

# Nicole Merkens ARTIST & DESIGNER

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## EDUCATION

1994 The University of the Arts, Philadelphia, Pa *BFA Printmaking/ Book Arts*, Dean's List  
2007-08 Spruill Arts Center, Dunwoody, Ga  
2006- 11 Roswell Visual Arts Center, Roswell, Ga  
1998-99 Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL  
1996 Fayetteville Technical Community College, Fayetteville, NC  
1993 The Taos Institute of the Arts, Taos, NM

## SKILLS

*Computers:* PC and Macintosh, Web Design, Graphic Design, Java Scripting, HTML, Quark, In Design, Photoshop, Illustrator, Dreamweaver, Page Maker, Image Ready, Frontpage, Microsoft Works, Office, Claris Works, Excel  
*Art Skills:* Lithography (stone, plate, offset-Davidson 901 Press), Etching, relief, Screen Printing, Vandercook Letterpress, Bookbinding, Monotype, Photography, Non-Silver Photo Processes, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Glassblowing, Metal Smithing, Ceramics, Papermaking, Painting, Weaving, Sculpting, Stagecraft, Sand-blasting, Drawing, Faux Finishes, Murals, Outdoor Art Shows, Curating Shows  
Business/ Office Management, Teaching, Kickboxing, Box Office Sales

## GALLERIES

The Arthouse Buckhead, Ga  
High Country Art & Antique, Blue Ridge, Ga,  
Newbill Collection By the Sea, Seaside, FL

## AWARDS

Honorable Mention- "GEORGIA ARTISTS" Abernathy Arts Center, Ga 2009  
Honorable Mention- "RVAC Student Show" Roswell, Ga 2008  
Won " Best in Show"- "WORKS IN CLAY" Roswell, Ga 2008  
Third Place in "From Concept to Reality" Show, Coral Springs, FL 2004  
Won "July Featured Talent Award" from CreativeMoonlighter, 2002  
Photograph won "The International Open Amateur Photography Contest", 2001  
FAU Potter's Guild Holiday Design Competition, 1995  
Adelman Award, 1994  
Bietzel Award Nomination, 1994  
Edith and Lessing Rosenwald Scholarship, 1993  
Jantzen Scholarship, 1993  
James Eiseman Award for Travel, 1993  
Albert M. Greenfield Library Purchase Award, 1993

## EXPERIENCE

2002- Present Artist/Designer/Partner, MerkensDesign, Coral Springs, FL and Roswell, GA  
2001-02 Creative Director, Sweepsclub.com, Inc., Deerfield Beach, FL  
1999-01 Senior Interactive Designer (Design, Art Direction, HTML, Project Management)  
Fusive.com, Deerfield Beach, FL  
1998-99 Web Master, All America Internet, Pompano Beach, FL  
1998 Arts Teacher, Pre-K - 5th Grade Donna Klein Jewish Academy, Boca Raton, FL  
1996-97 Interior Designer, CJ Designs, Fayetteville, NC  
1996 Paste-Up Artist, Champion Products, Dunn, NC  
1996-97 Art Gallery Associate, Cape Fear Studios, Fayetteville, NC  
1994 Sock Designer, Trim Fit Inc., Philadelphia, PA  
1993 Assistantship to Margot LoveJoy's Anamnesia Installation, Philadelphia, PA  
1988-2000 Various Positions held in Box Office Sales, Print Shop Monitor, Art Supplies, Retail, Lifeguarding, Waitressing

## EXHIBITIONS

2011 "Creatures of the Night Invitational Group Show", Mudfire, Decatur, Ga  
2011 "Damn Right I Got The Blues Invitational Group Show", Mudfire, Decatur, Ga  
2011 "Moving Parts of the Arts-an Art Bike Display through Roswell", Roswell, Ga  
2011 "High Country Angels", High Country Art & Antiques, Blue Ridge, Ga  
2011 "Works in Clay", Roswell Art Center West, Roswell, GA  
2011 "Georgia Artists Juried Exhibit", Abernathy Arts Center, Atlanta, GA  
2010 "Drink- A Cup Show", Roswell Art Center West, Roswell, Ga  
2010 "Angels- Work by Nicole Merkens", High Country Art, Blue Ridge, GA  
2010 "Works in Clay Spring Show", Roswell Art Center West, Roswell, GA  
2010 "Guardian Show", Timothy Michael Gallery, Roswell, GA  
2010 "Georgia Artists Juried Exhibit", Abernathy Arts Center, Atlanta, GA  
2010 "Transformations- An Introspective Exhibit & Benefit", Tula Art Center, Atlanta, GA  
2010 "Everybody Loves Pie", The Pie Hole, Roswell, GA- I curated this show  
2009 "Works in Clay Holiday Show", Roswell Art Center West, Roswell, GA  
2009 "The Art House" Summer Show, Vinings, GA  
2009 "Folk Art Fest", Norcross, GA  
2009 "Works in Clay Spring Show & Sale", Roswell Art Center West, Roswell, GA  
2009 "GEORGIA ARTISTS JURIED EXHIBIT", Abernathy Arts Center, Atlanta, GA  
2009 "MIXED MESSAGES ", Fine Line Gallery, Atlanta, GA  
2009 "SHADOWS & SILHOUETTES ", Fine Line Gallery, Atlanta, GA  
2008 "A Feast 4 The Eyes", Fine Line Gallery, Atlanta, GA  
2008 "Artist + Child", Roswell Visual Arts Center, Roswell, GA  
2008 "Evolve", Heaven Blue Rose Gallery, Roswell, GA  
2008 "Roswell Visual Arts Student Show", Roswell Visual Arts Center, Roswell, GA  
2008 "Works in Clay", Art Center West, Roswell, GA. Won "Best in Show"  
2008 "Georgia Artists- A Juried Exhibition", Abernathy Arts Center, Atlanta, GA  
2008 "FUSE-A Melding of Mediums", Heaven Blue Rose Gallery, Roswell, GA  
2008 "CRISP", Heaven Blue Rose Gallery, Roswell, GA  
2007 "Arts Alliance of Georgia 2007 Juried Art Exhibition", Woodstock, GA  
2007 "Nicole Merkens & Clint Brownlee", Roswell Visual Arts Center, Roswell, GA  
2007 "Hunted", Heaven Blue Rose Gallery, Roswell, GA  
2007 "No Rule of Thumb" Solo Show, Heaven Blue Rose Gallery, Roswell, GA  
2006 Roswell Visual Arts Annual Student Show, Roswell Art Center, Roswell, GA  
2004 "From Concept to Reality", Coral Springs Museum of Art, Coral Springs, FL  
2004 Director's Invitational 30th Anniversary Exhibit, Coral Springs Museum of Art, FL  
2003 "Art the Fabric of Our Lives", Coral Springs Museum of Art, Coral Springs, FL

**COLLECTIONS** Special Collections Library, The University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA  
Shepard Center Photography Collection, Shepherd Center, Atlanta, GA

## PUBLICATIONS

2010 Art Doll Quarterly, Aug/Sept/Oct 2010. Page 73  
2009 TheRealAtlanta.com, therealatlanta.com/2009/11/23/atlanta-artist-nicole-merkens  
2007 The Atlanta Journal Constitution- Featured Artist Article  
2008 Designed Ads for Belisi in ALLURE Magazine  
2003 Designed Ads for Florida Design Annual Sourcebook Magazine  
2001 Photograph featured in "Quest for Tomorrow" Book, International Library of Photography  
1997 Photograph for month of December in Cumberland County 1997 Calendar  
1997 Ad featured in Sunday on the Square Brochure, April  
1996 Ad featured in Marlene Floyd Invitational Golf Magazine, October  
1994 Print Featured in "Dot, Dot, Dot" Magazine