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PROFILE

I began my art career in Chicago as a designer, earning a BFA in Textile design from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. I completed a MFA after a career in product design, and have since devoted myself to teaching and exhibiting fine art.

My current work is primarily studies from nature in watercolor and pencil. I have devoted significant creative attention to illustration and design. My studio is in downtown Charlottesville, VA at the McGuffey Art Center.

EDUCATION

BFA School of the Art Institute of Chicago

MA/MFA Syracuse University

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITS

2025 | YOU CAN'T SEE THE FOREST | Sara Smith Gallery, McGuffey Art Center | Charlottesville, VA

2025 | OVERSTORY | Shenandoah Vallery Art Center | Waynesboro, VA

2024 | WHEN I AM AMONG THE TREES | Staunton Augusta Art Center | Staunton VA

2023 | THE BEAUTY OF THIS WORLD | Chroma Projects | Charlottesville, VA

2023 | FLORALS | Sentara Martha Jefferson Hospital | Charlottesville, VA

2022 | WATERCOLORS | University of Virginia Health System | Charlottesville, VA

2022 | WATERCOLORS | The Center at Belvedere | Charlottesville, VA

2021 | NATURE CLOSE UP | Oxeye Wine Tasting Room | Staunton, VA

2019 | LANDSCAPES | Annie Gould Gallery | Gordonsville, VA

2019 | WHERE WE LIVE/WHERE I LIVE | McGuffey Art Center | Charlottesville, VA

2018 | CLIMATE | New Dominion Bookstore | Charlottesville, VA

2018 | GEOMETRIC PAINTINGS | Westminster Canterbury | Charlottesville, VA

2017 | WHERE WE LIVE | Miller Art Gallery at Bridgewater College | Bridgewater, VA

2017 | CLIMATE CHANGE | Larkin Arts | Harrisonburg, VA

2016 | LAND FAULTS | Blue Ridge Community College | Weyers Cave, VA

2016 | COLORFUL WATERCOLORS | Martha Jefferson Hospital | Charlottesville,

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITS

2024 | FORA AND FAUNA | ArtWorks RVA | Richmond, VA * Best in Show

2024 | 43RD ANNUAL ADIRONDACKS NATIONAL WATERCOLOR | OLD FORGE, NY

2024 | OIL VS WATER | d'Art Center, Norfolk, VA * Honorable Mention

2024 | ZOOMING IN | Rhode Island Watercolor Society (online)

2024 | NATURALIST GALLERY | Nature Exhibition (online)

2023 | TEENY TINY TRIFECTA | 2nd St Gallery, Charlottesville, VA

2023 | H2O- NATIONAL | Virginia Beach Art Center

2022 | BLACK AND WHITE INVITATIONAL | Center at Belvedere, Charlottesville, VA

2022 | EXTRACTION: ART ON THE EDGE OF THE ABYSS | New River Community College, Dublin, VA

2021 | ART ON THE EDGE: FROM EXTRACTION TO RESTORATION AND REGENERATION | Gallery Route One, Point Reyes, CA

2021 | NEW RIVER ART BIENNIAL | Tyler Gallery at Radford University, Radford, VA

2021 | ART UNLOCKED | McGuffey Art Center | Charlottesville, VA

2021 | ART SPEAKS | | Bay School, Matthews, VA

2018 | THE UNRAVELING | Onondaga Community College | Syracuse, NY

TEACHING

2012- PRESENT | ART TEACHER, INDEPENDENT WORKSHOP PRESENTER

Teaching through private schools, art centers and fine art venues in central Virginia, for young people and adult learners, in person and virtual classes.

Subjects: watercolor, drawing, textile processes, collage, mixed media and illustration.

Venues: The Village School, The Center at Belvedere, Arts Center in Orange, Beverly Street Studio School in Staunton, Tandem Friends School, McGuffey Art Center in Charlottesville, VA

2002-2016 | ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF ART

Piedmont VA Community College. Charlottesville, VA

James Madison University. Harrisonburg, VA

Blue Ridge Community College. Weyers Cave, VA

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS. INTERVIEWS

2024 | American Scholar, "Portrait of the Artist--The Language of Trees" by Noelani Kirschner, published July 1, 2024 https://theamericanscholar.org/jane-skafte/

2021 | Gallery Route One, Point Reyes CA | Artists' Exchange on September 15, 2021, https://galleryrouteone.org/2021/09/jamie-treacy-and-jane-skafte-hosted-by-pamela-blotner-september-15-2021/

2021 | WMRA Public Radio https://www.wmra.org/post/new-project-brings-local-artists-back-public-eye#stream/0