

Martha Bird

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GALLERY AFFILIATION

ArtForce, Minneapolis, MN

Susan Hensel Gallery, Minneapolis, MN

SELECTED GRANTS, AWARDS and HONORS

- 2021 Finalist, McKnight Visual Artist Fellowship
Creative Support for Individuals Grant, Minnesota State Arts Board
- 2019 Artist Initiative Grant, Minnesota State Arts Board
Residency, Anderson Center at Tower View, Red Wing, MN (August)
- 2018 Residency, Hinge Arts Residency, Springboard for the Arts, Fergus Falls, MN (March)
- 2017 Best Social Commentary Award, *Medicine Basket with Safety Net*, Artability, St. Paul, MN

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *What's Next?* Hennepin County Library—East Lake, Minneapolis, MN
Rooted Reckonings, Kaddatz Galleries, Fergus Falls, MN (invitational)
- 2019 *The Forest Breathes*, Otter Tail County Historical Museum, Fergus Falls, MN
Listen, Kaddatz Galleries, Fergus Falls, MN
Holistic Practice: A Nurse and Her Art, University of MN, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018 *Weaving Wellness: Art, Community and Mental Health Resilience*, MN History Center, St. Paul, MN
- 2017 *Finding Focus: Returning to a First Love*, First Universalist Church, Minneapolis, MN

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *CollabArts Vol.3*, Springboard for the Arts, St. Paul, MN (juried)
Overcoming, Hennepin County Library—East Lake, Minneapolis, MN
Create Connections 2021 (touring), Art Works, Eagan, MN; Ames Center, Burnsville, MN (juried)
Art of Possibilities Art Show & Sale, Courage Kenny Foundation, Minneapolis, MN (international)
Reflections: Living Creatively, Twin Cities Premium Outlets, Eagan, MN (invitational)
Collars for RBG, Kaddatz Galleries, Fergus Falls, MN (invitational)
Woven, Inez Greenberg Gallery, Artistry, Bloomington, MN (three person exhibit)
- 2020 *Fine Arts Exhibition*, MN State Fair, St. Paul, MN (juried)
Observation: The Human Form, Art Works, Eagan, MN
Aviso ArtWorks Collective Exhibition, Hennepin Theater Trust, Minneapolis, MN
- 2019 *inVISIBLE*, Ucare Health Plan & CIRCA Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (juried)
What Is Forbidden, Catherine G. Murphy Gallery, St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN (juried)
More Basketry, Celebrating Our Community, Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center, Bowling Green, KY
- 2018 *Art in Bloom*, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN
Stages: One Step at a Time, Orchestra Hall, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017-18 *All Things Considered 9: Basketry in the 21st Century*, Tacoma, WA (touring, catalog, juried)
To Really See, Minneapolis, MN (touring)
- 2017 *Forever Home*, Duluth Art Institute, Duluth, MN (juried)
Anguish and Hope, Vine Arts Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (juried)
More to Consider 2, National Basketry Organization, Kittridge Gallery, Tacoma, WA

COLLABORATIONS

- 2021 *Willow Dance* (multidisciplinary, local), Collaborator: Shannon Hartle
exhibited in *CollabArts Vol.3*, Springboard for the Arts, St. Paul, MN; *Momentary Certainties 2021*, Eagan Art House, Eagan, MN.
Harmonious Pathway: Embracing the Unexpected (multidisciplinary, national), WIT eXchange,
Collaborators: Sally Ault, Tina O'Brien
RBG: One Step at a Time (multidisciplinary), Collaborators: Natalia Pederson, Angélica Morales
exhibited in *Create Connections 2021* (touring), Art Works, Eagan, MN; Ames Center, Burnsville, MN
- 2019 *Relationships* (digital photography), Collaborator: Glenn Wm. Wymore
exhibited in *Breaking Barriers Through the Arts*, Hennepin County Library—Minneapolis Central,
Minneapolis, MN; *Collaboration: Annual Member Show*, Art Works, Eagan, MN

- 2018 *Wayward* (multidisciplinary), Collaborators: Chris Mueller, Craig Gilbert
exhibited in Art in Bloom, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN

COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY-BASED ART

- 2021 *Intertwining Stories: A Macro Macramé (Macromé!) Project*, Art Works, Eagan, MN
38th Street Resilience Project, Metro Blooms, Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center & University of MN
Bee Lab, Minneapolis, MN
Hope Signs, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN
2020 *2020*, Avivo ArtWorks Community Mural with COMPAS, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN
2019 *South's Heart—Family Engagement Center*, South High School & Art to Change the World,
Minneapolis, MN
2018-19 *Avivo Art Garden*, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN
2016-19 *Stories of Humor, Hope and Healing*, History Theater, St. Paul, MN.

SELECTED CURATORIAL

- 2018 *Weaving Wellness: Art, Community, and Mental Health Resilience*, MN History Center, St. Paul, MN
2017 *Water's Edge*, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, MN

COLLECTIONS

Works held in public and private collections in Canada and the United States, including Minnesota Historical Society, Newark-Arcadia Historical Society, Art Partners: a National Cause Based Art Program in partnership with a large national healthcare provider and personal collections.

SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2021 Heather Kantrud, "Kaddatz Galleries showcasing three artists," *The Daily Journal*, Fergus Falls, MN, June 8.
"Artistry presents 'Woven' at the Inez Greenberg Gallery" (video), Artistry, January 20.
2020 Laine Bergeson, "The wonders of weaving," *Star Tribune*, Minneapolis, MN, March 22 (invited).
2019 "OTCHS, Kaddatz to showcase joint exhibit," *The Daily Journal*, Fergus Falls, MN, September 3.
Ruth Nerhaugen, "Weaving Toward Wholeness," *Republican Eagle*, Red Wing, MN, August 17.
2018 Kristin Goosen, "Baskets and Books," *Daily Journal*, Fergus Falls, MN, April 4.
Members in Print: Vessels (Juror: Jane Sauer), *National Basketry Organization*, (71), Summer.
2017 Kelly Savage, "Business Spotlight—Martha Bird: Artist," *Corcoran Newspaper*, Minneapolis MN.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AS AUTHOR

- 2017-18 Published writer on basketry, Irish Basketmakers Association, Association of MI Basketmakers, MN
Basket Weaver's Guild (6 articles).

SELECTED TEACHING and MENTORING

- 2021 *Mindful Art*, Vail Place, Minneapolis, MN, September 30, October 26.
Brigid's Cross: Symbol of Protection, Red Hot Art Festival, Minneapolis, MN, July 11.
2019 *Winter Wellness: Basketry*, Hennepin County Library—East Lake, Minneapolis, MN, December 29.
Brigid's Cross, Nature-Based Therapeutic Services, University of MN, Chaska, MN, November 6.
Boost Your Health, Create With Your Hands, Koinonia Retreat Center, Annandale, MN, April 13.
2017-2021 Mentoring, Basketry/Artist Career Support, 7 individuals, Minneapolis, MN.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS, ARTIST TALKS and PANELS

- 2021 Artist Talk, *Rooted Reckonings*, Kaddatz Galleries, Fergus Falls, MN, June 19.
Presentation (virtual), *Addressing Stigma Reclaiming Basketry*, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN, May 4.
Artist Talk (virtual), *Woven*, Artistry, Bloomington, MN, February 9.
2019 Presentation, *Basket Weaving for Healing PTSD in Veterans*, VA Hospital, Minneapolis, MN, May 14.
2018-19 Presentation, *Reclaiming Basketry: Working Through Stigma to Reach Creative Potential*
(various locations including Society of Arts + Crafts, Fuller Craft Museum, MN Historical Society)
2018 Artist Talk, Minnesota History Center, St. Paul, MN, September 25.
Artist Talk, Minnesota Orchestra, Minneapolis, MN, January 14.
2017 Panel, *To Really See*, Hennepin County Library—Central, Minneapolis, MN, September 27.

ART DEMONSTRATIONS

- 2021 *CollabArts Vol.3*, Springboard for the Arts, St. Paul, MN
2017 *Fiber Festival*, North Star Farm Tour, Windswept Hill Farm & Studio, Farmington, MN

SELECTED RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- 2018-present Subject Matter Expert and Curriculum Review (Basketry), Scouts BSA
2016-present Member, Avivo ArtWorks Collective, Minneapolis, MN.
2020-21 Grant Panelist, Flexible Support Grant Rounds 1,2, 3 (virtual), Minnesota Regional Arts Council
2019 Grant Panelist, Artist Initiative Grant, Minnesota State Arts Board, St. Paul, MN
 Volunteer, *YouBetcha*, Patrick Dougherty Sculpture (5 days), MN Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, MN
 Instructional Support Staff, Occupational Therapy Program, University of MN
2018 Client Instructor, Occupational Therapy Program, University of MN, Minneapolis, MN; Rochester, MN
2003-07 Member, 26th Street Artists: Pre-vocational Creative Arts Program, Avivo, Minneapolis, MN
 Art Program Volunteer, Interact Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, Minneapolis, MN
 Participant Artist, Interact Center for the Visual and Performing Arts, Minneapolis, MN
1993-2014 Volunteer Tax Preparer (Deaf clients), Tax Counseling for the Elderly, AARP/IRS, Minneapolis, MN

EDUCATION

- 2002 MA in Human Development, St. Mary's University, Minneapolis, MN (Focus: Holistic Health)
1987 BS with Distinction in Nursing, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
2018 Women's Art Institute, St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN
1993-present Basketry and other art classes, nationally and internationally known teachers