

# Holly J. Fisher

## CURRENT POSITION

Artist in Residence, National Ornamental Metal Museum. Memphis, TN 2010-2011.

## PAST POSITIONS

Program Director, Smartshop Metal Arts Center. Kalamazoo, MI 2002 - 2010

Adjunct Faculty, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI 1995-2002.

## EDUCATION

Master of Fine Art, Sculpture, 1995. The University of Montana, Missoula, MT

Bachelor of Fine Art, Sculpture, 1992. Truman State University, Kirksville, MO

## EXPERIENCE

As the Founder of a non-profit organization that provided the Kalamazoo Community with a non-profit art gallery, sculpture garden and metal working school, I have amassed a vast set of skills. Of those skills, my years of experience in project management, administration, and education would prove to be an asset to your organization. Those skills which when coupled with my strong work ethic, dedication and creativity produce consistently productive results.

## SELECTED SHOWS

"Glass Meets Metal" Water Street Glassworks, Benton Harbor, MI June 2010

"Re-make/Re-model", National Ornamental Metal Museum. November 2009

"Taming the Flame: Decorative Artworks in Iron and Glass", Saginaw Art Museum, Saginaw, MI, September 2007

"The Forge: Contemporary Metal Artists Invitational", Midland Center For The Arts, Midland, MI, December 2006

"Bloom: Forged with Fire & Force", Brookfield Craft Center, Brookfield, CT, June 2006

"Perfect Worlds and Lucid Dreams", Thirdstone Art Gallery, Saugatuck, MI, May 2004

"Women in White" - Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph, MI April, 2004

"Art at Your Fingertips", Garfield Artworks, Pittsburgh, PA February, 2004

"Teapots on Parade", Krasl Arts Center, St. Joseph, MI August, 2001

## GRANTS

Cool Cities Catalyst Grant, \$100,000. State of Michigan, June 2004

The Irving S. Gilmore Emerging Artist Grant, 2004

The Arts Council of Kalamazoo's County Artsfund Grant, 2001

The Irving S. Gilmore Emerging Artist Grant, 2000

Artserve Michigan's Creative Artist Grant, 1998

## PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo. Chamber of Commerce.

City of Kalamazoo : Jack Coombs Trail. Bronson Hospital. Community AIDS Resource and Education Services. Hi-Cor Corporation. Southwest Michigan First. Spartan Stores.

Tower Pinkster Associates. U.S. Flow / Bertsch Company.  
University of Montana. Wellspring Dance Company. Food Dance Cafe and Market. Vine  
Street Neighborhood Association.

### **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Curriculum Consultant, Woodward School for Technology and Research. Ongoing.  
Auctioneer, Repair Days, Metal Museum. Every October since 2004.  
Participant, Ferro Insight 2005, Vechta, Germany. May 2005.  
Founder, SmartShop Metal Arts Center. 2002.

### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Kalamazoo College, Women In Town.  
Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Women in Non Traditional Careers day.  
Western Michigan University, Graduating Art Majors. ART 1200.  
Michigan Council on Arts and Cultural Affairs, Cool Cities Initiative Conference.  
Michigan State University 2005 Summer Institute, Arts in Business.  
Southern Ohio Forge and Anvil Quad State Conference, Demonstrator  
Ladies Library Association  
League of Professional Women Communicators  
Kalamazoo Rotary  
Portage Rotary  
Professional Executives and Administrators of Kalamazoo.