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*Egyptian Flame*  
Oil/Canvasboard

## EDUCATION

1965 Penland Arts and Crafts School, Penland, NC. (2 wks.)

1968-70 Kent State University, Kent, OH.

1982 B.A. Psychology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS (selected)

2009 *Close to Canada & Other Scenes*, Orinda Library, Orinda, CA.

2004 *Looking at The Sky*, PARC, Xerox Corporation, Palo Alto, CA.

2003 Birnbaum's Broadway Frame & Gallery, Missoula, MT.

*Big Sky Cloud Country*, University of Alabama, Montgomery, AL.

2002 *Water in Clouds*, East Bay Municipal Utilities District, Oakland, CA.

2000 *Northwards with Benny Alba*, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL.

*Travels with Benny Alba*, The Arts Center, Jamestown, ND. (sponsor N.D. Gallery Ass'n)

*Travels with Benny Alba*, N. Valley Arts Council, Grand Forks, ND. ( " )

*Travels with Benny Alba*, NW Art Center, Minot State Univ., Minot, ND. ( " )

*Travels with Benny Alba*, Lake Region Heritage Center, Devils Lake, ND. ( " )

*Travels with Benny Alba*, Bismarck Art & Galleries Assoc, Bismarck, ND. ( " )

*Liquid Sky and Water*, Valley Art Center, Clarkston, WA.

*Silver Waters; An Alaska Journey*, Pacific Grove Art Center, Pacific Grove, CA.

*Dark Clouds, Black Mountains & Blue Water*, FireHouse G, Rogue CC, Grants Pass, OR.

Napa City-County Library, Napa, CA.

*A Painter of the Cool*, Sedona Art Center, Sedona, AZ.

1999 Oakland Higher Education Center, Oakland, CA.

*AlbaVisions*, Adell McMillan Art Gallery, EMU Cultural Forum, Univ of OR, Eugene, OR.

Hastings School of Law, San Francisco, CA.

1998 *Shared Blessings*, Saginaw Art Museum, Saginaw, MI.

*Road Show*, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Oakland, CA.

Commonwealth Club, S.F., CA.

*Bright and Colorful*, San Francisco State, University Club, S.F., CA.

Contra Costa Arts and Culture Commission, Martinez, CA.

1997 *Intermingling Junctures: Am. Emblems* N. Country Museum/Art, Park Rapids, MN.

*Explorations into a Canvas World*, Merced College Art G., Merced, CA.

Office of the Supervisor of Contra Costa County Court, Martinez, CA.

1996 Oakland Windows Project, Oakland, CA.

Martinez City Hall, Martinez, CA.

1995 *Meaningful Clues: Symbolic Beings*, ISOMATA, Idyllwild, CA.

1994 *Crosstalk: Painted Conversations Between Females*, C./ Psy. Studies, Albany, CA.

*Abiding Beings*, Las Vegas Art Museum, Main Gallery, Las Vegas, NV.

*The Window & Other Works*, Live Art Gallery, Apprentice Alliance, S.F., CA.

*Echoing Messages*, Liberty Village Art Center, Chester, MT.

A Gallery in a ClockTower, San Francisco, CA.

*World of Mystery*, Western Wyoming Community College, Rock Springs, WY.

- 1993 *The Portal Angels & Other Guardians*, Columbus Cult. Arts Center, Col's, OH.  
Artists Television Access, S.F. CA.
- 1991 *Selected Works*, Jeanne Brewer Gallery, UC Berkeley Extension, S.F., CA.
- 1990 *Environment & Beliefs*, 201 Convention Plaza, S.F., CA.  
*Evolving Elements*, Canessa Gallery, S.F., CA. (Sponsor: CA. Instit. of I. Studies)
- 1989 Canessa Gallery, S.F., CA.
- 1983 Loft Gallery, Columbus, OH.  
First Unitarian Universalist Church, Upper Arlington, OH.
- 1981 Loft Gallery, Columbus Cultural Arts Center, Columbus, OH.

**GROUP EXHIBITIONS** (selected)

- 2009 *81st Annual Int'l Juried*, Art Assn of Harrisburg, Harrisburg, PA.
- 2008 *Bold Expressions 2008*, Carmichael, CA.  
*21st Nat'l Juried*, S. Cobb Arts Alliance, Mableton, GA.  
*Water & Wax*, Coffman Art Gallery, Univ. of MN. Minneapolis, MN.
- 2007 *79th Annual Int'l Juried*, Art Assoc. of Harrisburg, Harrisburg, PA.  
*39th Annual, Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, Wood*, Octagon C. for the Arts, Ames, IO.
- 2006 *27th Annual*, Mountain Art Show, Bernardsville, NJ.  
*Bold Expressions*, 52st Int'l Juried, N. Ca. Arts, Inc., Carmichael, CA.  
Juried Show, MonDak Historical & Art Society, Sidney, MT.  
*Northern Nat'l. Juried*, Nicolet College Art Gallery, Rhinelander, WI.  
*Journeys*, Sebastopol Center for the Arts, Sebastopol, CA.
- 2005 *Lullabies and Gentle Screams*, SOMAR, San Francisco, CA.  
*More than Expected*, Oakland Craft & Cultural Arts Gallery, Oakland, CA.  
*Through a Window*, CSP show, Phantom Galleries, San Jose, CA.  
*CSP Juried*, Alameda Art Center, Alameda, CA.  
*Happily Ever After*, Frank Bette Center for the Arts, Alameda, CA.
- 2004 *From the Fire*, Alameda Art Center, Alameda, CA.  
*17th Nat'l Juried*, S. Cobb Arts Alliance, Mableton, GA.  
*Paint the Town Red, White & Blue*, Frank Bette Center for the Arts, Alameda, CA.  
*Nat'l Juried*, City of Farmington Cult Affairs & Northwest NM Arts Commission, NM.  
*Affirmative Abstraction*, Sun Gallery, Hayward, CA.  
*Ordinary Miracles*, Prescott-Joseph Center, Oakland, CA.  
*Texts, TEXTILES, textures, Contents*, Fredericksburg C. for the Arts, Fredericksburg, VA.  
*Ink and Clay*, Cal. State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CA.
- 2003 *Why Not?* Second City Council, Long Beach, CA.  
*Kaleidoscope of Color*, Fredericksburg C. for the Arts, Fredericksburg, VA.  
*An Evening with MAR Residents*, University of Montana, Butte, MT.  
*SWG; Selected Past Summer Art Award Winners*, Steamboat Springs, CO.  
*Northern National Juried*, Nicolet College Art Gallery, Rhinelander, WI.  
*53rd Annual Art Competition*, Ft. Smith Art Center, Fort Smith, AZ.  
*Expressions West*, Coos Art Museum, Coos Bay, WA.  
*20th Annual Juried*, Alcoa Gallery, Wenatchee Valley College, Wenatchee, WA.  
UC Berkeley YWCA, Berkeley, CA.  
*The Group*, San Pablo City Gallery, San Pablo, CA.  
*Ink & Clay 29*, Kellogg G, Cal. State Polytec, Pomona, CA.
- 2002 *23rd Annual*, Mountain Art, Bernardsville, NJ.  
*Gulf Coast Nat'l Juried*, Texas Artists Museum, Port Arthur, TX.

Water Music, Fredericksburg Center for Creative Arts, Fredericksburg, VA.  
 19th Annual, Gallery '76, Wenatchee Valley College, Wenatchee, WA.  
 Alice Arts Center Windows Exhib. II, Alice Arts Center, Oakland, CA.  
 Greater Midwest Int'l. XVII, Central Missouri State Univ, Warrensburg, MO.  
 2001 Nat'l. Fall Exhibition, Impact Artists Gallery, Buffalo, NY.  
 Day or Night, MakeReady Press Gallery, Montclair, NJ.  
 7th Annual Gulf Coast Nat'l Juried, Texas Artists Museum, Port Arthur, TX.  
 Import/Export, WomanMade Gallery, Chicago, IL.  
 Imprints, ArtsBenecia, Benecia, CA.  
 Summer Art 2001, Steamboat Springs Arts Council, Steamboat S, CO.  
 11th Int'l Art Exhibition, Havre De Grace Arts Commission, HdGrace, MD.  
 4th Nat'l Juried, South Cobb Arts Alliance, Mableton, GA.  
 12th Nat'l Juried, Viridian Artists Inc. Gallery, NY. NY.  
 All Media Juried, Palos Verdes Art Center, Rancho Palo Verdes, CA.  
 Strength in Numbers, Fredericksburg CCA/Mary Washington College (2 shows), VA.  
 73rd Annual Juried, Art Assn. of Harrisburg, Harrisburg, PA.  
 Contemporary III Int'l Juried, Period Gallery, Omaha, NE.  
 Landscape 2001 Int'l Juried, Period Gallery, Omaha, NE.  
 30th Int'l. Art Show, Brownsville Art League, Brownsville, TX.  
 28th Annual Juried Competition, Masur Museum of Art, Monroe, LA.  
 32nd Annual Nat'l Juried, Palm Springs Desert Museum, PS, CA.  
 75th Annual Int'l Competition, The Print Center, Philadelphia, PA.  
 2000 On/Of Paper, Adams State College, Alamosa, CO.  
 Exclusively Landscape, 11 E. Ashland Gallery, Phoenix, AZ.  
 Scene/Unseen, Eastern New Mexico Univ., Portales, NM.  
 Western Montana College Art Gallery, Dillon, MT. (2 person show)  
 Black and White, O'Kane Gallery, Univ. of Houston, Houston, TX.  
 2000 California Works, California State Fair, Sacramento, CA.  
 On the Road: Inner & Outer Journeys, Fredericksburg Center, Fredericksburg, VA.  
 Seeing Red, Cultural Arts Council of Sonoma County, Santa Rosa, CA.  
 Faces of Woman, Las Vegas Arts Council, Las Vegas, NM.  
 9th National Art Exhibition, Lincoln Center, Ft. Collins, CO.  
 Book Nooks, Works Gallery, San Jose, CA. (sponsor S.Bay WCA, "Bookies")  
 The Female Gaze, Ohlone College, Fremont, CA.  
 Good & Evil, Fredericksburg Center for Creative Arts, Fredericksburg, VA.  
 15th Annual Juried Exhibition, Gallery Route One, Pt. Reyes Station, CA.  
 1999 Books, Maps and Journals, Sebastopol Center for the Arts, Sebastopol, CA.  
 Seeding the Snow, womanmade g., Chicago & Prairie View Ed. C, Crystal Lake, IL.  
 Bold Expressions, 44th Internat'l Open Exhib., No. Calif. Arts, Inc., Carmichael, CA.  
 Annual Nat'l Small Works, Leftbank Gallery, Salt Lake City, UT.  
 Dot's Art, Arts Council of SE Missouri, Cape Girardeau, MO.  
 California Works, Calif. State Fair, Sacramento, CA.  
 Small Works from CSP Exhib., Claudia Chapline Gallery, Stinson Beach, CA.  
 Nat'l Small Works Exhib., Schoharie County Arts Council, Cobleskill, NY.  
 11th Nat'l DR & PR C. Exhib. Gormley G., C.. of Notre Dame of MD, Baltimore, MD.  
 Arts on Fire, Sanchez Art Center, Pacifica, CA.  
 Adobe Gallery, Castro Valley, CA.  
 Three Create, Galesburg Civic Art Center, Galesburg, IL.

- 1998 *What We think of Ourselves*, Center for Visual Arts, Oakland, CA.  
*Ink & Clay*, CA. State Polytechnic Univ., Ponomo, CA.  
*Seen/Unseen*, Eastern New Mexico Univ., Portales, NM.  
*Works on Paper*, Bolinas Museum, Bolinas, CA.  
*10th Annual Nat'l Art Competition*, Truman State Univ., Kirksville, MO.  
*Works on Paper X*, Valdosa State Univ., Valdosa, GA.  
*Celebrate Northwest Women*, Wiseman G, Rogue Comm. Coll., Grants Pass, OR.  
*Confluence 1998*, Hill Country Arts Foundation, Ingram, TX.  
*Invitational*, Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts, New Castle, PA.  
*Escapes: Views of Land, Sea, City & Sky*, Maude Kerns Art Center, Eugene, OR.  
*Contemporary Landscapes*, Museum of Arts Downtown Los Angeles, LA, CA.  
*Paper Works in and of*, Univ. of Florida, Pensacola, FL.  
*Womanscape: Land, Ocean, City*, Sun Gallery, Hayward, CA.  
*People and Process*, Eddie Rhodes G., Contra Costa College, San Pablo, CA.  
 Zen Center, San Francisco, CA.  
 Capitol Cafe, State Capitol Building, Sacramento, CA.
- 1997 *Landscape & Still-life*, Downey Museum of Art, Downey, CA.  
*Artists Council 1997 28th Nat'l Juried*, Palm Springs Desert Museum, Palm Sp., CA.  
*2nd Biennial Janet Turner Nat'l Print Competition*, Cal. State Univ., Chico, CA.
- 1996 *Earth Dancers*, Serra House, Stanford University, Stanford, CA.  
*Dishman Competition*, Lamar University, Beaumont, TX.
- 1995 *Creative Conflict Dispute Resolution Ex.*, John J. Coll. of Crim. Justice, NY, NY.  
*ArtShip*, Federal Building Windows Project, Oakland, CA.  
*Designer's Wholesale Showroom Show*, Nat'l. Congress of Art & Design, SLCity, UT.
- 1994 *Figure as Focus*, Diablo Valley College Gallery, Pleasant Hill, CA.  
 A Gallery in a Clock Tower, San Francisco, CA.
- 1993 *Kunst Fur Begegnungen*, Munich, Germany  
 Davis Art Center, Davis, CA.  
 Educational Testing Service, Emeryville, CA.  
*N. American Artists Invitational*, Museum without Walls Internat'l, Bemis Pt., NY.
- 1992 *Telling Stories: Books & Journals*, Prieto Gallery, Mills College, Oakland, CA.
- 1991 *Oxfam America Benefit Auction Show*, Dow & Frosini Art Gallery, Berkeley, CA.

## **AWARDS/ COMMISSIONS**

- 2009 Juror, Oakland Artists Association, Oakland, CA.
- 2007 Art in Embassies, Ambassador Mark Green, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania  
 Juror, Oakland Artists Association, Oakland, CA.  
 Juror, San Francisco Women Artists Gallery, San Francisco, CA.
- 2006 Merit Award, *Bold Expressions*, Northern California Arts, Inc. Carmichael, CA.  
 Art in Embassies, Ambassador Joseph Mussomeli, Phnom Pehn, Cambodia
- 2006-3 President, California Society of Printmakers, S.F. CA.  
 Juror, Oakland Art Association, Oakland, CA.  
 Juror, Alameda Art Center, Alameda, CA.
- 2004-7 Board/Librarian N. Calif. Enameling Guild, Oakland, CA.  
 Art in Embassies, Ambassador William Bellamy, Nairobi, Africa  
 Panelist, *Fire 2004*, Northern California Enameling Guild, CCAC, Oakland, CA.
- 2003-5 *Glass on Metal*, author, publisher Thompson Enamels, Newport, KY.
- 2003 *Second Place*, Gallery '76, Wenatchee Valley College, Wenatchee, WA.  
*InkSpot*, feature article, Daniel Smith Co. Seattle, WA.

- Juror and Award Judge, Art Ass'n. of Palo Alto, Palo Alto, CA.  
Award Judge, Adobe Gallery, Castro Valley, CA.
- 2003-2 Artist in Residence, Montana Artists' Refuge, Basin, MT.
- 2002 *Glass on Metal*, authored review, Thompson Enamel Covington, KY.  
Featured Artist article, Daniel Smith Co, Seattle, WA.
- 2001 Honorable Mention, Fredericksburg C for the C Arts, Fredericksburg, VA.  
Art in Embassies, Ambassador Mary Ann Peters, Dakar, Bangladesh  
Award, *75th Annual Int'l.: Printmaking*, The Print Center, Philadelphia, PA.  
Award Judge, Art Ass'n. of Palo Alto *Seeing Red*, Palo Alto, CA.  
Juror and Award Judge, SF Women Artists, San Francisco, CA.
- 2000 Award Judge, Adobe Gallery, Castro Valley, CA.
- 1999 Merit Award, 1999 Calif. Works Exhibition, CA State Fair, Sacramento, CA.  
Vice President, Calif. Society of Printmakers, Oakland, CA.  
Jury Member, City of Oakland Banner Project, Oakland, CA.
- 1997 Dr. S. Mackoff Award, 28th Annual, Palm Springs Desert Museum, PSprings, CA.  
Art in Embassies, Charge d'Affaires Kent M. Weideman, Rangoon, Burma  
Art in Embassies, Ambasadress Katherine Peterson, Lesotho, Africa
- 1996 *Live at 6*, CTI Cable, Alameda, CA.  
*Speakeasy*, 510 Arts and Culture, Berkeley, CA.  
*Commuting between Universes*, Lecture, Barnes & Noble, Oakland, CA.
- 1995 *Sense of Place*, lecture, Center for the Visual Arts, Oakland, CA.  
*Artists & Epistemology*, panel, California Institute for Intregal Studies, S.F., CA.
- 1993 Cody's Book Store, Presentation of Collab. with poet C. Harris. Berkeley, CA .
- 1993-91 Phone Liaison, Northern California Women's Caucus for Art, Berkeley, CA.
- 1993-91 Board of Directors, N. California Women's Caucus for Art, Berkeley, CA.
- 1992-91 Secretary, Northern California Women's Caucus for Art, Berkeley, CA.
- 1992 *Art Against Prejudice* Poster Project, Munich, Germany
- 1991 Lenore Miles Award, National Juried Show, NPVAG, Scottsbluff, NE.
- 1990 *Body of Work*, Women Artists, A Celebration, Youngstown, OH.
- 1989 Artist in Residence, April through August, Canessa Gallery, S.F., CA.
- 1986 Merit Award, S.F. Women Artist Gallery, S.F., CA.
- 1985-82 Artist in Residence, St. Charles Boy's Prep. School, Columbus, OH.
- 1993,84 Lecturer, *Conversations and Coffee*, Loft Gallery, Columbus, OH.
- 1992 Lecturer, *Artist Salons*, Berkeley Art Center, Berkeley, CA.

## TEACHING/ ART RELATED EMPLOYMENT

- 2005 Panel member, Oakland City Arts Commission, individual art grants review
- 2005-3 *Glass on Metal*, authored var. articles, publisher Thompson Enamels, Newport, KY.
- 1997 Lecturer, Merced College, Merced, CA.
- 1996 *Commuting between Universes*, Lecture, Barnes & Noble, Oakland, CA.
- 1995 *Pathways to Symbols*, Master Class, ISOMATA, Idyllwild, CA.
- 1993 Three day workshop, Western Wyoming Community Coll., Rock Springs, WY.

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- 2008 *United States Embassy Dar es Salaam, Tanzania*, Art in Embassies Exhibition Catalog
- 2007 *Native Lands/Vatan Yerlari/Perm. Collection Catalog* US Embassy, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- 2006 *United States Embassy Phnom Penh*, catalog Ambassador Joseph A. Mussomeli
- 2004 *Art in Embassies Program, 40th Anniversary catalog*, Dept of State, Washington, D. C.

- 2002 *Art of Northern California*, Tom Palmer, Alcove Books, Oakland, CA  
*Inkspot*, Daniel Smith, publisher, spring edition, Seattle. WA.
- 1998 *Who's Who in the World*, 16th -onwards, Marquis, Publisher, New Providence, NJ.
- 1998 *Who's Who in the West*, 26th- onwards, Marquis, Publisher. New Providence, NJ.
- 1997 *Who's Who in America*, 51- onwards, Marquis, Publisher, New Providence, NJ.
- 1995 *Who's Who in American Women*, 19th -onwards, Marquis, Publisher, N.P. , NJ.
- 1994 *SPIDR*, International Conference Brochure (cover image), NY, NY.  
*510 Magazine: East Bay Art and Culture*, Issue Two, Berkeley, CA.  
*The Best of San Francisco*, first edition, Michelle Rockford, Publisher, S.F., CA.
- 1993 *And Benny Jumped Over the Moon, Columbus Alive!*, Columbus, OH.
- 1992 *Basic Instinct*, movie set, third scene, Tristar, Hollywood, CA.
- 1989 *The California Art Review*, second edition, Krantz, Publisher, NY, NY.

**PUBLIC COLLECTIONS** (selected)

Art in Embassies Perm. Collection, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AR.

Canajoharie Library & Art Gallery, C., NY.

Greenpeace, San Francisco, CA.

Mint Museum, Charlotte, NC.

Portland Art Museum, Portland, OR.

Tyler Museum of Art, Tyler, TX.

Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL.

Columbus School for Girls, Columbus, OH.

Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI.

Nat'l. Museum of Women in the Arts, Wash, DC.

St. Charles Preparatory School, Columbus, OH.

Univ. of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, MI.

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