

Nicole Merkens

Artist and Designer

EDUCATION

- 2015 - 2016 | **FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERISTY - FORT HAYS, KS**
Took Masters Classes for Ceramics
- 1990 - 1994 | **UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS - PHILADELPHIA, PA**
BFA PRINTMAKING/BOOKARTS , DEAN'S LIST
- 2007, '08, '14 | **SPRUILL ARTS CENTER - DUNWOODY, GA**
CONTINUING EDUCATION: METAL ARTS, WELDING
- 2006 - 2012 | **ROSWELL VISUAL ARTS CENTER - ROSWELL, GA**
CONTINUING EDUCATION: MIXED MEDIA, CERAMICS, PHOTOGRAPHY
- 1998 - 1999 | **FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY - BOCA RATON, FL**
CONTINUING EDUCATION: PRINTMAKING, GRAPHIC DESIGN
- 1996 | **FAYETTEVILLE TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE - FAYETTEVILLE, NC**
CONTINUING EDUCATION: CERAMICS
- 1993 | **TAOS INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS - TAOS, NM**
TRAVEL GRANT TO CHACO CANYON TO STUDY ART

CURRENT GALLERIES

- COWGIRL STUDIOS - ROSWELL, GA**
Roswell Art Center West • 1355 Woodstock Rd • Roswell, GA 30075
- TAYLOR KINZEL GALLERY.- ROSWELL GA**
16 Elizabeth Way Roswell, GA 30075
- HIGH COUNTRY ART - BLUE RIDGE, GA**
715 E Main St, Blue Ridge, GA 30513
- NEWBILL COLLECTION BY THE SEA - SEASIDE, FL**
309 RUSKIN PLACE

AWARDS

3rd Place - "Gilmer Arts 2018 Juried Art Exhibition", Gilmer Arts Gallery, Ellijay, Ga
Best in Show- "Gilmer Arts 2017 Juried Art Exhibition", Gilmer Arts Gallery, Ellijay, Ga
SemiFinalist-"The Next Big Name in Visual Arts", Bombay Sapphire Artisan Series '16
Awarded "Month of July" for "In Wolf's Clothing", 2017 Potter's Council Figurative Calendar
SemiFinalist-"The Next Big Name in Visual Arts", Bombay Sapphire Artisan Series '13
Honorable Mention- "Metro Montage XIII", Marietta/ Cobb Musuem of Art, Ga 2013
Best in Show- Works in Clay Holiday Show, Roswell Ga, 2011
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

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- SPECIAL COLLECTIONS LIBRARY**
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE ARTS, PHILADELPHIA, PA
- SHEPHARD CENTER PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTION**
SHEPHARD CENTER, ATLANTA, GA



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COMPUTER SKILLS

PC AND MAC
Web Design
Graphic Design
Photoshop
Illustrator
Dreamweaver
Image Ready
Frontpage
Microsoft Works, Office
Claris Works
Excel

ART SKILLS

Sculpture
Ceramics
Welding
Lithography (stone, offset-Davidson
go1 Press)
Etching
Relief
Screen Printing
Vandercook Letterpress
Bookbinding
Monotype
Photography
Non-Silver Photo Processes
Graphic Design
Interior Design
Glassblowing
Metal Smithing
Papermaking
Painting
Weaving
Stagecraft
Sandblasting
Drawing
Faux Finishes
Murals
Outdoor Art Shows
Curating Shows

GOOD TO KNOW SKILLS

Business/ Office Management
Teaching
Kickboxing
Waitressing
Box Office Sales

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EXPERIENCE

2017 To PRESENT	THE ARTS CENTER WEST, Roswell, Ga INSTRUCTOR and APPRENTICE TEACHING, GLAZE PREP, RUNNING KILNS SHOP MONITOR HANGING SHOWS
2017	ROSWELL VISUAL ARTS CENTER, Roswell, Ga SUMMER CAMP CLAY TEACHER AGES 6-10 yrs
2017	ARTIST SLIDE PRESENTATION, ROSWELL VISUAL ARTS CENTER, Roswell, GA SPEAKER AND PRESENTER PRESENTED A RETROSPECTIVE OF MY ART CAREER, Q&A SESSION, FEB 17, 2017
2012 To PRESENT	OPENED COWGIRL STUDIOS, Roswell, GA BUSINESS OWNER, PARTNER, ARTIST IN RESIDENCE TAUGHT WORKSHOPS DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS RUN ART STUDIO COORDINATING AND CONDUCTING ARTIST WORKSHOPS CHIEF MARKETING OFFICER HANGING AND CURATING ART SHOWS WEB DESIGNER OUTDOOR SHOWS PURCHASING
2011- 2012	ROSWELL VISUAL ARTS CENTER, Roswell, Ga GALLERY AND OFFICE ASSISTANT OPENING AND CLOSING RESPONSIBILITIES OFFICE ASSISTANT SHOP MONITOR HANGING SHOWS RUNNING OPENINGS
2010-2011	HANNAH GREY DESIGN TEAM SENIOR DESIGNER CREATION OF ART WITH PRODUCTS, TESTING
2009-2010	ALPHA STAMPS DESIGN TEAM SENIOR DESIGNER CREATION OF ART WITH PRODUCTS, TESTING
2002- 2011	MERKENS DESIGN, Coral Springs, FL and Roswell, Ga DESIGNER, ARTIST, PARTNER DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS MARKETING WEB DESIGN PRINT BILLING
2001- 2002	SWEEPSCLUB.COM, Deerfield Beach, FL CREATIVE DIRECTOR MANAGED CREATIVE TEAM DESIGN CONSULTING
1999- 2001	FUSIVE.COM, Deerfield Beach, FL SENIOR DESIGNER WEB DESIGN ART DIRECTION HTML PROJECT MANAGEMENT
1998- 1999	ALL AMERICA INTERNET, Pompano Beach, FL WEB MASTER WEB DESIGN ART DIRECTION HTML PROJECT MANAGEMENT
1998- 1999	DONNA KLEIN JEWISH ACADEMY, Boca Raton, FL ART TEACHER TAUGHT PRE-K TO 5th GRADE ART



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PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 art Guide Vol. 7 No 11. Nov 2016 Pgs 10 & 20
- 2016 CNN News- "46/21-46 Million Slaves- 21st Century Slavery" Oct 2016
- 2016 Lines from the Middle of Nowhere- FHSU A Literary and Arts Journal by Sigma Tau Delta. "Fly Girl" Featured
- 2016 Broad and High;WOSU public Media- March 2016:
<http://video.wosu.org/video/2365685563/>
- 2016 The CurrentHub Newspaper. Feb 2016 Pg 12.
- 2016 art Guide Vol. 7 No 1. Jan 2016
- 2015 art Guide Vol. 6 No 12., Dec 2015
- 2015 art Guide Vol. 6 No 11, Nov 2015
- 2015 art Guide Vol. 6 No 10., Oct 2015
- 2015 art Guide Vol. 6 No 9., Sept 2015
- 2015 art Guide Vol. 6 No 8., Aug 2015 Pgs 11, 12, 23
- 2015 The Laurel of Asheville, March 2015
- 2014 Nashville Arts Magazine, Aug 2014 Pg 25
- 2014 Nashville Arts Magazine, July 2014 Pg 21
- 2013 Ceramics Monthly Mag .Oct 2013 Pg 114
- 2013 Ceramics Monthly Mag ,March 2013 Pg 63
- 2010 Art Doll Quarterly,Aug/Sept/Oct 2010. Pg 73
- 2009 TheReaLAtlanta.com, Nov.23, 2009
- 2007 Atlanta Journal Constitution-Featured Artist
- 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 Dec., Cumberland - County 1997 Calendar
- 1994 Print Featured in DOT DOT DOT Magazine

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EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

1996- 1997	CJ DESIGNS, Fayetteville, NC INTERIOR DESIGN ASSISTANT
	OFFICE MANAGEMENT ORDERING BILLING PAINTED MURALS FAUX FINISHING ART
1996- 1997	CHAMPION PRODUCTS, Dunn, NC PASTE-UP ARTIST
	PREPARED FILMS FOR SILKSCREENING OF SPORTSWEAR
1996- 1997	CAPE FEAR STUDIOS, Fayetteville, NC ART GALLERY ASSOCIATE
1994	TRIM FIT INC, Philadelphia, PA SOCK DESIGNER
	DESIGNED SOCKS FOR PRODUCTION AND SALES
1993	MARGOT LOVEJOY'S ANAMNESIA INSTALLATION, Philadelphia, PA ASSISTANTSHIP
	HELPED HANG AND ORGANIZE INSTALLATION
1988- 2000	OTHER VARIOUS POSITIONS DETAILS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
	BOX OFFICE SALES, PRINT SHOP MONITOR, ART SUPPLY SALES, RETAIL, SALES, LIFEGUARDING, WAITRESSING, CAKE DECORATING, HAIRDRESSER, JEWELRY DESIGNER



EXHIBITIONS

2018	"Dia de los Muertos- A Celebration of Life" Exhibition. Florida CraftArt, St. Petersburg, FL
2018	"Words & Images: Truth, Lies, & Heart" Exhibition. Roswell Cultural Arts Center, Roswell, Ga
2018	"Gilmer Arts Juried Exhibition" Gilmer Arts Center, Ellijay, GA
2017	"Works in Clay", Holiday Show The Art Center West, Roswell, Ga
2017	"A Memory Narrative", Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Ga
2017	"Metro Montage XVII", Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art, Marietta, Ga
2017	"Gilmer Arts 2017 Juried Art Exhibition", Gilmer Arts Gallery, Ellijay, Ga
2017	"Soul Sisters" Art from Nicole Merkens and Heida Halldorsdottir, The Art Center West, Roswell, Ga
2016	LACDA "Snap to Grid" Exhibition, Los Angeles Center for Digital Art, LA, Ca
2016	"Bombay Sapphire Artisan Series" Mason Fine Art Gallery, Atlanta, Ga
2016	"46/21 46 Million Slaves- 21st Century Slavery" Mammal Gallery, Atlanta, Ga
2016	"Workhouse Arts Center 6th Annual Clay International 2016" Workhouse Ceramics, Lorton, VA
2016	"Abducted by Moonlight" Installation Moss-Thorns Gallery of Art, Fort Hays State University, Hays, KS
2016	"America's ClayFest IV ArtShow & Competition" Blue Line Arts, Roseville, CA
2016	"21st San Angelo National Ceramic Competition" San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo, TX
2016	"Gilmer Arts Juried Exhibition" Gilmer Arts Center, Ellijay, GA
2016	"Mulvane Art Museum Juried Ceramics Exhibition" Washburn Univeristy Mulvane Art Museum, Topeka, KS
2016	FHSU Graduate Student Show "RISE: Emerging Ceramics from FHSU" Red Lady Gallery, Kansas City, KS
2016	"FHSU MFA Ceramics" Regier Friesen Gallery Hesston College, Hesston, KS
2016	Women Ceramic Sculptors "Equality" Ohio Craft Musuem, Columbus, OH
2015	"What Goes Bump in the Night" Clay Arts Vegas, Las Vegas, NV.



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- 2015 "Carpet Superstore" Muse and Co. Gallery, Roswell, Ga.
- 2015 "The Adventures of Starseed and Bunny Girl" ,
Saratoga Clay Arts Center, Schuylerville, N.Y.
- 2015 Women Ceramic Sculptors "Dynamic Narratives", Folk Art Center, Asheville, NC
- 2014 Women Ceramic Sculptors "Dynamic Narratives" , T.A.L. Nashville, TN
- 2014 Women Ceramic Sculptors "Dynamic Narratives" exhibition, N.A.W.A. ,NY, NY
- 2014 "Spotlight on Art" , Trinity School, Atlanta, Ga
- 2013 "Artisan Series" , Mason Murer, Atlanta, Ga
- 2013 "Metro Montage XIII" , Marietta/Cobb Museum of Art, Marietta, Ga
- 2013, '11, '10, '09, '08 "Georgia Artists-A Juried Exhibit" , Abernathy Arts Center, Atlanta, GA
- 2013 NCECA- "Dynamic Narratives" , Winter Street Studios, Houston TX
- 2012 "South Cobb Arts Alliance 25th National Juried Exhibition" ,
Mable House Arts Center, Ga
- 2012 "Viva Le Polo" High Museum Show at Chukkar Farms, Johns Creek, Ga
- 2012 "Angels in BlueRidge" , High Country Art, BlueRidge, Ga
- 2012 "Nesting, An Installation By Nicole Merkens" ,
Roswell Art Center West, Roswell, Ga
- 2012, '11, '10, '09, '08, '07 "Works in Clay Holiday Show" , Roswell Art Center West, Roswell, Ga
- 2012, '11, '10, '09, '08, '07 "Works in Clay Spring Show" , Roswell Art Center West, Roswell, Ga
- 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
- 2010 "Drink- A Cup Show" , Roswell Art Center West, Roswell, Ga
- 2010 "Angels- Work by Nicole Merkens" , High Country Art, Blue Ridge, GA
- 2010 "Guardian Show" , Timothy Michael Gallery, Roswell, 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 "The Art House" Summer Show, Vinings, GA
- 2009 "Folk Art Fest" , Norcross, 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 "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
- 2000 "The Great Plate Affair" , Coral Springs Museum of Art, Coral Springs, FL
- 1997 "Inside/Outside Juried Exhibition" , Arts Council of Fayetteville, NC
- 1996 Wake Visual Arts Center Exhibition, Raleigh, NC
- 1996 "Power" Arts Council's 19th Annual Juried Artists Competition/
Exhibition, Arts Council, Fayetteville, NC
- 1995 34th Bay Annual Art Show, Visual Arts Center, Panama City, FL
- 1994 "Soul Voyages; Printmaking Senior Thesis Solo Show" , University of the Arts, Philadelphia, Pa



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