

JENNIFER DUNCAN

BIO

Jennifer Duncan is a visual artist based in Northern Virginia. Her exposure to the arts began early with her mother's involvement teaching performing arts and interest in the visual arts. Living just outside, Washington, DC, Duncan's early art education included many visits to the National Galleries, high school courses in Calligraphy and a Commercial Art degree certificate from the Arlington Career Center. Her commitment to include art in her career continued as she pursued a bachelor's degree in Social Work with a minor in Studio Arts and studied at the McGuffey Art Center in Charlottesville, VA while she obtained her Master of Social Work at VCU in Richmond, VA. Duncan has utilized her art in her career as a clinical social worker and, over the past 10 years as a teacher at the Great Falls School of Art and in her home studio. Duncan's paintings have appeared in various juried and solo exhibits and are in private and corporate collections in the U.S., Peru and Chili.

ARTIST STATEMENT

Using predominantly water-based media, I create abstract expressionist paintings that reflect my observations of the environment around me. Specific moments capture my imagination. Often beginning my ideas with a sketch or photo, that focus on the up-close, tiny details in nature or the larger landscape. I am drawn to repetitive patterns and surface texture in my work. Those created by simplifying landscapes into geometric shapes of the water and land, and more amorphous organic shapes of flora and fauna. I approach each painting with spontaneity and the conscious objective of opening myself up to the unexpected. The painting grows naturally through a process of mark making and painting, layering bright swaths of color and gestural drawing, adding and eliminating. The back and forth nature of my process helps with the formation of an interesting and complex painting.

SOLO & GROUP EXHIBITIONS (selected)

Studio Gallery, Washington, DC, Garden Gallery, "Looking Down", October 2019
Studio Gallery, Washington DC, Garden Gallery "Natural Interpretations", January 2018
Great Falls Studios Annual Studio Tour, Great Falls, VA (Mid-October 2005- 2019)
Touchstone Gallery, Washington, DC, "The One House Project", November 2017
Kristina's Café, Washington, DC, Solo Exhibit "Magnolia Dream", November - December 2017
Unitarian Church of Reston, VA, May-June 2017, January-February 2020
NIH Clinical Center West Alcove Gallery, Bethesda, MD, Medicinal Plants Series, 2017
868 Estates Vineyards, Purcellville, VA, Solo Exhibit "The Space Between" June -September 2016
Great Falls Library, Great Falls, VA, Solo exhibit "Small Works", January 2015
Keller Williams Realty Office, McLean, VA, Two-artist exhibit, "Homes" (July -September 2011)
Maison Du Vin, Great Falls, VA, Solo exhibit "Spring Blues" (2010)
Old Brogue Restaurant, Great Falls, VA, Solo exhibit "Crows" (2009)
Bastille Restaurant, Alexandria, VA, Solo exhibit "Recent Work" (2008)
Art for Obama Fund Raiser, Duality Gallery, Arlington, VA, Group exhibit and auction (2008)
Fairfax County Government Center, Fairfax, VA, Two-artist exhibit "Color Play" (2008)
National Symphony Orchestra Decorator's Show House, Washington, DC, Faux finish artist (2000, 2001)

JURIED EXHIBITS

Central VA Watercolor Guild, McGuffey Art Center, Charlottesville, VA, September 2019, 2018, 2017
ArtSpace Herndon, VA, Juried exhibit, "Spring Palisades" (2nd place) March 2017
37th Annual VA Watercolor Society Exhibition, Gloucester, VA, May - June 2016
USGS National Headquarters, Reston, VA, Juried exhibit, "Misty Cairns" (2nd place) September 2015
Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts, Juried exhibit, Stacey C Sherwood Center, April 2013 (Honorable Mention)
James Madison University, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Juried exhibit, April 2012
ArtSpace Herndon, Herndon, VA, Juried exhibit "Touch of Red", December 2011
McLean Project for the Arts, Artfest, Juried festival participant, (2011, 2008)

Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory, Alexandria, VA, Juried group show, "Systems Failure" (2010)
Duality Contemporary Art, Arlington, VA, Solo exhibit, "Waiting with Hope: Images of our Times" (2009)
Chelsea32 Gallery, New York, NY, group shows (2010, 2009)
Art at the Mill, Millwood, VA, Juried Spring and Fall Exhibits, 2007-2014
Gallery Two@222, Loudoun Academy of the Arts, Leesburg, VA, Juried two-artist exhibit (2007)

COLLECTIONS

- INOVA Schar Cancer Institute, Fairfax, VA, "Echinacea", Permanent Collection, (2017)
- Sun Design and Build, McLean, VA, Permanent Collection "Ribbon Men" (2014)
- Great Falls Library, VA, Juried selection "Backyard Blues" (2011)
- Arlington Community Foundation, Arlington, VA, Permanent collection "Waiting" (2010)
- Beloved Yoga, Reston, Permanent collection "Artemisia" and "Arnica" (2008)

EDUCATION

- Yellow Barn, Tory Cowles, Glen Echo, MD
- Art League School, Torpedo Factory, Alexandria, VA.
- Vander Zee School of Art, Alexandria, VA
- Smithsonian Residency Program, Washington, DC
- McGuffey Art Center, Charlottesville, VA – painting
- Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA – MSW- Clinical Health Settings
- James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA – BSW/ Minor Studio Art
- Arlington Career Center, Arlington, VA - Commercial Art Certificate Program

RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Great Falls School of Art- Class and Workshop instructor – Acrylic and Mixed Media Painting (2010- present)
- Great Falls Studios, Great Falls, VA – Board of Directors (2005-2007, 2011-2015)
- Great Falls Foundation for the Arts, Great Falls, VA, Board of Directors (2007-20011)
- Bastille Restaurant, Alexandria, VA – Curator of exhibits (2008-2009)
- Conscious Bean Coffee House, Great Falls, VA- Curator of exhibits (2008-2009)

OUTREACH

- Art Watch DC, Washington DC, Member (2017- present)
- Healing Journals Workshops instructor, Private Studio- Developed for teens with chronic illness (2013-2016)