

RESUME

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Art Teacher
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EDUCATION:

Currently working on Master of Arts, Art Education, Belmont University
Bachelor of Arts, Art Education, David Lipscomb College, Nashville, TN, 1977
Tennessee Art Education Association Conference, Memphis, TN, 1999
Tennessee Art Education Association Conference, Gatlinburg (Arrowmont), TN, 2000
Tennessee Art Education Association Conference, Nashville (Frist Center), TN, 2001
Various Basketweaving conferences
Various Scrapbooking conferences

TEACHER CERTIFICATION:

Art K-12, State of Tennessee, through 12-31-2008
Scrapbook Design University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Teaching:

Private art instruction to children (single and groups)

From home

At the Manchester Recreation Center

Basketweaving instruction

Art teacher:

Rutherford County School System, LaVergne, TN Public Schools, 1978-79

Moore County High School, TN, 1997

Coffee County Central High School, TN, 1998- 2004

Practice:

Ad agency (1980-81)

Murals (gratis)

- Garden, Well, Halls, Logo on gym floor, Outside Sign, Walls in pre-school trailer at College Street Elementary School, Manchester, TN
- Cafeteria, Eagle Logo on wall, School Bus on wall, Panels over doors at Westwood Elementary School, Manchester, TN
- Garden, Logo on gym floor, Logo on scorer's table, Boy's and girl's locker rooms, Ticket booth wall, Cafeteria at Westwood Junior High School, Manchester, TN
- Castle Scene, Exterior wall of Manchester Arts Center, Manchester, TN
- Pastoral Scene, Coffee County Nursing Home, Manchester, TN
- Messiah Scene touchup, Trinity Baptist Church, Manchester, TN

Murals (businesses)

- Tadpoles Nursery, Manchester, TN
- Nursing Home, Cookeville, TN
- New York Grill, McMinnville, TN

Murals (private homes)

- kitchens (2); Memphis, TN; Manchester, TN
- nurseries (>5); Memphis, TN; Manchester, TN
- children's rooms (>8); Memphis, TN; Manchester, TN

Signs

- Newspaper, Cannon County, TN
- Reminisce, Manchester, TN
- Walking Horse farm, Manchester, TN
- The Playing Field, Tullahoma, TN

Backdrops (School pictures and Larry Banks Studio)

- Photo (13)
- Decoration (1)
- Drama (5)

Decorating

- Proms and Dances (6)
- Parade Floats (3)
- Banner (3)

Clothing

- painted sweatshirts and T-shirts
- costumes for school plays

Props

- Horse and Rider for play: Lil' Abner
- Dragon's head for High School Band
- Chopper invention for play: Beauty and the Beast

Logos (9)

Commissions:: .

- Painting/Water color, including portraits (11)
- Decorated Gourds (2)
- Touch-up portraits/paintings (sepia, digital, etc) (3)

Year book production; 6 years at College Street Elementary School, Manchester, TN

Visuals for church programs and Sunday School lessons

Cover Design for book, Divorce Recovery Handbook by Dr. Nancy Carroll

Computer Photo-editing (at home and Larry Banks Studio)

Teaching Scrapbooking

Exhibits:

Exhibits of student work at the Coffee County Fair, TN, Sept 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001

Exhibits of student work at the Manchester Arts Center, TN, Oct 2001

Exhibits of own work in the Coffee County Fair, TN, Sept 1990 – 2004

- Best of Show, Abstract texture, 1999
- Best of Show, Oil, 2000
- Best of Show, Water color, 2001

- Best of Show, Acrylic painting, 2003
- Best of Show, Acrylic painting, 2004
- various other ribbons

Exhibit at the Manchester Arts Center, TN, April 2002

Expertise:

Water Color

Acrylic Painting

Oil Painting

Pen & Ink

Airbrush

Tole painting

Caricature

Basketweaving

Pottery (making and painting)

Glass Jewelry

Pastels

Garden/Pond Design

Gourd Art

Journal Making

Scrapbooking

Teaching Curriculum:

Elements and Principles of Design

Tie-dye

Painting

Pencil Drawing

Pottery

Journal Making

Mask Making

Grants:

Coffee County School Board Grant, 1999

Coffee County School Board Grant, 2000

Coffee County School Board Grant, 2003

Bridgestone Grant, 2000

Bridgestone Grant, 2001

Bridgestone Grant, 2002

Bridgestone Grant, 2003

Related Work Experience:

Computer expertise: *Microsoft Word, CorelDraw, Photopaint, Photoshop*

Professional Affiliations:

Member Tennessee Education Association

Member Tennessee Art Education Association

Member North Carolina Basketweavers' Association

Community Service:

Member, Manchester School Board, Manchester, TN, 1993-1998

Member, Manchester Arts Center, Manchester, TN, 1999-2004

Advisor for Coffee County Central High School Student Council, school year 2005 and 2006

Awards:

Coffee County Chamber of Commerce Teacher of the Year, 2003