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Education:

Bachelor of Fine Arts from Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia

Additional Painting and Drawing Courses:

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Studio School, Richmond, Virginia

Visual Arts Center of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia

School of Visual Arts, New York, New York

Career Experience:

Oil Painter— 2008-2017

State of Virginia, Office of Graphic Communications—Graphic Designer, 1997-2008

Best Products—Art Director, 1994-1996

Advertising Agencies in NY and Richmond including Stuart Ford Advertising and Lin Lockhart Inc.—

Art Director of ad and collateral design and production

Media General/Richmond Newspapers, Creative Services Department—Illustration and ad design

I was born in Washington, DC in 1947, when Washington was still a small city. I spent many hours visiting the Museum of Natural History and many art museums. I think it was there and in the creeks and fields around our little farm that I found my love of nature and art and especially horses.

Why horses? Having grown up on a small farm on the edge of Washington D.C., horses have always been my passion. I enjoyed riding from an early age and especially the excitement of competing in horse shows. My family belonged to the Silver Spur Riding Club in Oxon Hill, Maryland. We dressed in parade outfits to ride in the Washington Cherry Blossom Parades, traveled to overnight rides along the Potomac River, and competed in various western classes at local horse shows. The back of a horse was my favorite place to be. So, horses are often my subject along with other animals, people, and landscapes. Each painting is an attempt to portray the grace and beauty of the horse and the deep connections between humans and the horses who share their lives.

Painting Awards

Best in Show, "Virginia Equine Artists Association Annual Spring Equine Art Show,"– Art on a Wire, Midlothian,VA; 2014
Best in Sporting Art, American Academy of Equine Art "Fall Open Juried Exhibition"– Lexington, Kentucky; 2013
Best in Show, "Virginia Equine Artists Association Annual Spring Equine Art Show"– Art on a Wire, Midlothian,VA; 2013
First Place, "Continuum 2000"– Richmond Women's Caucus for Art, James Center, Richmond,VA; 2000

Juried Exhibitions

"For the Love of Equine Art" – Allure Art Center, Whitestone VA; 2017
"AAEA Fall Invitational Exhibition at Spindle Top Hall" – American Academy of Equine Art, Lexington, KY; 2016
"The Horse in Fine Art" – American Academy of Equine Art Spring Invitational Exhibit, Lexington, KY; 2015
"4th Annual Miniaturation Show" – Gallery Flux, Ashland,VA; 2015
"3rd Annual Miniature Show" – Gallery Flux, Ashland VA; 2014
"Annual Fall Open Juried Exhibition 2014" –American Academy of Equine Art, Georgetown, KY; 2014
"The Horse in Fine Art"– American Academy of Equine Art, Lexington, Kentucky; 2014
"Annual Fall Open Juried Exhibition" – American Academy of Equine Art, Georgetown, KY; 2013
"Art of the Horse"–Gallery Flux, Ashland, Virginia; 2013
"The Race to the Races"–Morin Gallery, The Arts Center in Orange, VA; 2013
"National Juried Exhibition"– Montpelier Center for the Arts, Montpelier,VA; 2012
"Different Perspectives in Painting"–Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Studio School, Richmond, Virginia, November, 2011
"Celebration of the Arts National Juried Exhibition"–the Montpelier Center for the Arts, Montpelier,VA; 2009
"Continuum 2000"–Richmond Women's Caucus for Art, Richmond,VA; 2000

Juried Group Invitational Art Exhibitions

"The Fine Art of Horses"– Weigand Fine Art & Furniture Gallery, Galax,VA; 2016
Capitol One Equine Art Exhibit, Richmond,VA; 2016
"Gallery at First UU" – Richmond,VA; 2016
"The Horse in Art"–The Cultural Arts Center of Glen Allen, Glen Allen,VA; 2015
"Spring Equine Art Show"– Art on a Wire, Midlothian,VA; 2015
"Plein Air & Big Skies" – Gallery Flux, Ashland,VA; December 4, 2014
"Gallery Artist Group Show" – Gallery Flux, Ashland,VA; May 1– June, 2014
"Art of the Horse", Montpelier – Center for the Arts, Montpelier,VA; April 2014
"2nd Annual VIP Miniatures Show"– Gallery Flux, Ashland,VA; 2013
"Winter Open House Invitational" – Gallery Flux, Ashland,VA; 2013
"Spring Art Show"– Urbanna Harbor Gallery, Urbanna,VA; 2012
"True Blue"–Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Studio School, Richmond,VA; 2011
"Small Works"– Gallery Flux, Ashland,VA; November 2011
"Variations In Red"–Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Studio School, Richmond,VA; 2010