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EXHIBITION HISTORY

SOLO EXHIBITIONS AND ART ACTIVITIES:

- 2019 Featured Artist, 218 Coop Gallery, San Marcos, January 2018
- 2018 Swan Day Houston, Talento Bilingue, Houston, TX
- 2017 Jurassic Vessels, Bosque Gallery, Cypress, TX
- 2014 Beneath the Surface, Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Art, Houston, TX
- 2013 Work by Suzanne Shield-Polk, Beckindorf Gallery, Lone Star College, Tomball, Tomball Texas
- 2013 Journey, video installation, Winter Street Studios, National Conference for Education in the Ceramic Arts Concurrent Exhibition
- 2012 Post Cards, Then and Now, ceramics sculpture & video installation, Bosque Gallery, Cypress, Texas
- 2008 Back of the Bread and Devils Were Cast Out-Cupidity, Focus the Nation, Environmental Event, Lone Star College Cy-Fair
- 2008 Woman Tower, installation, Women's Month Conference, Harris County Library CyFair Branch, Cypress, TX
- 2006 Ceramic Fossil "Broadcast Art" Project: Galveston, TX (anonymous art distribution)
- 2004 Mixed Media and Ceramics, Cy-Fair College Center for the Arts Gallery, Cypress, TX
- 2004 Ceramic Fossil "Broadcast Art" Project: Cypress, TX (anonymous art distribution)
- 2003 Stone Houses-Electronic Ghosts, mixed media/video installation, California State University, Northridge
- 2002 Ceramic Fossil "Broadcast Art" Project: California, New Mexico, Texas (anonymous art distribution)
- 2002 Unification, video projection on water tower, California State University, Northridge
- 1999 Blue Light, video installation, Fine Arts Gallery, California State University, Northridge
- 1999 Empty, video Installation, COMA Fine Arts Experimental Space, California State University Los Angeles

GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

- 2020 Bayou City Clay Crawl, Amsterdam Coffee, (scheduled)
- 2020 FORM, FUNCTION, DECOR: Bridging the Distance, ClayHouston Virtual Member Exhibition
- 2020 Dirt Dauber Festival, Eye of the Dog Art Center, San Marcos, TX (cancelled due to Covid-19)
- 2020 Come See and Dream Big, June Exhibition, Old Bakery Gallery and Emporium, Austin (cancelled due to Covid-19)
- 2020 At the Table, Collaborative Art Installation, Women's Month Exhibition, Price Center, San Marcos, TX
- 2018-2020 Member Artist 218 Coop Gallery, San Marcos, TX
- 2019 San Marcos Art League Group Exhibition, Price center, San Marcos 2019 San Marcos Arts Fest, Price Arts Center, San Marcos, TX
- 2019 What's Love Got To Do With It? Price Arts Center, San Marcos, TX
- 2019 Mermaid Festival Juried Arts Market, San Marcos
- 2018 Sharing A Passion For Clay, Greater Austin Clay Artists Juried Exhibition, Dog's Eye Gallery, EOTDAC, San Marcos, 2018
- 2018 Mermaid Festival Juried Arts Market, San Marcos
- 2018 San Marcos Arts Fest, Price Arts Center, San Marcos, TX
- 2010-2017 Annual Lone Star College Cy-Fair Faculty Exhibitions, Bosque Gallery, Cypress, TX
- 2016 Visual Arts Alliance Juried Exhibition, 1600 Smith St., Houston TX.
- 2016 Decorative Deception, with Clarence Talley, Fine Arts Gallery, North Harris College, Houston, TX
- 2016 Empty Bowls Silent Auction Exhibition, Archway Gallery, Houston TX
- 2015 Reincarnation, Art Car Museum, Houston, 2015
- 2015 Visual Arts Alliance Juried Exhibition, Smith Street Lofts, 1600 Smith St., Houston TX.
- 2015 Body, Mind and Soul, 18 Hands Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2015 Annual Six Pack Show, Texas Clay Arts Association, Columbus, TX
- 2014 Terra Forma, Kingwood College Gallery, Kingwood, TX
- 2014 Clay Houston Members Exhibition, 18 Hands Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2013 Fifth Annual Juried Exhibition, Buffalo Bayou Project/Endangered Species Benefit, Archway Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2013 Clay Houston Members Exhibition, 18 Hands Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2013 Cone 6 Sustainable Ceramic Practices, NCECA Exhibition, Bosque Gallery, Cypress, TX
- 2012 Clay Houston Members Exhibition, 18 Hands Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2012 6th Annual CAMEO Emerging Student Artist and Faculty Exhibition, 18 Hands Gallery, Houston
- 2011 Gulf Coast Intercollegiate Consortium Exhibition, Marie Flickinger Art Center, San Jacinto College South, TX
- 2011 Lone Star College System Art Faculty Invitational Exhibition, University of Houston Clear Lake Art Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2011 Hot, Hot, Hot, Encaustic Wax Exhibition, Bosque Gallery, Cypress, TX
- 2010 Hive, Encaustic Wax Exhibition, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX
- 2010 10 x10 Texas Wax/Houston Members Exhibition, Amarillo, TX
- 2010 Stretch, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX
- 2003-2009 Annual Cy-Fair College Faculty Exhibition, Bosque Gallery, Cypress, TX
- 2009 Inspiration in Education. Celebrating the Works of Higher Education Instructors, 18 Hands Gallery, Houston
- 2009 Fuse, Encaustic Wax Exhibition, San Jacinto College, Texas
- 2009 Sculpture Vision XVII, Lone Star College North Harris, Houston, Texas
- 2008 Some Like It Hot, Texas Artists Museum, Port Arthur, TX
- 2008 Texas Wax, Houston/Dallas, Collaborating Artists Media Project, Dallas, TX
- 2006 Encaustic Painting Exhibition, Bosque Gallery, Cypress, TX
- 2003 Gulf Coast Intercollegiate Conference Faculty Exhibition, Houston CCSW, Stafford, TX
- 2003 Love Letters, Gallery Figueroa, Los Angeles

2002 Wired, Exhibition of New Media Art, Cesar Chavez Center Art Gallery, San Francisco State University
2002 Pasadena Society of Artists Juried Annual, Pasadena Historical Museum Art Gallery, Pasadena, CA
2002 Peace by Piece, Gallery Figueroa, Los Angeles
2001 Annual Arroyo Arts Collective Discovery Tour, Los Angeles, CA
2001 The Open Road, Arroyo Arts Collective Juried Exhibition, Judson Gallery, Los Angeles
2001 Pasadena Society of Artists, Spring Juried Show, Modem Art Gallery, Los Angeles,
2000 Pasadena Society of Artists Silver Anniversary Show, Eagle Rock Community Center, CA
1999 Two Person Show with Chris Faur, Pasadena Arts Council Gallery, Pasadena, CA
1999 Arroyo Arts Collective 10th Anniversary Show, Eagle Rock Community Center, Eagle Rock, CA
1999 Ink and Clay Juried Exhibition, Kellogg Art Gallery, Cal Poly Pomona
1998 Art Teachers of Pasadena Invitational Exhibition, Am. Friends Service Committee Center, Pasadena
1997 City of Los Angeles Juried Exhibition, Grant Stills Art Center
1997 In the Neighborhood Arroyo Arts Collective Juried Exhibition, Luckman Gallery, Cal. St. U., Los Angeles
1997 Invitational Exhibition in Mayor's office, Pasadena, CA
1997 June Group Show, Los Angeles Art Guild, Pasadena Art Space Collective, Pasadena, CA

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ceramics, Intro to Advanced, Dunbar Park, San Marcos, TX, 2018-2020
Professor of Art, Founding Faculty, Head of Ceramics Area: 2003-2017, Lone Star College Cy-Fair
Chair, Department of Art, Lone Star College Cy-Fair: 2008-2012
Lead Faculty, Department of Art, Lone Star College Cy-Fair: 2007-8
Professor of Art: 2000 to 2003, California State University, Northridge Lone Star College Cy-Fair, Cypress, TX
1987-1999 Production Potter, Pasadena, CA
1981-87 Motion Picture Industry, Art Department: Art director, Set Decorator, Set Dresser
1974-79 Co-operator/Production Potter: The Pottery at Aquarena Springs, production ceramics studio, San Marcos, TX

HONORS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2014 Honorable Mention Award, Clay Houston Members Exhibition, 18 Hands Gallery, Houston, TX
2008 Faculty Excellence Award, Lone Star College, Cy-Fair
2002 Honorable Mention, Sculpture, Pasadena Society of Arts Annual Exhibition
2001 Pasadena Society of Artists Annual Exhibition, Ceramics Award
1997 & 1998 Grant Recipient: City of Pasadena, CA for the Saturday Art Workshops Project at Norma Coombs Alternative School
1983 Nominated for Best Art Direction, MTV Awards, "Monkey On Your Back", Aldo Nova

EDUCATION

MFA, California State University, Northridge, 2002
Bachelor of Fine Art, University of Texas at Austin, 1979
Post Baccalaureate Studies in ceramics with Philip Cornelius at Pasadena City College

ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

281 Artist Coop Gallery
San Marcos Art League
Greater Austin Clay artists Association
Clay-Houston
Texas Clay Arts Association
Visual Arts Association Houston

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Curatorial

Guest Artist Coordinator, 218 Coop Gallery, San Marcos TX, 2018-2020
Dia de los Muertos student altars installation coordinator, Lone Star College, CyFair Center for the Arts, Fall 2015, 2016
Curator: Cone 6 Sustainable Ceramic Practices, Bosque Gallery, 2013, Cypress, TX
Coordinator of the Cy-Fair College Center for the Arts Gallery: Women's Work 2009, Clay Invitational 2005, Cy-Fair ISD Invitational Sr. High Student Show 2004, Cy-Fair College Student Shows, Visiting Artists Exhibitions, Regional Invitational Exhibitions
Curator of Saturday Art Workshop Exhibition, Armory Art Center, Pasadena, CA
Exhibition installation for Arroyo Arts Collective 1997-2000, Pasadena ARTNET 1994, and the Women's Building, Los Angeles, CA 1984-86
Coordinator Norma Coombs Alternative School Arts and Crafts Fair, 1998

Lectures

"History of Ceramics Lecture Series", Price Arts Center San Marcos, 2019
"The East-West Connection: Cross Cultural Influences in Ceramics", Harris County Library, 2013, Cypress, TX
"Millennium: A Humanities Forum", Panelist, Lone Star College CyFair, 2009
"Artist Talk, Sculpture Vision XVI", North Harris College, 2009

"The Application of Art Skills in the Motion Picture Industry", Saturday Art Workshop, Pasadena, CA, 1998

Workshops

Speed Coiling, Clay Houston Facebook Take-Over, 2020

Fast Clay Vessels, 218 Coop Gallery, 2020

Mid-Range Charcoal Injection Firing, Eye of the dog Art Center, 2019

Encaustic Painting, Lecture/Demo, San Marcos Library, 2018

Cone 7 Gas/Charcoal Injection Firing, Eye of the Dog Art Center, San Marcos, TX 2019

Cone 7 Gas/Charcoal Injection Firing, Lone Star College-CyFair, 2016

Cone 6 Glazes and Firing, CyFair College, 2008

Mask-Making Cy-Fair Branch, Harris County Library/Houston Museum of Fine Arts Event,

Songs of My People -African Americans: A Self Portrait, 2004

Papers

"The Big Names In California Ceramics," 1999

"Video Art: A High Art Form Rises From A Mass Market Technology", 2000

PUBLICATIONS

Cypress Creek Mirror, "Ceramics Exhibition Features Work by Suzanne Shield-Polk", 2013

Houston Chronicle, Cypress Section, "Exhibition Promotes Sustainable Ceramics Practices," 2013

Houston Chronicle, Cypress Section, Faculty Exhibition, Ceramics Sculpture by Suzanne Shield-Polk, 2009

Pasadena Weekly, "Open Road-Arroyo Arts Collective Rt. 66 Show", 2001

University Times, CSULA, 'Art Show', Catherine de la Hoya, July 24, 2000

L.A. Times, "Ink and Clay Ceramics Competition, Excels", February 1999

WORKS IN COLLECTIONS

Stone Houses, Lone Star College, North Harris, Houston, TX

Private Collections in Los Angeles, Houston, Austin, other US cities