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Awards:

2023 Grant Recipient • Haines and Friends • Ashland, OR
2021 Finalist • Wood And... • Wharton Esherick Museum
2019 Best in Show • Art in the Pearl • Portland, OR
2018 Excellence in Fiber Art • Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show • Juror: Elisabeth Argo, associate curator of Modern and Contemporary Crafts and Decorative Art at PMA.
2017 Finalist • Lydon Emerging Artist Program (LEAP)- Awarded by the Society of Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh, PA

Gallery Representation:

Peterson Contemporary Art • Bend, OR
Waterstone Gallery • Portland, OR
Momentum Gallery (limited) • Asheville, NC
Sugarlift (online) • New York, NY

Select Current Commissions:

Deschutes Public Library, Sisters, OR • 100 sf meeting room conference wall. 12/2023
Community Health Center, Arcata, CA • Entry artwork, upper wall. Installation 2/2024
Willamette Valley Vineyards, Dundee, OR • 3 panel site specific entry artwork. 7/2022

Organizations:

Northwest Designer Craftsmen • Juried member • NWDC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to promote excellence of design and craftsmanship, and to stimulate public appreciation of and interest in fine craft.
Frogwood • 2015-2018, Board member, web designer • Frogwood is a 501 (c)(3) public charity dedicated to arts training, education, and collaborative interaction.

Residencies:

2017 • Leland Iron Works (PNCA) • Golden Spot Residency funded by the Ford Family
2016 • Annmarie Gardens • Artist's in Action Residency • Dowell, MD

Solo Exhibitions:

Waterstone Gallery, Portland, OR • September 2018
Lan Su Chinese Garden, Portland, OR • October - November 2017

Special Exhibitions:

Maryhill Museum, Goldendale WA • Exquisite Gorge II: Fiber Arts • Summer 2022

Two Person and Group Exhibitions:

September/ October 2023 - Momentum Gallery, Asheville, NC • with Christian Burchard
September 2023 - Waterstone Gallery, Portland, OR • with Greg Wilbur
July/ August 2023 - Momentum Gallery, Asheville, NC • Uncommon Threads group invitational
2022 - Hanson Howard Gallery, Ashland, OR • with Christian Burchard
January 2019 - The Arts Center, Corvallis, OR • Joint exhibition with Pete Goldlust
April 2018 - The Art Spirit Gallery, Coeur de Aline • The Great Clay Revival group show
March 2017 - Waterstone Gallery, Portland, OR • Joint exhibition with Shawn Demarest
December 2016 - Imogen Gallery, Astoria, OR • All Forms of Fiber group show
March 2016 - Annmarie Sculpture Garden, Dowell, MD • Residency artists group show

Published/ Blog Features:

Winter 2023 • Fiber Art Now • article and cover
Winter 2022 • American Craft Magazine • essay and cover
November 2017 • Hilary Perr • A Viewer's Rorschach, with Kristy Kun : Opulent Fibers
August 2016 • Deborah Blakeley • Zone Arts

Teaching:

Ongoing • Advanced workshops in felting taught online and in studio
October 2019 • Private workshops in Amsterdam and Slovenia
September 2019 • Atelier Fiberfusing • the Netherlands
April 2019 • Fiber Arts Balarat • Australia + Fiber Arts New Zealand
October 2018 • Felt: feutre • Nova Scotia, Canada

Fine Craft Juried Exhibitions:

April 2022– Smithsonian Craft Show • Washington D.C.
September 2021- Art in the Pearl • Portland, OR
September 2019- Art in the Pearl • Portland, OR
November 2018- Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show • Philadelphia, PA
August 2018- American Craft Council Show • San Francisco, CA
July 2018- Cherry Creek Arts • Denver, CO
February 2018- American Craft Council Show • Baltimore, MD
September 2017- Sitka Invitational • Portland, OR
August 2017- American Craft Council • San Francisco, CA
November 2016- Wild Birds Festival • Portland, OR
November 2016- Sitka Invitational • Portland, OR
September 2016- Local 14 • Portland, OR
September 2016- Art In the Pearl • Portland, OR
August 2016- American Craft Council Show • San Francisco, CA
April 2016- Gathering of the Guilds • Portland, OR
April 2016- American Craft Council • St. Paul, MN
December 2015- Lakewood Arts Center • Lake Oswego, OR
December 2015- 510 Holiday Gallery • Lake Oswego, OR
December 2015- Multnomah Arts Center-Collaborations • Portland, OR

Self Employment History:

2010 - 2017 • Portland, OR

OpulentFibers

Owner, operator

Opulent Fibers was born out of Kristy's passion to share her love of textiles and handwork with fellow fiber artists. She specializes in fibers for felting and spinning and supplies the finest materials sourced from environmentally conscious producers around the globe. Kristy shares techniques on working with her products through free community demos, via the web, and hosts workshops in her Portland studio. Workshops are taught by Kristy or guest instructors that are masters in their craft. • Product development, identity design, marketing, workshop hosting, teaching and producing with international instructors, trade shows, inventory and order processing/management, daily accounting, custom design.

Select Events/Demonstrations/Exhibitions

September 2015, '14, '13, '12- Oregon Flock & Fiber Festival • Canby, OR July 2015, 2013, 2012- Black Sheep Gathering • Eugene, OR April 2015- Lan Su Chinese Gardens- Wool Pavilion • Portland, OR April 2015, 2013, 2012- Gathering of the Guilds • Portland, OR March 2015- Felter's Rendezvous • Estes Park, CO February 2014, 2013- Madrona Winter Retreat • Tacoma, WA October 2013, 2012- SOAR- Spin Off Autumn Retreat • St. Charles, IL August 2013, 2011- Felter's Fling • Williamsburg, MA Aug- October 2013 Assist Felt Artist Janice Arnold with HeArt project June, 2013, '11- Surface Design Association Convergence • San Antonio May, 2013- Maryland Sheep and Wool • West Friendship, MD February 2013, 2012- STITCHES West • Santa Clara, CA August 2012- Midwest Felting Symposium • Madison, WI July, 2012- Handweaver's Guild of America • Long Beach, CA May 2012- CNCH • Oakland, CA

Workshops/Instructors Hosted

2016 • Pamela McGregor, United States
2015 • Catherine O'Leary, Australia .. Roderick Welch and Karoliina Arvilommi, Finland .. Irit Dulman, Israel
2014 • Charity VanDerMeer, Netherlands .. Margo Duke, United States .. Irit Dulman, Israel .. Katia Mookeyeva, United States .. Sara Lamb, United States .. Barbara Poole, United States .. Fiona Duthie, Canada .. Andera Graham, Canada .. Pamela MacGregor, United States
2013 • Marjolaine Arsenaault, United States .. Jean Gauger, United States Moxie, United States

Self Employment History (continued):

2009 - 2010 • Arcata, CA

Hands on CRAFT Owner,
operator

Operated a small retail store and workshop space focused on fiber arts, traditional hand-craft and industrial arts. Much of the work we did with children was in the spirit of Waldorf teaching. • Identity design, marketing, workshops, youth camps, project management, daily accounting, custom design and craft work.

Demonstrations/ArtisanMarkets

December 2009 through Dec., 2010- Saturday Market • Portland, OR
Aug. 2009- Free handwork booth at Del Arte Festival • Blue Lake, CA
July 2009- Free handwork booth at 4th of July Festival • Arcata, CA

1997 - 2010 • Arcata, CA

Whit McLeod Furniture

Owner/partner, operator, apprentice

Whit McLeod Furniture produced hand-crafted Arts & Crafts inspired furniture from reclaimed materials • Recognized by the state of California as reducing a significant amount of waste (tonnage) annually from the waste stream.

Designed and implemented a business and marketing plan that grew Whit McLeod Furniture's annual sales from \$30,000 to over

\$300,000 (2007). • Furniture building including working with industrial woodworking machinery, hand joinery, finishing and upholstery. • Identity design, marketing, web development, trade shows, inventory and project management, daily accounting.

Select Trade Shows/Exhibitions

American Craft Council Shows Baltimore
and San Francisco 2002-2007