

Artist Statement

My art is a reflection of my life; my life is full of laughter!

Collections

White House Collection - Juror: Richard Helzer, bronze sculpture
Public Art Commission for the City of University Place, WA, 8' concrete slug
Quay School of Fine Arts - Private Collection, clay sculpture
Montana State University School of Fine Art - Private Collection, clay sculpture
Rotorua Museum of Art - Private Collection, clay sculpture
Milgard Family Collection
Weyerhaeuser Family Collection
Wyatt Family Collection
Granum Family Collection

Shows

- 2006 Selected artist for the Showcase Tacoma Sculpture Show
Featured centerpiece artist at the Wright Stuff Auction
Tacoma Art Museum, Night Tacoma Dance juried show
Featured centerpiece artist at the Mary Bridge Children's Hospital Festival of Trees and Jingle Bell Jam
Featured centerpiece artist at the Boys and Girls Club of King County Black Tie Gala and Fund Raiser
- 2005 Tacoma's 100 Suitcase Show artist
Guest artist and show at Tacoma Museum of Glass Shop
Tacoma Art Museum, Night Tacoma Dance juried show
- 2004 Featured artist at BKB gallery, Tacoma, WA
On going show of "Wee Chick" series at Tacoma's Museum of Glass retail gallery
- 2003 Vanlierop Garden Center, garden sculpture show
Tacoma Art Museum, Night Tacoma Dance juried show
- 2002 Seattle Artist Gallery group show
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Columbia City Gallery group show
- 2000 Master Works Gallery group show
Breckenridge Arts Council guest artist
- 1999 Fat Dog Gallery and Café solo show
Rotorua Art Museum juried sculpture show, best in show
Whangarei Sculpture in the Garden group show
New Zealand Royal Easter Show, Award of Merit for sculpture
- 1998 Western Heights High School ceramic tile installation
- 1997 Rotorua Museum of Art juried show, best in show
- 1996 National Metals and Jewelry Slide Competition, precious metal sculpture
Multiple Juried student art shows at Montana State University
- 1995 Creative World Diploma works of Design and Crafts, precious metal sculpture

Current Retailers

Tacoma Museum of Glass, Tacoma, WA
Vanlierop Garden Market, Sumner, WA
Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA

Grants

City of University Place, WA Parks commission grant for the permanent installation of 8' slug in Heritage Park. 2006

Antioch University Schools Go Green Grant for the creation of large public sculpture created by local students. 2001

Tacoma Arts Commission grant for developing current work and running free sculpture classes for the community. 2001

Montana State University Undergraduate Scholars Program scholarship recipient to study New Zealand's stone, bone, and jade carving. 1996

Education and teaching experience

Charles Wright Academy - Art Teacher

Hilltop Artist Glass Hot Shop - Volunteer teacher, Tacoma, WA, 2001

DART Art Center - co-founder, instructor, Tacoma, WA, 2000-2002

Western Heights High School - Upper School painting and sculpture teacher, Rotorua, New Zealand, 1998-2000

Quay School of Fine Arts - ceramic sculpture visiting artist, Wanganui, New Zealand, 1998

Rangitahi College - painting and sculpture professor, Murupara, New Zealand, 1997-1998

Progressive Arts Society - Ceramic sculpture instructor, Rotorua, New Zealand, 1996-2000

Montana State University - Bachelor of Fine Arts & Art Education K-12, 1996

Manifesto

I believe art should be in every room in the house.

I believe chickens are gorgeous creatures.

I believe there is ugly and there is beautiful, surround yourself with beautiful.

I believe everyone should have a theme song, mine is Michael Jackson's "Beat It".

I believe in kissing my wife before she leaves and right when she comes home.

I believe color makes you happy.

I believe in lots of down pillows.

I believe in polka dots, spirals and checks.

I believe all my students are artists; they just need to find their muse.

I believe in being honest when creating a piece of art.

I believe in playing jokes on your kids and co-workers.

I believe artists create with their hands, heads and hearts.

I believe laughing keeps you healthy.

I believe in working in my studio every day.

I believe clay sculptures look best in jewels.

I believe antique and modern compliment each other perfectly.

I believe dramas aren't the only movies deserving of "Best Picture."

I believe your pet's wardrobe is just as important as your own.

I believe actions speak much, much, much louder than words!

I believe everyone should collect my work.