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PUBLIC ART & Participation in Roanoke communities

Public/private Commissions in Roanoke

2020 Raccoon tire sculpture for Clean Valley Council and Mill Mt. Zoo, Vic Thomas Park, RoanokeVA
2020 Sandbox refurbishing under Memorial Bridge, City of Roanoke. VA
2016 Mural on Dale Ave. paint manager with designer, S.E. Neighborhood Asso. RoanokeVA
2009 Mosaic for Roanoke City Temporary Sculpture – “Rainbow Children” Southeast, Rescue Mission
2002 Mosaic Mural 5’ x 14’ “Rainbow Tribute” Commission Children’s Health Services, Roanoke
2001 Artist Residency, Tile Mosaic Mural Project, 10’ X10’ Clearbrook Elementary School, Roanoke
2001 Mosaic Mural 10’ x10’ Commission S. Roanoke Methodist Church Memorial Garden, Roanoke
2000 Mosaic Mural, 12’ x 5’ Public arts program “Garden Gate”, Raleigh Court Asso. Memorial Ave.
2000 Residency, Tile Mosaic, 4’ X 12’ “My Neighborhood” Hurt Park Elementary, Roanoke, Va.
2000 Painted Mural Project 15’ x 40’ “This much Love” Designer / volunteer org., United Way donation
1998 Designer, Community Participation, Tile Mosaic Mural Project, 12’ x 12’ , Westover Ave. S.W.

Teaching / performance

2016- present Points of Diversity communication skills and listening sessions with small diverse groups
2015 Arts and Parks workshops for public, City of Roanoke art commission
2010-present Creative Ceremony Circles and collaborations towards healing and growth, community participation
2012- 2018 Private drawing, painting, sculpture
2000 – 2008 Art teacher, Roanoke Co. elementary, Gifted Art after school program
2002 --2008 Art teacher, Roanoke City after school community partners program with Arts Council
2002 Puppet performances, Art Museum of Western Va.
2000 Art Camp teacher, Montessori school, Roanoke, Va.
1999-- 2004 Sculpture class children-adults Art Museum of Western VA

Corresponding Volunteer activities

2021 Fence Weaving Design and manager, community participation, Wasena Park
2019 Kwanzaa production props for performance @ Mill Mountain Theatre and churches
2016- present CommUnity Arts Reach, children’s performing arts for Roanoke’s underserved
2017- present Carver Community Garden periodic volunteer days, signage, media outreach, Loudon/6thRoanoke
2016-2019 Art and children’s activity support for family events in NW (including. Juneteenth)
2017 Mural Painting, The Hope Center, 11th St. Roanoke
2016 Mural Painting, West End Center, Patterson Ave., Roanoke
2011 Bread & Puppet Theatre collaboration with Marginal Arts & Hollins Univ. , Roanoke
2011-2016 International Day of Peace Festivals, bridging community groups, Roanoke
2009-2015 Peace props education for Grandin Rd. Thanksgiving Parade with Plowshare Peace Center
2000-2002 Peace Festival, Highland Park Collaborations between poets, dancers, musicians and visual artists
1990-2016 Local Earth Day Roanoke Educational Festivals, demos and collaborative art projects