

Born 1962 Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA

Lives and works in rural Lincoln County near the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2012 Karen Banker USA, One-Woman Show, Colorida Gallery, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2011 Resilience, One-Woman Show, The Loft Gallery, Lincolnton, NC
- 2009 Thought for Food, One-Woman Show, COSMOS Gallery, Charlotte, NC
- 2008 Silent Prayers, One-Woman Show, Beet Gallery, NoDa Arts District, Charlotte, NC
- 2007 Vibrant Silence, One-Woman Show, Cochrane Gallery, Lincolnton, NC

SELECT GROUP / JURIED EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 Artists of the Carolinas, Gallery 27, Lincolnton, NC – Award Recipient
A Natural View, Arts on Main, Gastonia, NC – Award Recipient
Lexicon Imaginibus: A Working Artists' Sketchbook Exchange, Viterbo University, La Crosse, WI
The RED Show, Gallery 27, Lincolnton, NC
The Art of Planetary Science, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
- 2016 Holiday Group Show, Gallery 27, Lincolnton, NC
Strength Among Us, The Jeanne Rauch Gallery, Gaston College, Gastonia, NC
Visual Harvest, Arts on Main, Gastonia, NC
Sleepy Hollow, Gallery 27, Lincolnton, NC
We The Explorers, NASA's Spacecraft OSIRIS-REx, Cape Canaveral, FL
Artists of the Carolinas Art Competition, Gallery 27, Lincolnton, NC - Award Recipient
Lexicon Imaginibus: A Working Artists' Sketchbook Exchange, Viterbo University, La Crosse, WI
Wynwood Nation Gallery, Miami, FL
Art Expo NYC, in conjunction with the Architectural Digest Home Show, Pier 94, New York, NY
Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens, Belmont, NC
Art Nation Group Show, Wynwood Arts District, Miami, FL
- 2015 Opening, Art Nation Gallery, Wynwood Art District, Miami, FL
Spectrum Miami, Wynwood Arts District, as part of Miami Art Week & Art Basel, Miami, FL
Holiday Market Show, Gallery 27, Lincolnton NC
SoHo Pop Up Exhibit, Broome Street Gallery, New York, NY
Artists of the Carolinas, Gallery 27, Lincolnton NC
International Exposure Exhibit, Louvre Museum, Paris, France
Art Now Exhibit, Miami Convention Center, Miami, FL
Art Expo NYC, in conjunction with the Architectural Digest Home Show, Pier 94, New York, NY
- 2014 Spectrum Miami, Wynwood Arts District, as part of Miami Art Week & Art Basel, Miami, FL
Art San Diego Contemporary Art Show, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA
Cultural Souls Fine Art Show, E. Darwin Fuchs Pavilion, Miami, FL
2nd Annual Rochester International Art Show, Rochester, NY

- Art and Cocktails, Artisan Direct, Rochester, NY
 Artists of the Carolinas, Gallery 27, Lincolnton NC
 SeeMeTakeOver, Five paintings electronically exhibited on largest billboard in Times Square, New York City, NY
 Art Expo NYC, Pier 94, New York, NY
- 2013 Spectrum Miami, Wynwood Arts District, as part of Miami Art Week & Art Basel, Miami, FL
 Sleepy Hollow, Gallery 27, Lincolnton, NC
 Creatives Rising - Part II, Painting "Awaken" projected onto side of 42-story Linc LLC building, New York, NY
 Creatives Rising - Part I, Paintings projected on 9 meter screens on side of Guggenheim Museum and the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) with interior digital projections at Gagosian Gallery, Sotheby's, and Christie's Auction House, New York City, NY
 Spectrum NYC, Javits Center, New York City, NY
 Caught in the Moment, Arts on Main, Gastonia, NC
 Story of the Creative, The Angel Orensanz Foundation, New York, NY
 A Swine Evening, artwork paired with Grammy award winning, Sheryl Crow, Charlotte, NC
 Summer of Color, Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens, Belmont, NC
 Roger Smith Hotel Gallery, New York, NY
 Instant Art Collector Exhibit, Charlotte Viewpoint, Foundation of the Carolinas, Charlotte, NC
- 2012 Red Dot Miami in conjunction with Art Basel Miami, Miami, FL
 Landscapes & More, Arts on Main, Historic Downtown Gastonia, NC
 Public Glass 8th Annual Artist & Artisan Art Auction, San Francisco, CA
 Paint the Town, Arts on Main, Historic Downtown Gastonia, NC
 Art Expo New York in conjunction with the Architectural Digest Home Show, New York, NY
- 2011 Visual Harvest, Jeanne Rausch Gallery, Gaston College, Dallas, NC
 7th Annual Holiday Square Works Show, Providence Gallery, Charlotte, NC
 End of Year Juried Art Show, Arts on Main, Gastonia, NC
 A Natural View, Juried. Schiele Museum, Gastonia, NC
 Art with Heart, Jury Selected for Live Auction Program, United Family Services, Charlotte, NC
- 2010 6th Annual Holiday Square Works Show, Providence Gallery, Charlotte, NC
 Masters' Mystery exhibit in conjunction with Art Basel Miami, Ritz-Carlton, Miami Beach, FL
 East Meets West: Appalachians to the Rockies, Gallery 317, Lincolnton, NC.
 James Harrill Memorial Wall of Art, Juried. Carolina Medical Center, Lincolnton, NC
- 2009 Two Broads and a Band, Two-Woman Show, Rusty's Gallery, Lincolnton, NC
 Denver Art Trail, Juried. Lake Norman Gallery & Frameworks, Denver, NC
 Rethinking the Ordinary, Juried. LEDA Board Room Gallery, Lincolnton, NC
 LEDA Artists and Friends, Juried. St. Luke's Exhibit Hall, Lincolnton, NC
- 2008 LEDA Artists Group Show, Juried. St. Luke's Exhibit Hall, Lincolnton, NC
 LEDA Art Invitational '08, Juried. LEDA Board Room Gallery, Lincolnton, NC

- 2007 Art About Town, Invitational Public Art Exhibition, First Charter Bank, Lincolnton, NC
Time Lost and Moments Ignored, Lake Norman Gallery & Frameworks, Denver, NC
- 2006 Denver Art Trail, Lake Norman Gallery & Frameworks, Denver, NC
Paul Rhyne Annual Juried Art Competition, Cochrane Gallery, Lincolnton, NC – Award Recipient
28th Annual Frank Stick Memorial Art Show, Ghost Fleet Gallery, Nags Head, NC
- 2005 For Everyone and No One exhibit, Museum of Contemporary Art, Miami, FL
Masters' Mystery exhibit in conjunction with Art Basel Miami, Ritz-Carlton, Miami Beach, FL
The Glass Gallery Annual Juried Art Exhibit, Pembroke Pines, FL

NOTABLE COLLECTIONS

Mary Whisonant Private Collection, Beaufort, South Carolina.
Sean and Sheila Mullins Private Collection, Charlotte, North Carolina.
Harold and Virginia Loewenstine Private Collection, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Various works in private collections throughout the United States and Europe.

NOTABLE COMMISSIONED WORK

"Mary Magdalene", commissioned painting for award-winning Epic Repertory Theater production
"The Goddess and the Magdalene", Charlotte, NC, 2007

SELECT BIBLIOGRAPHY

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Karen Banker, Artist Showcase Magazine, Spring edition
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Karen Banker, Artist Showcase Magazine, Winter edition
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Karen Banker, Artist Showcase Magazine, Winter edition
- 2012 *Karen Banker - February Featured Artist*, Charlotte Viewpoint Art Magazine
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- 2011 "Lofty Ideals —Artist Debuts New Work at The Loft Gallery", Lincoln-Times News, March.
- 2010 "Gallery 317 Markets Artwork", Lincoln-Times News, July.
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- 2009 *"Art Invitational Focuses on Fine Art Photography"*, Lincoln-Times News, July.
"Art Show Debuts Friday", Lincoln-Times News, January.
- 2008 *"Art Stroll Planned for Downtown"*, Lincoln-Times News, December.
"LEDA Art Invitational a Success", Lincoln-Times News, December.
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"Winners Announced in Annual Photography Competition", Charlotte Observer, September. *"Storm at Bodie Island"* by Banker named Runner-up.
"Picture Galley" Art Business News, May.
"Gallery Lights", Art World News Magazine, March.
"One to Know: Artist Pursued Her Dream", Lake Norman Times, January.
- 2007 *"Banker to Debut in NoDa Arts District"*, Lincoln Tribune, December.
"Banker's Work to be in Two Exhibits", Charlotte Observer, November.
"Artist Loves to Push Envelope", Lincoln-Times News, November.
"Works by Karen Banker", Carolina Arts Magazine, November.
"Calling All Art Lovers", Sarah Paris blogspot, November.
"County Winners' Art Now on Display", Lincoln-Times News, October.
"Art Goes Outside the Gallery", Lincoln-Times News, September.

RADIO, TALKS, PANELS

"The Process of Abstraction", The Gallery: Creative Traces, Radio Program hosted by Dottie Moore. Featured guest. April 2008.

ARTIST ADVOCACY LEADERSHIP

Curator, *Gallery 317*, Lincolnton, North Carolina. 2010.
 Creator & Co-Developer, *The Art Mill*, Artist Studios, Lincolnton, North Carolina. 2010.
 Art Educator, *Private Lessons*, Lincolnton, North Carolina. 2010.
 Co-Founder, *Art Stroll of Downtown Lincolnton*, Lincolnton, North Carolina. 2008-09.
 Founder, *LEDA Annual Art Invitational*, Lincolnton, NC. 2008-10.
 Curator, *LEDA Annual Art Invitational*, Lincolnton, NC. 2010.
 Chairperson, *National Artist Relocation Program*, Lincolnton, NC. 2007-08.
 Board Member, *Downtown Development Association*, Lincolnton, NC. 2006-09.
 Committee Member, *Design Work Group*, Lincolnton, North Carolina. 2006-09.

EDUCATION

1988 - Graduate Studies towards Masters, Miami University. Oxford, Ohio.
 1986 - B.S. Self-Designed Program. University of Toledo. Toledo, Ohio.
 1984 - Studies in Liberal Arts. Wright State University & Sinclair College. Dayton, Ohio.
 1981 - Studies in Art History. Virginia Commonwealth University. Richmond, Virginia.
 1980 - Studies in Humanities. University of Dayton. Dayton, Ohio.

PERSONAL

Previously resided in Miami, FL, Richmond VA, Dayton, Toledo and Oxford OH, and Charlotte NC.