revenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.
First Interstate Bank, Portland, Oregon.
IBM Executive Lounge Suite, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
IDS, Kalamazoo, Michigan.
The Milwaukee Chamber Theater, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
The Minneapolis Civic Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Unocal, Denver, Colorado; El Paso, Texas.
Discover Card Services, Illustration for Elite
Ordway Theater, St. Paul Minnesota.
Newton's Apple, The PBS science show, illustrations for in-classroom experiments, for
KTCA Twin Cities Public Television, St. Paul, Minnesota
Rapala Fishing Lures, Illustrated a book highlighting the history of the company and family, for Carmichael Lynch, Minneapolis, Minnesota
And many more private collections throughout the United States and Europe.

Publishing & Teaching

2022-25 - Call to Gather, Foothills Art Center, Golden CO, Jefferson Public Library, Conifer Library. Teaching drawing and watercolor in person and online, contact artist for current opportunities.
2024 - ReCreative Denver, teaching watercolor and kintsugi classes
1995 - Series of fifteen prints published by Destiny Publishing
1993 - Minnesota Museum of Art Collection Calendar, St. Paul, MN
1990-91 Artist in Residence for the Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts
1988-91 - Watercolor Instructor for Various Arts Organizations throughout Minneapolis and St. Paul, MN.

Current Affiliations

Colorado Watercolor Society, 2024 Signature Member
Foothills Art Center, Member & Instructor
Plein Air Artists Colorado
National Watercolor Society
American Watercolor Society

Northwest Watercolor Society