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Grants, Scholarships, Awards & Residencies

Atelier Artist in Residence is a three-week artist residency in Chateau Bouthonvilliers, outside Chartres, France. October 2023

"Alex McGrath Innovative Use of Traditional Craft Materials Award," Visarts, Richmond, 2024

"Most Unique Work", Contemporary Craft Show at Jazz and Heritage Festival, NOLA, 2024

"Jurors Award", Bethesda Fine Art Festival, 2024

"Award in Excellence for Textiles" Tephra Arts Festival, 2024

"American Craft Council Award of Excellence "Winner, 2023

"Threaded", Envision Arts, Virtual International Fiber Show, Honorable Mention, 2022

Bethesda Row Arts Festival, Best in Show, Best in Decorative Fiber, Fall, 2021

Penland School of Craft, Work scholarship for Stitching as Drawing Class, Spring 2019

Three Rivers Arts Festival, Pittsburgh, PA. Juror award, 2018

Baltimore City Arts Grant, Individual artist, 2005

Maryland State Arts Council Grant, Individual Artist Award/Visual Arts, 2004

Gallery and Fine Craft Shows

2025

"Knot Just Wood", Group show, Manor Mill Gallery, Moncton, MD

"Rendered - Raw", Goxxip Girl Collective Show, Fox Building Gallery, Baltimore, MD

One Person Show, Hotel Indigo, Baltimore, MD

"Skyclad" The Cronehouse Gallery, Richmond, VA.

"Face Forward", Juried group show, Goxxip Girl Collective Gallery, Baltimore, MD

"Scout", Artscape, Curated by Derek Adams. Baltimore, MD

"In Nature", Hoffberger Gallery, Baltimore, MD

"*Reverie & Alchemy*", Center for the Arts Gallery. Towson University, Towson, MD.

American Made, American Craft Council Craft Show, Baltimore, MD

Gasparilla Festival of the Arts, Tampa, FL

4 Bridges Arts Festival, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Smithsonian Craft Show, National Building Museum, Washington, DC

Rittenhouse Fine Art Show, Philadelphia, PA

Visual Arts Center of Richmond CraFT + Design Show, Richmond, VA

Philadelphia Museum Craft Show, Philadelphia, PA

2024

"The Subversive Thread", Academy Art Museum, Easton, MD (October 2024 - February 2025)

"Unraveling Narratives: A Dialogue in Toile", Gallery B, Bethesda, MD

"The Art of Craftsmanship," Peters Valley of Craft, Layton, NJ

"The Subversive Thread", Westobou Gallery in Augusta, Georgia

Baker Artist Off the Wall Exhibition, The Peale Centre, Baltimore, MD.

Rittenhouse Fine Art Show, Philadelphia, PA (spring and fall)

Mt. Gretna Outdoor Art Show at Mount Gretna, Pennsylvania's Chautauqua 2023

Longs Park Arts Festival, Lancaster, PA

Tephra ICA Arts Festival, Reston, Virginia

Bethesda Fine Arts Festival, Bethesda, MD

Visual Arts Center of Richmond CraFT + Design Show, Richmond, VA

Contemporary Crafts, New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, New Orleans, LA.
"Unraveling Threads" Part of the Emerge Series by BOPA, , Bromo Seltzer Arts Tower,
Baltimore, MD
American Made, American Craft Council Craft Show, Baltimore, MD
"Figure", Touchstone Gallery, Washington, DC.

2023

"Tenuous Threads", Atlantic Gallery, New York, NY.
"What If?", Gallery 114, Juried Group themed show, Portland, OR.
"Watch Children" The Blue Door Gallery, one-person gallery show, Baltimore, MD
"Maryland State Arts Directory Triennial Exhibit, Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD.
"Harford 100-Mile Biennial Exhibition", juried group show, Chesapeake Gallery, Belair, MD
Smithsonian Craft Show, National Building Museum, Washington, DC.
Visual Arts Center of Richmond CraFT + Design Show, Richmond, VA
American Made, American Craft Council Craft Show, Baltimore, MD
Tephra ICA Arts Festival , Reston, Virginia
"Material World" juried show at Fayetteville Cumberland County Arts Council, Fayetteville, NC.
Mt. Gretna Outdoor Art Show at Mount Gretna, Pennsylvania's Chautauqua 2023
"Warp & Weft" Richard B. Talkin Family Art Gallery, Howard Community College, Columbia, MD
"B23" Juried exhibit of 25 Artists for Artscape, Baltimore, MD

2022

"Threaded", Envision Arts, Virtual International Fiber Show
One of a Kind Chicago Holiday, Chicago, IL
Academy Art Museum Craft Show, Easton, MD
Visual Arts Center of Richmond CraFT + Design Show, Richmond, VA
Bethesda Row Arts Festival, Bethesda, MD.
Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen Spring Fine Craft Fair at Rittenhouse Square ,Philadelphia, PA
American Craft Council Craft Show, Baltimore, MD
"Sanctuary Garden", One person show, Full Moon Acupuncture Salon, Baltimore, MD
"Two of a Kind", Vollmer Center, Cylburn Arboretum, Baltimore, MD

2021

Academy Art Museum Craft Show, Easton, MD
Bethesda Row Arts Festival, Bethesda, MD.
Virtual American Craft Council Show, Baltimore, MD
Virtual The Visual Art Center of Richmond's Craft + Design On Line, Richmond VA
Virtual Peters Valley Craft School Craft Fair Re-Imagine, NJ

2020

American Craft Council Show, Baltimore, MD
American Craft Council Show, San Fransisco, CA (cancel due to COVID)
"Unnatural Causes, an exhibition about climate change and biodiversity loss", Charles
Mansion, Baltimore, MD (cancel due to COVID)
Virtual Artscape, Baltimore, MD
Virtual Peters Valley Craft School Craft Fair Re-Imagine, NJ
Virtual Academy Art Museum Craft Show, Easton, MD
Virtual The Visual Art Center of Richmond's Craft + Design On Line, Richmond VA

2019

"...and your Bird can Sing", Fleckinstein Gallery, Baltimore, MD. Invitational Group Show
American Craft Council Show, Baltimore, MD

CraftBoston, Society of Arts + Crafts, Boston, MA.
Artrider Spring Crafts Lyndhurst, Lyndhurst, NY.
Artrider Rhinebeck Crafts Festival, Rhinebeck, NY.
Three Rivers Arts Festival, Pittsburgh, PA
Artscape, Artist Market, Baltimore, MD.
Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival, Greater Reston, VA.
An Occassion for the Arts, Williamsburg, VA.

2018

American Craft Council Show, Baltimore, MD
Three Rivers Arts Festival, Pittsburgh, PA. Won juror award.
Coolidge Corner Arts Festival, Boston, MA.
Extravagant Visions, Extraordinary Imaginings, Towson, MD
Artscape, Artist Market, Baltimore, MD.
Art on the Avenue, Arlington, VA.
Baker Artist Off the Wall Exhibition, The Peale Centre, Baltimore, MD.
The Wings & Wildlife Art Show, National Aviary, Pittsburgh, PA
Visual Arts Center of Richmond Design Show, Richmond, VA.
Morristown Craft, Morristown, NJ.
Art Providence Holiday Show, Providence RI
Pile of Craft & Holiday Heap, Baltimore, MD.

2017

Bird and Anthropolcence, The Peale Centre, Baltimore, MD.
Stitch, Community Arts Phoenixville, PA
Art Providence Holiday Show, Providence, Rhode Island
Artscape, Artist Market, Baltimore,MD

Education

BS in Fine Arts, concentration in painting, Towson State University, MD 1985
MD State Teaching certification in Art Education, Towson University, 1987
Teacher Institute in Contemporary Art, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 2001

Employment

2007 – present: Owner, creator, designer of jennyjen42.
1987-2017: Art Educator, Art Department Chairman for Baltimore County Schools

Publications and Publicity

“Five Bromo Exhibitions for an August Staycation” review of Hotel Indigo Show, August 11, 2025, BmoreArt.
Welter , Fall 2024 Issue, Featured Visual Artist, University of Baltimore"Five Must-See Museum Shows this October: Five exhibits that unleash the power of underrepresented perspectives and materials", October 2024, Bmore Art
“The Art of Craftsmanship” catalog for Peter’s Valley Gallery, September 2024
“Artscape’s Indelible Silver Lining: A Recap”, Oct, 2023
“Gallery Round-Up: Crafting Meaning, Three Exhibitions Offer In-Depth Artistic Focus: *Warp & Weft* at Howard Community College” Bmore Art , October 2023
“Tenuous Threads” , Catalogue of Finer Show at The Atlantic Gallery in New York City, NY. 2023
American Craft Made Showcases Artists’ Work in Baltimore, Baltimore Style Magazine, May 2022
“Life & Work with Jennifer McBrien” Voyage Baltimore, July 2022
Made in Baltimore, Look Book 2018,

