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EDUCATION

2009 Penland School of Crafts *Creative Capital Professional Development Workshop* Penland, NC

1990 East Carolina University *B.A. Anthropology, Art Minor* Greenville, NC

SELECT SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2018 Alexander/Heath Contemporary Roanoke, VA

2014 Messiah Lutheran Church *Big Picture Gallery* Wilmington, NC

2012 Contemporary Art Fair NYC *Jacob Javits Center* New York, NY

2012 North Carolina Wesleyan College *Mims Gallery* Rocky Mount, NC

2011 New American Art Studio New York, NY

2011 St. Thomas University *Sardinas Gallery* Miami Gardens, FL

2011 Art Works Studios and Galleries *Jane Sandelin Gallery* Richmond, VA

2011 University of North Carolina at Charlotte *Student Union Art Gallery* Charlotte, NC

2010 Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History *Boatwright Gallery* Danville, VA

2008 Flanders Art Gallery *Local Artists Series* Raleigh, NC

2006 Greene County Museum of Art and History Snow Hill, NC

TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2014 East Carolina University *Mendenhall Gallery* with Jennifer Hodges Greenville, NC

2013 Berkshires Arts Festival with Michael Indorato Great Barrington, MA

2012 Trestle Gallery *Captured Transience* with Aimee Hertog Brooklyn, NY

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *Exquisite Porch* Morean Arts Center St. Petersburg, FL
Curators: D. Dominick Lombardi and Amanda Cooper
- 2014 *State of the Art/Art of the State* Cameron Art Museum Wilmington, NC
- 2014 ACME Art Studios Three person show with Michelle Connolly and Karl Mullen Wilmington, NC
- 2014 *Fine Arts Ball Auction* Greenville Museum of Art Greenville, NC
- 2014 *On the Wall* Emerge Art Center Greenville, NC
- 2013 *Tempo* Studio 26 Gallery Brooklyn, NY
- 2013 *Art + Design Salon Show* Pippin Contemporary Gallery Santa Fe, NM
- 2013 *as*sem*blage* East Carolina University *Wellington B. Gray Gallery* Greenville, NC
- 2012 *Eco-Art Exhibition* Charlotte Fine Art Gallery Charlotte, NC
- 2012 *LAYERS* Art Works Studios and Galleries Richmond, VA
- 2012 *Greenville Museum of Art Juried Exhibition* Greenville Museum of Art Greenville, NC
Juror: Adam Cave, Director Adam Cave Fine Art Raleigh, NC
- 2011 *Marina Reiter Studio Exhibition* Bushwick Open Studios Brooklyn, NY
- 2011 *Natural Selection 2.0* Dakota State University Madison, SD
- 2010 Stefan Maguran Gallery Plympton, South Australia
- 2010 *Ayden Art Show* Ayden, NC Best in Show
Juror: Barbour Strickland, Director Strickland Art Services Greenville, NC
- 2010 *Block Party* Artwell Gallery Torrington, CT
- 2010 *Earth Day Recycle Art Show* Plant Zero Project Space Richmond, VA Third Place
Jurors: Glenda Kotchish and Heather Russell
- 2009 *National Collage Society 25th Annual Exhibit* Mason Murer Fine Art Atlanta, GA
- 2009 *My Space on 7th* Touchstone Gallery Washington, DC
- 2009 *The 2nd International Society of Acrylic Painters Online International Open Exhibition* First Place
- 2007 *Signs, Symbols & Gestures* Gallery Project Ann Arbor, MI

- 2007 *Raleigh Fine Arts Society 29th Annual Artists Exhibition* Meredith College Raleigh, NC
Juror: Brian Dursum, Director/Chief Curator Lowe Art Museum University of Miami Miami, FL
- 2006 *Aha! Epiphanies & Breakthroughs* Union Street Gallery Chicago Heights, IL
Juror: Byron Roche, Byron Roche Gallery Chicago, IL
- 2006 *Wayne County's 27th Annual National Juried Fine Arts Exhibition* Wayne County Arts Council Goldsboro, NC
Juror: Dr. Eric Denker, Curator of Prints and Drawings at the Corcoran Gallery of Art and Senior Lecturer National Gallery of Art Washington, DC
- 2006 *Eastern Carolina Regional Juried Arts Show* Craven Arts Council New Bern, NC First Place, Mixed Media
Juror: Jennifer Hodges, Interim Director Greenville Museum of Art Greenville, NC
- 2005 *Greenville Museum of Art Juried Exhibition* Greenville Museum of Art Greenville, NC
Juror: Anne Brennan, Executive Director Cameron Art Museum Wilmington, NC
- 2005 *51st Annual Juried Art Show* Durham Art Guild Durham, NC
Juror: Judy Chicago, Artist and Lecturer

EXPERIENCE

- 2012 ***Art Works Studios and Galleries*** I served as artist/curator for the group exhibition *LAYERS* featuring national caliber collage artists Emily Rutledge of Chicago, Alan Montgomery of South Dakota and Anna Marie Troupe of Carrboro, NC. The venue is in Richmond, VA.
- 2012 & 2010 ***NCCSA Eastern District Elementary Fine Arts Festival*** I served as juror for the annual North Carolina Christian School Association's event in Greenville, NC which featured art from the students of 18 regional schools.
- 2011-1994 ***Arts Alive Magazine*** I covered visual arts as a writer for this regional arts magazine based in Morehead City, NC. Topics included show reviews, arts festivals and competitions, and highlighting the ECU African Art Collection. I spoke in public schools to promote the inaugural ECU/GMA Youth Arts Festival. I was responsible for regional distribution of the magazine to arts venues. The magazine folded in 2011.
- 2011 ***Dakota State University*** I served as guest curator for Gallery Director Alan Montgomery. About twenty works in 'Natural Selection 2.0' highlighted a diverse range of international artists using natural materials or those particularly inspired by the natural world. Dakota State University is in Madison, SD.
- 2011-2010 ***University of North Carolina at Charlotte*** I assisted Student Union Gallery Manager Zach Schaff as a curatorial consultant. I've suggested a series of contemporary artists to show and discuss their work with the campus community.
- 2010 ***Twin Rivers Artists Association*** I served as juror for the 2010 members art show held at the Craven Arts Council and Gallery in New Bern, NC.
- 2009 ***LabourLove Gallery*** I served as a guest curator at this Durham, NC gallery. I selected five artists with ties to the unconventional natural materials I use in painting. Alongside contemporary paintings in the exhibition were large metal sculptures and small fiber based works with ceramic elements. To promote this 'Natural Selection' exhibition I contacted media outlets including newspapers and magazines.
- 2006-2005 ***Eastern Carolina Visual Arts Consortium*** I promoted this regional arts association by distributing marketing pieces from the greater Raleigh area throughout Eastern North Carolina.

PUBLICATIONS

October 2017 'Salon2017' by critic and curator Georgia Erger www.peripheralvisionarts.org/journal/issue-7
August 15, 2017 *Average Art Magazine* October edition Liverpool, United Kingdom
Spring 2014 *Studio Visit Magazine* Volume 25 or 26 Juror Trevor Richardson, UMASS Amherst Boston, MA
November 20, 2013 'Sparks Fly: Artist Sparks shows work at River Walk' *Washington Daily News* Washington, NC
August 30, 2013 <http://romanblog2.blogspot.com/2013/08/assemblage-reception-friday-september-6.html>
September 6, 2013 'Arts Datebook: Gray Gallery' *The Daily Reflector* Greenville, NC
September 6, 2013 'Exhibition in the Spotlight' <http://theartsconnectionnc.com/2013exhibitions/spotlight.html>
September 7, 2013 'as*sem*blage' www.youtube.com/watch?v=-1UPk9HJhco by Linda Vista (lindalandfun)
July/August 2012 'Hot Local Shows' *Richmond Homes and Gardens Magazine* Richmond, VA
July 22, 2012 'Richmond area arts and entertainment events' *Richmond Times-Dispatch* Richmond, VA
March/April 2012 '**Ordinary to Extraordinary**' and **Online Video Interview** *Artsee Magazine* Raleigh, NC
March 22, 2012 'Charlotte Fine Art readies for Eco-Art' *The Charlotte Weekly* Charlotte, NC
March 2012 Feature Article *Carolina Arts* Bonneau Beach, SC
December 29, 2011 'Artists Look to New Year' www.artsyshark.com
November 29, 2011 'St. Thomas University Presents Unique Paintings of Destry Sparks' www.ArtKnowledgeNews.com
Sept/Oct 2011 'Destry Sparks at UNC Charlotte' *Artsee Magazine* Raleigh, NC
August 30, 2011 '**Painting According to Destry Sparks**' <http://ncartblog.org>
April 16, 2011 'The Fine Art of Connection' www.artsyshark.com
April 4, 2011 'NAAS Opening for Destry Sparks' <http://ArteFuse.com>
December 21, 2010 '**Destry Sparks: Inspired Art of Greatness, Discovered**' <http://artslammagazine.com>
August 25, 2010 'Top regional artists featured' *Sun Journal* New Bern, NC
July 2010 'The Spiritual Made Tangible' *Evince Magazine* Danville, VA
June 16, 2010 'Danville Museum of Fine Arts to hold artists reception' *Altavista Journal* Altavista, VA
April 9, 2010 'Artists association honors exhibit winners tonight' *Sun Journal* New Bern, NC
March 6, 2010 'Destry Sparks' www.aestheticsnow.com
Spring 2010 'Destry S. Sparks' *St. Thomas University Alumni Contact Newsletter* Miami Gardens, FL
February 2, 2010 'Destry Sparks – USA' OutsidersFestival.blogspot.com/
December 3, 2009 'LabourLove celebrates like-minded artists' *The Duke Chronicle* Durham, NC
November 14, 2009 'LabourLove Gallery/Natural Selection' *Painterly Visions* Washington, DC
November 12, 2009 'LabourLove Gallery Opens Natural Selection' *This Is Diversity* New York, NY
November 1, 2009 'NCS 25th Juried Exhibit' *Exhibition Catalog* National Collage Society Hudson, OH
November 1, 2009 'Eastern NC Artists Exhibit in Durham' *Arts Alive Magazine* Morehead City, NC
March 1, 2008 'Gloria Dei Art Exhibit' *Arts Alive Magazine* Morehead City, NC
November 28, 2007 'Markers and Milestones' *Metro Times* Detroit, MI
November 26, 2007 'Symbols of the Everyday' *The Michigan Daily* Ann Arbor, MI
December 14, 2006 'Worthless Scraps Converted to Cosmic Art' *The Free Press* Kinston, NC
December 1, 2006 'Greene Museum Hosts Art of Sparks' *Arts Alive Magazine* Morehead City, NC
November 29, 2006 'Destry Sparks at Greene County Museum' *The Standard Laconic* Snow Hill, NC

ONLINE PROJECTS/PORTFOLIOS

www.ArtGraze.com

www.ArtSlant.com

www.ArtistsSpace.org

www.BrooklynArtProject.com

www.LinkedIn.com

www.Facebook.com

www.Twitter.com

COLLECTIONS

St. Thomas University Miami Gardens, FL

Dakota State University Madison, SD

Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden Richmond, VA

Carteret County Museum of Art and History Morehead City, NC

University of North Carolina at Charlotte Charlotte, NC