

Krista Townsend

b. 1972 Augusta, ME

Lives and works in Charlottesville, VA

Solo and Two Person Exhibitions

Vicinity, Connaughton Gallery, UVA McIntire School of Commerce, Charlottesville, VA, March 2026

Understory with Niki Hare, Phaeton Gallery, Charlottesville, VA, 2025

Big Wonder, Glavé Kocen, Richmond, VA, 2022

Second Nature, Phaeton Gallery, Charlottesville, VA, 2022

The Art of Being a Hero, Beverly Street Studio School Gallery, Staunton, VA, 2020 and McGuffey Art Center, Charlottesville, VA, 2019

Immersion, Glavé Kocen Gallery, Richmond, VA, 2018

The Virginia Landscape, The National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, 2018

New Works, Glavé Kocen Gallery, Richmond, VA, 2016

Bridges, New City Arts Initiative, WVTF and Radio IQ Studio Gallery, Charlottesville, VA, 2016

DUET: Landscapes Real and Imagined with J.M. Henry, Yellow Cardinal Gallery, Charlottesville, VA, 2015

Urban Landscape, Angelo, Charlottesville, VA, 2014

Paintings, The Art Box, Crozet, VA, 2013

The Virginia Landscape, The National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, 2012

Select Group Exhibitions

Flowers & Fine Art, Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, VA, April 2 - May 22, 2026

Art Academy, Lynchburg, VA, March 1 - 31, 2026

Beverly Street Studio School, Staunton, VA, December 12, 2025 - February 1, 2026

2025 Juried Biennial at Olin Hall Galleries, Roanoke College, Roanoke, VA, January 31 - March 16, 2025

Juried by James Salomon, Director of Design Projects at Achille Salvagni Atelier in New York

Six Women Artist, Nichols Gallery, Barboursville, VA, September - October 2024

Teeny Tiny Trifecta, Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, VA, 2018 - 2023
Curated by Kristen Chiacchia

Seven Contemporary Women Artists, Eleanor D. Wilson Museum at Hollins University in Roanoke, VA, 2022

The Academy Center of the Arts 2022 National Juried Art Exhibition, Lynchburg, VA, 2022
Juried by Janly Jaggard

Les Yeux du Monde, Charlottesville, VA, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2022

PANDEMONIUM! Postcards from the Edge, Chroma/Vault Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 2021
Curated by Sarah Sargent

Homeward Bound, Taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke, VA, 2021
Juried by Nandini Makrandi

Glavé Kocen Gallery, Richmond, VA, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Face-to-Face, The Bridge, PAI, Charlottesville, VA,, 2020
Juried

She's In Monochrome, Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, VA, 2020
Curated by Kristen Chiacchia

Riverviews Annual Juried Art Show, Lynchburg VA, 2017
Juried by Marta Staudinger

Fab 4 with Karen Blair, Jessie Coles, and Priscilla Whitlock, The Art Box, Crozet, VA, 2017

RVA Architecture and Landscape, Crossroads Art Center, Richmond, VA, 2016
Juried, Awarded Third Place

Education

Apprenticeship with Edward J. Reed, Alexandria, VA, 2006-2007

The Art League School, Alexandria, VA, 2000-2007

Master of Arts, Medical and Biological Illustration, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, 1996 -1998

The Schuler School of Fine Arts (an atelier), Baltimore, MD, 1994-1996

Bachelor of Arts, The School of Art and Architecture, The Pennsylvania State University, 1990-1994

Honors, Awards, And Memberships

Semifinalist, Bethesda Painting Award, 2023

Children's Hope Gala, Bon Secours, Richmond, VA, Featured Artist, 2020-2021

Virginia Center for the Creative Arts Fellow, Amherst, VA, J & E Berkley Foundation Fellow, 2019

Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, Amherst, VA, Fellow, 2017

Piedmont Council for the Arts, Charlottesville, VA, Member, 2013-2018

McGuffey Art Center, Charlottesville, VA, Member, 2010-Present

Selected Collections

Country Club of Virginia

Dominion Energy

Eleanor D. Wilson Museum at Hollins University

Emily Couric Clinical Cancer Center at The University of Virginia

Inova Schar Cancer Institute

Miller Financial Services

Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital

Towne Bank

University of Virginia Medical Center

Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Health System

Women's Center at Culpeper Medical Center

Bibliography

Sargent, Sarah, "Natural progression: A dual show at Phaeton Gallery interprets beauty in layers", C-ville Weekly, March 26, 2025

Sargent, Sarah, "Sense memory, Krista Townsend's 'Second Nature' bursts with visual excitement", C-ville Weekly, June 22, 2022

Sathe, Jane Dunlap, "Krista Townsend's new paintings at McGuffey explore strength in diverse forms", Daily Progress, Oct 23, 2019

Wright, Charles, "Check out Krista Townsend's Artwork", Voyage Dallas, May 1, 2019

Sargent, Sarah, "Immersion", Show Catalog, April 2018