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EDUCATION

1980 M.F.A.- Idaho State University,
1978 B.S.- Southern Oregon State University
1974 A.A.- Oregon College of Art

CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

Michigan ArtWalk-Concept that has resulted in a 20-year plan to develop Ferris State University into a campus-wide art museum dedicated to Michigan artists.
Presidential Art Collection-Concept to establish one major piece of art at FSU for the current and past 14 Presidents. The first piece was unveiled November 1996. The second piece was unveiled spring 1999.
Mecosta County Public Art Initiative- Public art design to create a county wide collection.

PUBLIC ART

"We Stand Tall" Aluminum 24'x3'x3' - Lafayette, Indiana.
"Freedom is Not Free" Aluminum 11'x25'x25' - Evart, Michigan
"Rhythm of Knoxville" Aluminum 7'3"x12'10" - Knoxville, Tennessee
"Fire Fighter EMT monument" Aluminum 16'x6'x13' - Morton Township, Michigan
"Sound of the Wind" Aluminum/ Painted Steel 10'x9'x5' - Dexter, Michigan
"She Who Grew From Trees" Aluminum/Painted Steel 18'x2'x3'6" - Greely, Colorado
"Flight of Leaves" Aluminum 11'x26'x4" - Fort Wayne, Indiana
"Age of Iron" Painted Steel 7'x7'x3' - Auburn, Indiana
"Touch the Sky"-Three figure sculpture. 19'x 6'x6'. Aluminum/Corten Steel. Susan Wheatlake Cancer Center, Reed City, Michigan.
"We Are One"- Three figure sculpture. 13'x 8'x8'. Aluminum / Painted Steel/Corten Steel - East High School, Anchorage, Alaska.
"Magic Man"- Relief sculpture in acrylic/Plexiglas. Edge lit. 7'x 3'x 6". Big Rapids Library, Big Rapids, Michigan.
"Lumber"- Etched image in acrylic with edge lighting. 3'x 6'x 3" Big Rapids Library, Big Rapids, Michigan.
"Volunteers"- Multiple layer relief sculpture. 6'x 26'x 6" Aluminum - Chugiak, Alaska.
"Heart and Soul"- Four figure sculpture. 7'x 8'x 8' Aluminum - Performing Arts Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
"All That Jazz"- Three figure sculpture. 11'x 6'x 7' Aluminum - Reuther Pavilion, Canadian Lakes, Michigan.
"Create the Future"- Relief sculpture in Acrylic/Plexiglas. Edge lit. 7'x 3'x 5" School of Technology - Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Michigan.
"Honors Sculptures"- 5 relief sculptures in 5 Ferris State University dorms. Varied sizes. Painted steel/aluminum - Ferris State University.
"Hope, Struggle, Perseverance"-Three panel stretched canvas mural. 14'x 23'x 4" - Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
"MTL"- Five figure aluminum sculpture. 14'x 11'x 10'- Mecosta, Michigan.
"The River Runs through Us"- Aluminum/Corten steel sculpture. 19'x 18'x 5'- Michigan.
"LOSB"- Three figure aluminum sculpture with narrative forms. 14'x 6'x 5' - Michigan.
"Isabella"- Three figure Corten steel figure sculpture with 8' tall aluminum narrative box. 12'x 7'x 7'. Michigan.

PUBLIC ART CONTINUED

"Flow"- 42' long metal mural. ¼" aluminum in relief layers. 42'x 23'x 6" - Montague, Michigan.

"Human Poetry"- Four panel oil on stretched canvas presentation. 9'x 30'x 2' - City County Building, Denver, Colorado.

"Visual Sound"- Corten steel. Two figure forms. 11'x 15'x 5' - Pocket Park, Big Rapids, Michigan.

125th Sculpture- Corten steel. Three piece figure form sculpture. 22'x 25'x 23' - Ferris State University.

"Healing Hands"- Corten steel sculpture. 5'x 5'x 9' - Mecosta County Hospital, Big Rapids, Michigan.

"UVU Story"- Six panel mural. 15'x 65' - Utah Valley University, Orem, Utah.

"Struggle and Security"- Ten panel mural approx. 2000 square feet - Central Mutual Insurance, Van Wert, Ohio.

"Visionary"- triptych. 21'x 33' stretched oil on canvas - Arts and Sciences Building, Ferris State University.

"Continuous Game"- 6'x 33' bent steel sculpture - Ferris State Student Recreation Center.

"Jump Ball"- 9'x 21' and "Break Away"- 4'x 7' Steel relief sculptures - Ferris State University Wink Arena.

"Of Thought and Reason"- 10'x 130' oil on canvas mural - Ferris State University FLITE Library.

"With Our Hands- With our Minds" – 4'x 45' mural - Grand Rapids Community College.

"Fair Commerce"- Four panel oil on canvas mural covering 70' of wall - Community Central Bank, Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

"Swimming Up Stream"- 6'x 8' steel sculpture - Montague, Michigan.

"Contemplation"- Bent steel sculpture, 11'x 7'x 4' - City Hall, Big Rapids, Michigan.

COMPETITIONS

Received over 30 awards in National and International Juried Competitions, 2002-2008.

MUSEUM EXHIBITS

2011 - Taiwan International Water Color Exhibit, Taiwan.

2008 - "People Reading"- Spartanburg Art Museum, Spartanburg, SC.

Curator Thomas L. Johnson.

2007 - Midwest Art Exhibit- Birger Sandzen Memorial Gallery, Lindsborg, Kansas.

2006 -"And So It Goes"- One person exhibit. Dow Museum of Art, Midland Michigan.

2005 - Watercolor USA- Springfield Art Museum, Springfield, Missouri. Robert E. Goodier Memorial Award.

2004 - "Blue Collar"- One person exhibit. Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon Michigan.

2002- 66th Annual Mid-Year Exhibition - The Butler Institute of Art, Youngstown Ohio.

OTHER AWARDS

Patron of the Arts Award-Mecosta County Council of the Arts- Robert and Lisa Barnum. Michigan Artist of the Year Award, 2003.

Governor's Award for the Arts and Culture, ArtServe of Michigan.

Professional Achievement Award for Arts & Sciences, Idaho State University.

Congressional Recognition: Freedom is Not Free Veterans monument.

Congressional Recognition: Fire Fighter EMT Monument.

SIGNATURE MEMBERSHIP

American Watercolor Society

National Watercolor Society

Watercolor USA Society