

April VanDeGrift

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Education

- 2014 MFA, Area of Concentration: Visual Studio Arts, Boise State University, Boise, ID
- 2008 **Dual Degree-** BFA, Area of Concentration: Painting/ BFA, Area of Concentration: Illustration
Boise State University, Boise, ID
- 2002 AA, Seattle Central College, Seattle, WA

Professional Teaching Experience

- 2014-present Adjunct Professor, College of Western Idaho, Nampa, ID
(Painting 1 & 2, Drawing 1 & 2, 2D Design, Art History, Capstone, Independent Study)
- 2014-2020 Adjunct Professor, College of Idaho, Caldwell, ID
(Drawing 1, 2D Foundations, Graphic Design, Ways of Seeing Lecture)
- 2013-2016 Adjunct Professor, Boise State University, Boise ID
(Painting 1, Drawing Foundations, Drawing 1, 2D Foundations, Introduction to Art)
- 2011-2013 Graduate Assistant, Boise State University, Boise, ID
(2D Foundations, 3D Foundations, Drawing Foundations [Instructor of record])

Awards and Honors

- 2012 Nagoya Zokei University Scholarship, Nagoya Japan
- 2011 National Arts Program, Professional Painting Award
- 2009 Artist-in-Residency Fellowship, 8th Street Marketplace AiR, Boise, ID
- 2007 Boise State University Art Department Scholarship from Ada-Hatch

Public Art

- 2023 HapHap Mural, Latex and Acrylic on Wall, Treefort Music Hall, Boise, ID
- 2022 Queen Anne Vinyl Scroll, Modern Hotel & Bar, Boise, ID
- 2021 Boise City, Boise City Council Chamber, Oil on Canvas, City Hall, Boise, ID
- 2017 Boise City, Linen Building Mural, Acrylic on Wood, 15th and Grove, Boise, ID
- 2013 Boise City, Electric Box, Digital file for vinyl, 13th St. between Idaho and Main, Boise, ID
- 2012 Boise City, Transit Shelter, Digital file for vinyl, 1st and Main, Boise, ID
- 2011 Boise City, Transit Shelter, Digital file for vinyl, 9th and Main, and 8th and Idaho, Boise, ID

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 *Queen Anne*, Modern Hotel & Bar, Boise, ID
- 2022 *Work by April VanDeGrift*, Delia Dante Gallery, Boise, ID
- 2019 *Changing World*, Gallery CTA, Boise ID
- 2017 *Changes: The Art of April VanDeGrift*, Visual Arts Collective, Garden City, ID
- 2016 *Off Center Dance Collaboration*, Visual Arts Collective, Garden City, ID
- 2015 *Cultural Animal*, Bricolage, Boise, ID
- 2014 *MFA Thesis Exhibition, HUMANIMAL*, Visual Arts Collective, Garden City, ID
- 2012 *Winter's Labyrinth*, Bricolage, Boise, ID
- 2011 *Lone Figure*, Basement Gallery, Boise, ID

Two-Person Exhibitions

- 2024 TBD, Visual Arts Collective, Garden City, ID
- 2023 TBD, Boise State University, Boise, ID
- 2020 *Sea Change: April VanDeGrift and Erin Cunningham*, College of Idaho, Caldwell, ID
- 2009 *A Stitch in Time*, Visual Art Collective, Garden City, ID

Group Exhibitions, Juried, and Curated

- 2019 *Co-creation*, Boise Art Museum, Boise, ID
2017 *Terrarium*, Visual Arts Collective, Boise, ID
2017 *Eyes on Conservation*, Swell Studio, Boise, ID
2016 *32 Cells*, Swell Studio, Boise, ID
2015 *Krampus*, Visual Arts Collective, Garden City, ID
2015 *Holding What Can't Be Held*, Ming Studio, Boise, ID
2015 *The Fisherman and His Soul*, Boise Contemporary Theater, Boise, ID
2013 *Never After*, Visual Arts Collective, Garden City, ID
2013 *Activate*, Student Juried Exhibition, Curated by Whitney Tassie Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art at the Utah Museum of Fine Arts, Boise, ID
2013 *Collection*, Studio 616, McCall, ID
2012 *TMP 10+1*, Trey McIntyre Studio, Boise, ID
2012 *Nagoya-Boise Art and Design International Exchange*, Nagoya Zokei University, Nagoya Japan
2011 *UK/US Artist Exchange Program*, The Weekend Gallery, Hastings, East Sussex, UK
2010 *Visible M(Others)* Juried Exhibition, Curated by Janice Neri Associate Professor of Art History and Kathleen Keys Professor Art Education at Boise State University, Boise, ID
2010 *Illustration Showdown*, Bricolage, Boise, ID
2010 *A Noise in the Basement*, Basement Gallery, Boise, ID
2009 *Steal This Feeling*, Gallery Alexa Rose, Boise, ID
2009 *NASAD Student Exhibition*, Boise State University, Boise, ID
2008 *October Show*, Sum of 6 Gallery, Coeur D' Alene, ID
2008 *Punch: Senior Thesis Exhibition*, Visual Arts Center, Boise State University, Boise, ID
2008 *Bite: Student Juried Art Show*, Visual Arts Center, Boise State University, Boise, ID
2006 *Boise-Salt Lake Exchange*, Gittins Gallery, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
2006 *Push: Student Juried Art Show*, Visual Art Center, Boise State University, Boise, ID
2006 *Live Lobsters Dancing Nightly: Student Juried Art Show*, Visual Art Center, BSU, Boise, ID
2005 *The Works: Student Juried Art Show*, Visual Art Center, Boise State University, Boise, ID
2002 *Student Invitational*, M. Rosetta Hunter, Seattle Central Community College, Seattle, WA

Bibliography

- Christopher Schnoor, "Shipmates," Idaho Press, March 4 2020
Brooke Burton, "Creators Makers & Doers," James Castle House, live interview, 2019
Karl LeClair, "Creators Makers & Doers," City of Boise, 2017
Tara Morgan, "Top Dogs," Boise Weekly, Aug. 6 2008: 25
Anna Demetriades, "Hearts for Hearts Sake," Boise Weekly. Feb. 13 2008: 24
E.J. Pettinger, "Give Me the: Works!" Boise Weekly, Feb. 9 2005: 26

Publications

- "We Live in Boise" illustrations for children's book written by Elisabeth McKetta and James Stead
"HUMANIMAL" Boise State University Graduate College, May 2014: MFA Thesis
"Electric," Boise Weekly, April 2013: Cover Illustration
"Portraits," Three by Three Directory of Illustration, 2013: pg 331
"The Rabbit Hole," Boise Weekly, April 2012: Cover Illustration
"Cinco De Mustache," Boise Weekly, May 2011: Cover Illustration
"Long Lean Toned Legs," Boise Weekly, Sept. 2009: Cover Illustration
"Fishing," Boise Weekly, Oct. 2008: Cover Illustration
"Feeding Crows," Boise Weekly, Dec. 2006: Cover Illustration
"Snow," Boise Weekly, Dec. 2005: Cover Illustration

Curatorial

- 2021 *Open Studio*, Madasci Studio Inc., Garden City, ID
2017 *Terrarium: A Collection of About Plants*, Visual Arts Collective, Garden City, ID
2013 *Never After*, Visual Arts Collective, Garden City, ID
2010 *Illustration Showdown*, Gallery Alexa Rose, Boise, ID
1997-1999 Art Director/Curator, Coffee-News Coffee-News, Boise, ID

Professional Experience - Commercial

- 2012-present Art Restoration, Custom Conservation Framer & Design, Picture This, Boise ID
2008-present Freelance Illustrator & Graphic Designer.
Clients include Highlands Hollow, Frankly Burlesque, Cascade Pest Control, AKA Belle, Green Glass Movement, Go Listen Boise, Duck Club, Radio Boise, Boise Co-op

Committees and Panels

- 2016-present Selection Committee for Surel's Place Art Residency, Garden City, ID
2015-present Selection Committee for Scholastic Arts Awards, Boise Arts Museum, Boise, ID
2015 Juror for Boise Open Studio Organization, Boise, ID
2015 Selection Committee for Visiting Artist and Scholar Presenters, College of Western Idaho, Nampa, ID
2013-2014 Committee Member, Visiting Artist and Scholar, Boise State University, Boise, ID

Workshops and Conferences

- 2020 Geological Society of America, Presenter on Co-Curricular project between art and Geoscience, Stanford University, Zoom Conference, Stanford, CA
2019 Geological Society of America, Presenter on Co-Curricular project between art and Geoscience, Convention Center, Phoenix, AZ
2019 The Chemistry of Color in Art, TA for workshop using Chemistry to make pigments, Boise State University, Boise, ID
2018 Co-Curricular Education Conference with the College of Western Idaho, Presenter on Co-Curricular project between art and science, Zion Bank Building, Boise, ID
2008 ICON5, Illustration Workshop, Roosevelt Hotel, New York, NY

Collections

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| Boise City Council Chamber | Visual Arts Collective |
| Boise City, Visual Chronicles & Portable Works | Imprint Gallery |
| Boise City, Mayors Office | Chalice Incorporated |
| College of Idaho | Private Collections |
| Picture This Gallery & Custom Frame shop | |

Gallery Affiliation

- Visual Arts Collective, Garden City, ID
Picture This Frame Shop and Gallery, Boise, ID