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EDUCATION

2019 - Thai Metal Chasing, 300 hr. Certificate Course, Wat Sri Suphan, Chiang Mai, Thailand

2017 - Thai Metal Chasing, 150 hr. Certificate Course, Wat Sri Suphan, Chaing Mai, Thailand

2016 - Argentium Teaching Certificate Creative Side Jewelry, Austin, TX

1997 - BFA Metals, Massachusetts College of Art and Design with High Honors in Academic Distinction, Foundation Auction Award, and Departmental Honors in Metals.

EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 "Spin," Solo Exhibition, The Loading Dock Gallery, Western Avenue Studios and Lofts, Lowell, MA
- 2021 "Crown of Thorns Cambodia" Biennial Exhibition Photography," St. Botolph Club, Boston, MA
- 2021 "From Dust to Diamonds," Burning Man Boundless Space: Sotheby's Auction, NYC
- 2021 "The Light Gets In: Studios Without Walls," Boston, MA
- 2020 "Playa Made: Jewelry of Burning Man," Bellevue Arts Center, Bellevue, WA
- 2019 "Playa Made: Jewelry of Burning Man," Oakland Museum of Art, Oakland, CA
- 2018 "No Spectators: The Art of Burning Man" Renwick Museum, Washington, DC
- 2017 "Playa Made: Jewelry of Burning Man," Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA
- 2017 "City of Dust: The Evolution of Burning Man," Nevada Museum of Art in Reno.
- 2000 "Cavalcade of Cod "Fine Dining" Auctioned and purchased by Legal Seafoods Corporate Office
- 2015 "Where Science Meets Art: Metals & Wearables" of Artisan's Asylum," Somerville, MA
- 2002 "Buckles and Bolos," West Southwest Gallery Denver CO
- 2002 "Duxbury Art Associations 28th Annual Winter Juried Show", Best in Sculpture, Duxbury MA
- 2002 "Innovations: Pele's Spoon," SNAG Conference, Denver, CO
- 2001 "Summer Artist in Residence and Group Show 2001", Cohasset MA South Shore Arts Center,
- 2001 "Group Invitational" Concord MA Concord Arts Association,
- 2001 "Open Photography & Sculpture Show," Cambridge Arts Assoc., Cambridge, MA
- 2000 "Fine Dining Cavalcade of Cod," MCAD and Legal Seafoods, Boston, MA
- 2000 "Best in Show for Jewelry" Photography/Sculpture II, Concord MA Concord Art Assoc.
- 2000 "Freud's Third Dream" Private Collection Mass College of Art Annual Auction, Boston MA
- 1999 "High Tea", Metalwerx, Woburn, MA
- 1999 "Metalmania," The Lexington Society for Arts and Crafts, Lexington MA
- 1999 "The Metalheads Guild Show," Portsmouth, NH Barrett Gallery
- 1998 "Lafayette Art Association International Exhibition," Lafayette LA
- 1998 "Sculpture for the Palm," Emerging Artists Finalist.

BOOKS

- 2024 "The Wagon Master Awards" Book of Burning Man Service Awards, Coffee Table Photographic Book
- 2015 "Jewelry of Burning Man" Karen Christians
- 2005 "Making the Most of Your FlexShaft," 8 reprints, MJSA Journal

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

2021 - At the Bench. V2" MJSA Publications, Attleboro, MA

2016 - Lapidary Journal, "Photoetching Techniques

2014 - MJSA Journal, "Capital Kick-Start," Attleboro, MA

2011 - Metalsmith Magazine, "The Art and Movement of Steampunk"

2010 - MJSA Journal, "Portable Polishing"

2010 - MJSA Journal, "Clip-It"

2009 - Jewelry Artist, Green Tools Tool Review, "Titanium Soldering Tools"

2007 - MJSA Journal, "McGyver Using a Sharpie Marker for Annealing"

2007 - MJSA Journal, "McGyver Using a Potato as Heat Sink"

2006 - Texas Jewelers Magazine, "Flex-shaft: A Tool of Diversity"

2005 - MJSA Journal, "Totally Tubular"

2003 - You Can Do It", Lapidary Journal

2004 - "Tool Junkies' American Jewelers Magazine

2001 - "Breaking the Creative Block," American Jewelers Magazine

2000 - "Consignment Galleries", American Jewelers Magazine

2000 - "Mokume Gane" American Jewelers Magazine

2000 - "Silver" Lapidary Journal 1999 - "How Two Artists Started a Jewelry School," Crafts Report

TEACHING

2021

Soldering Boot Camp – The Bench, Pawtucket, RI Soldering Boot Camp – Artisans Asylum

2020

Make a Ring(z) - Makerspace Thailand, Chiang Mai

Shaken, Not Stirred, Guilded Lynx, Ridgemont, CT

2018

Resin Inlay and Thai Metal Chasing, Smithsonian, Washington, DC
Jewelry 101 - Makerspace Thailand, Chiang Mai, Thailand
Ice Cream Social, Guilded Lynx, Ridgemont, CT
Soldering Boot Camp, Metalwerx, Waltham, MA
Surface Design for Metalsmiths, Wesleyan Potters, CT
Surface Design for Metalsmiths, Boulder Metalsmiths Association, Boulder, CO
High Tea, Guilded Lynx, Ridgemont, CT

2017

Surface Design for Metalsmiths, Snow Farm School of Craft, Williamsburg, MA Surface Design for Metalsmiths, Guilded Lynx, Ridgemont, CT

2016

Jewelry I, II, Directed Open Studio, Make a Ring(z), Stone Set Rings, Artisan's Asylum, Somerville, MASoldering Bootcamp, Snow Farm, Williamsburg, MA.

2015

Jewelry I, II, III, Photoetching, Resin Inlay, Flex Shaft, Stone Setting, Make a Ring(s), Jewelry Orientation Artisan's AsylumSoldering, Resin Inlay, Flux Metal Arts, Cleveland, OHFlex Shaft, Guilded Lynx, Ridgefield, CT.

Flex Shaft, Flux Metal Arts, Cleveland, OH Jewelry I, II, III, Photoetching, Resin Inlay, Flex Shaft, Artisan's Asylum, Somerville, MA

2013

Jewelry I, II, III, Photoetching, Resin Inlay, Flex Shaft, Artisan's Asylum, Somerville, MA

2012

Soldering Boot Camp, Idyllwild Metals Week Jewelry I, II, III, Photoetching, Resin Inlay, Flex Shaft, Artisan's Asylum

2011

Making a Steampunk Clock, Charles River Museum of Industry, Waltham, MA Soldering 101, Metalwerx, Waltham, MA

2010

Soldering 101, Metalwerx, Waltham, MA
Resin Inlay, Peninsula School of Art, Fish Creek, WI
Resin Inlay, Idyllwild School of Art, Idyllwild, CA
Resin Inlay, Metalwerx, Waltham, MA
Making the Most of Your Flex Shaft, Metalwerx, MA
EL Wire, Waltham, MA
El Wire, Maynard, MA

2009

Soldering 101, Metalwerx, Waltham, MA Resin Inlay, Metalwerx, Waltham, MA Resin Inlay, The Bead House, Providence, RI EL Wire, Boston, MA

1998 - 2008

Beginning and Intermediate Jewelry, Metalwerx, Waltham, MA Photoetching, Cambridge Center for Adult Ed, Cambridge Beginning, Intermediate Jewelry and Studio Saturdays, Cambridge Center for Adult Education, Cambridge, MA

ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2024 Founder Jewelry Teaching Studio at Lowell Makes, Lowell, MA
- 2021 Vaccinevictory.org A global outreach for Vaccine support and recognition
- 2021 St. Botolph Club, Senior Resident Member
- 2020 Member Women's Jewelry Association
- 2020 Invention: Ergolast Titanium Soldering Pick, 5000 sold through Pepetools Inc.
- 2019 Member Creative Craft Council
- 2019 Developing Jewelry Shop at Makerspace Thailand, Chiang Mai
- 2018 Invited Teacher at Makerspace Thailand
- 2017 Board Member for Loading Dock Arts Education
 - 2016 Founded "Makerspace Cultural Exchange Grant" for Makerspaces involving Chiang Mai, Thailand: Kyiv, Russia; Tokyo, Japan; Shanghai, China; La Fabrique, Quebec, Canada & Artisan's Asvlum. Somerville, MA
- 2015 Kickstarter for self-published book, Jewelry of Burning Man, \$18,250, fully funded
- 2012 Founder Jewelry Shop, Artisan's Asylum Makerspace, Somerville
- 2006 Pendant Project for Burning Man, Black Rock City, NV
- 2008 Founder Cleverwerx LLC
- 2003 -Tool Designer of Titanium Jewelry Soldering Tools
- 1998-2008 Executive Director, Metalwerx,

- 2001-03 Board Member, Society of North American Goldsmiths
- 2000-08 Co-Founder of Ganoksin.com, the First Global Jewelry Community on the Internet
- 1998-08 Founder and ED of Metalwerx: School for Jewelry and the Metal Arts, Waltham, MA
- 1999-02 Board Member for Society of North American Goldsmiths
- 1997 Graduated with Distinction for Academic Merit, Massachusetts College of Art
- 1997 Departmental Honors for Artistic Merit, Massachusetts College of Art
- 1997 Foundation Auction Award for Outstanding Achievement, Massachusetts College of Art

LECTURES

- 2023 "Making in Chiang Mai" Artisans Asylum, Allston, MA
- 2021 "Burning Man: A Deep Dive into the Culture, Community and Art, St. Botolph Club, Boston, MA
- 2018 "Jewelry of Burning Man," Renwick Museum, Smithsonian, Washington, DC
- 2017 "Jewelry of Burning Man," Panel Discussion, Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA
- 2016 "Jewelry of Burning Man," Creative Side Jewelry Academy, Austin, TX
- 2015 "Jewelry of Burning Man," Chaucer's Books, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2015 "Jewelry of Burning Man," Denver Makerspace, "Denver, CO
- 2014 "Jewelry of Burning Man," Artisan's Asylum, Somerville, MA
- 2010 "Soldering Sanctuary," Metalwerx, Waltham, MA
- 2009 "Soldering Fundamentals," Metalwerx, Waltham, MA
- 2006 "Marketing for Artists," Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA
- 2005 "Marketing for Artists," University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA
- 2004 "Making the Most of Your Flex-Shaft," Catalog in Motion, Rio Grande Tool and Supply, Tucson, AZ
- 2004 "Marketing for Artists," The Glass Bead Society, Belmont, MA
- 2004 "Making the Most of Your Flex Shaft," JCK Show, Las Vegas, NV
- 2004 "Marketing for Artists," Cambridge Center for Adult Education, Cambridge, MA
- 2001-03 "Victorian Flatware: Form and Function," Cambridge, Center for Adult Education, Cambridge, MA
- 2003 "Marketing for Artists & Modernist Jewelry," Catalog in Motion, Rio Grande Tool, Tucson, AZ
- 2001-03 "Metalwerx: From Concept to School," Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA