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Artist

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Hard Skills:

Painting, with a focus on watercolor & mixed media

Drawing

Photography

Teaching

Research

Architectural Historian

Curator

Grant Writing

Soft Skills:

Creativity

Resourcefulness

Insightfulness

Effective Communication

Organizational Skills

Management Skills

Artist Statement

Although my art is eclectic, it shares common themes and is often inspired by nature, my travels, adventures, and my love of history. I strive to create art that interprets and shares personal perspectives of a culture, place, or moment. I work in several media and frequently combine techniques and media employing textures, light, and color. I appreciate exploring materials, methods, and ideas while staying true to them, as they guide me to a finished piece of art expressing an interpretation and sharing the experience. I am deeply committed to creating a meaningful connection with others through my art.

Education

- **Master of Science - Historic Preservation, Eastern Michigan University**
- **Bachelor of Fine Arts, Eastern Michigan University**
- **Art Workshops** including Kanuga 2021-2023, Michigan Watercolor Society 2022-2024

Experience

- **Art Instructor: School of the Arts, Brighton, MI, 2022-Present; Art Plus, Brighton, MI; Go Like the Wind, Montessori, Ann Arbor, MI**
- **Executive Director, Argus Museum, Ann Arbor, MI, 2005-2024**
- **Cheryl's Creative Custom Art and Framing LLC: 2006 - present;** Custom framing, consignment art, murals, art instruction, art & document restoration, curation & archival work of private collections
- **Venue Curator: Brighton Art Guild, Art in the Alley, Brighton, MI, 2019-Present**
- **Cultural Resource Consultant, CCRG, Spring Arbor, MI**
- **Gallery Manager, Custom Framing, Monroe Art Gallery, Brighton, MI**

Selected Exhibits

- **Big Easel, Wabeno, WI, 2022-2024, selected exhibitions, art auctions**
- **Glen Arbor Arts Center, 2024, juried exhibitions**
- **Union Street Gallery, Chicago Heights, IL, 2023-2024, juried exhibitions**
- **Kayrod Gallery, Detroit, MI, 2019-2024, juried exhibitions**
- **Gutman Gallery, Ann Arbor, MI, 2022-2024, juried exhibitions**
- **PARC Gallery, Plymouth, MI, 2022-2024, juried exhibitions**
- **St. John's Resort, Plymouth MI, 2024-2025**
- **Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, 2022-2024, Detroit-area juried exhibits**
- **Northville Art House, Northville, MI, 2023-2024, juried exhibitions**
- **Three Cities Art Club, Westland, MI City Hall, 2022-2024, 2023 – Mayor's Choice Award**
- **Michigan Watercolor Society, juried exhibition - 2022-2024; award recipient-2022**
- **Crooked Tree, Petoskey, Traverse City, MI, 2022-2024, 2022 – Honorable Mention**
- **Art Prize, Grand Rapids, MI, 2023**
- **Solo Exhibit, Ann Arbor City Club, Ann Arbor, MI – 2022**
- **Pour-d, Rockford, MI, selected for numerous juried exhibitions and sales – 2021-2023**
- **The Great Northern Art Explosion, Grayling, MI – 2020-2024; 2022 - Best of Show Still Life**
- **The Contemporary, Watersmeet, MI, selected for numerous juried exhibitions – 2021-2022**
- **Painting through the Pandemic, Rhode Island Watercolor Society, Pawtucket, RI - 2021**
- **Huron River Art Collective, Ann Arbor, MI, 2020-2022, juried exhibitions in SE Michigan**
- **Eclecticism, two-person exhibition, Norma Gray Gallery, Brighton, MI - 2020**
- **Art, Music & Mission, Brighton, MI - 2020 - Best of Show**
- **Reflections - Juried Show, Fine Line Creative Center, St. Charles, IL- 2020 – Merit Award**
- **Canvas Pontiac, Detroit Institute of Arts-affiliated, Pontiac MI - 2019 - 2nd Place**
- **Kaleidoscope, Brighton Art Guild, juried exhibit, Brighton, MI – 2019-2024**
- **Riverside Art Center, Ypsilanti, MI – 2019-2024, juried exhibitions**
- **Detroit Folklore, fundraising juried auction, Jam Handy, Detroit, MI -2015 - Highest Bid**

Awards, Commissions, Gallery Representation, Organizations

- **Michigan Art & Culture Council Grant Recipient** – 2021-2022, 2022-2023
- **Public Art Awards**, Pontiac, MI-2019, Saline, MI-2024, Plymouth, MI-2024
- **Commissions:** Murals in Michigan and artwork in private collections in several states
- **Current Gallery Representation:** Gutman Gallery, Ann Arbor, MI; Northville Art House, Northville, MI; Whitepine Studios, Saline MI; Art 634, Jackson, MI; Big Easel Gallery, Wabeno, WI.
- **Selected Memberships:** Michigan Museum Association (revenue and scholarship committees), Detroit Institute of the Arts, Michigan Watercolor Society (board member), Brighton Art Guild (Art in the Alley curator), Creative Washtenaw, Ann Arbor Westside Art Hop artist (2018-present), Three Cities Art Club, Guild of Artists & Artisans, Crooked Tree Art Center, Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, Michigan Historic Preservation Network, Architectural Historian Consultant (federally certified), Ann Arbor Rowing Club, Friends of Island Lake State Recreation (membership chair), Historical Society of Michigan (presenter).