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solo exhibitions

2012

Karen Banker USA, One-Woman Show, Colorida Gallery, Lisbon, Portugal

2011

Resilience, One-Woman Show, The Loft Gallery, Lincolnton, NC

2009

Thought for Food, One-Woman Show, COSMOS Gallery, Charlotte, NC

2008

Silent Prayers, One-Woman Show, Beet Gallery, NoDa Arts District, Charlotte, NC

2007

Vibrant Silence, One-Woman Show, Cochrane Gallery, Lincolnton, NC

select group / juried exhibitions

2013

Red Dot New York, The Armory, New York, NY
Roger Smith Hotel Gallery, New York, NY

2012

Red Dot Miami in conjunction with Art Basel Miami, Miami, FL
Landscapes & More, Arts on Main, Historic Downtown Gastonia, NC
Public Glass 8th Annual Artist & Artisan Art Auction, San Francisco, CA
Paint the Town, Arts on Main, Historic Downtown Gastonia, NC
Art Expo New York in conjunction with the Architectural Digest Home Show, New York, NY

2011

Visual Harvest, Jeanne Rausch Gallery, Gaston College, Dallas, NC
7th Annual Holiday Square Works Show, Providence Gallery, Charlotte, NC
End of Year Juried Art Show, Arts on Main, Gastonia, NC
A Natural View, Juried. Schiele Museum, Gastonia, NC
Art with Heart, Jury Selected for Live Auction Program, United Family Services, Charlotte, NC

2010

6th Annual Holiday Square Works Show, Providence Gallery, Charlotte, NC
Masters' Mystery exhibit in conjunction with *Art Basel Miami*, Ritz-Carlton, Miami Beach, FL
East Meets West: Appalachians to the Rockies, Gallery 317, Lincolnton, NC.
James Harrill Memorial Wall of Art, Juried. Carolina Medical Center, Lincolnton, NC

2009

Two Broads and a Band, Two-Woman Show, Rusty's Gallery, Lincolnton, NC
Denver Art Trail, Juried. Lake Norman Gallery & Frameworks, Denver, NC
Rethinking the Ordinary, Juried. LEDA Board Room Gallery, Lincolnton, NC
LEDA Artists and Friends, Juried. St. Luke's Exhibit Hall, Lincolnton, NC

2008

LEDA Artists Group Show, Juried. St. Luke's Exhibit Hall, Lincolnton, NC
LEDA Art Invitational '08, Juried. LEDA Board Room Gallery, Lincolnton, NC

2007

Art About Town, Invitational Public Art Exhibition, First Charter Bank, Lincolnton, NC
Time Lost and Moments Ignored, Lake Norman Gallery & Frameworks, Denver, NC

2006

Denver Art Trail, Lake Norman Gallery & Frameworks, Denver, NC

Paul Rhyne Annual Juried Art Competition, *Award winner.* Cochrane Gallery, Lincolnton, NC

28th Annual Frank Stick Memorial Art Show, Ghost Fleet Gallery, Nags Head, NC

2005

For Everyone and No One exhibit, Museum of Contemporary Art, Miami, FL

Masters' Mystery exhibit in conjunction with *Art Basel Miami*, Ritz-Carlton, Miami Beach, FL

The Glass Gallery Annual Juried Art Exhibit, Pembroke Pines, FL

notable collections

Mary Whisonant Private Collection, Beaufort, South Carolina.
Sean and Sheila Mullins Private Collection, Mt Holly, North Carolina.
Harold and Virginia Loewenstine Private Collection, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Various works in private collections throughout the United States.

notable commissioned work

"Mary Magdalene", commissioned painting for award-winning Epic Repertory Theater production "*The Goddess and the Magdalene*", Charlotte, NC, 2007.

radio, talks, panels

"The Process of Abstraction", The Gallery: Creative Traces, Radio Program hosted by Dottie Moore. Featured guest. April 2008.

select bibliography

2012

Karen Banker - February Featured Artist, Charlotte Viewpoint Art Magazine

"Artist Shows Her Work in Portuguese Gallery", Charlotte Observer, February.

Visual Overture, February 15, 2012

"Pumpkin Center Artist to be Featured at Portugal Exhibit", Lincoln-Times News, February.

"Portuguese Art Gallery Invites Lincoln County Artist", Gaston Gazette, February.

2011

"*Lofty ideals —Artist Debuts New Work at The Loft Gallery",* Lincoln-Times News, March.

2010

"*Gallery 317 Markets Artwork*", Lincoln-Times News, July.

"Gallery 317 Features Work by Karen Banker", Carolina Arts Magazine, June.

"*Art Mill Creates Space for Artists to Create*", Lincoln-Times News, May.

2009

"Art Invitational Focuses on Fine Art Photography", Lincoln-Times News, July.

"Art Show Debuts Friday", Lincoln-Times News, January.

2008

"Art Stroll Planned for Downtown", Lincoln-Times News, December.

"LEDA Art Invitational a Success", Lincoln-Times News, December.

"Picture Gallery" Art Business News, October.

"Winners Announced in Annual Photography Competition", Charlotte Observer, September. *"Storm at Bodie Island"* by Banker named Runner-up.

"Picture Galley" Art Business News, May.

"Gallery Lights", Art World News Magazine, March.

"One to Know: Artist Pursued Her Dream", Lake Norman Times, January.

2007

"Banker to Debut in NoDa Arts District", Lincoln Tribune, December.
"Banker's Work to be in Two Exhibits", Charlotte Observer, November.
"Artist Loves to Push Envelope", Lincoln-Times News, November.
"Works by Karen Banker", Carolina Arts Magazine, November.
"Calling All Art Lovers", Sarah Paris blogspot, November.
"County Winners' Art Now on Display", Lincoln-Times News, October.
"Art Goes Outside the Gallery", Lincoln-Times News, September.

artist advocacy leadership

Creator & Co-Developer, *The Art Mill*, Artist Studios, Lincolnton, North Carolina. 2010.
Founder, *Gallery 317*, Lincolnton, North Carolina. 2010.
Art Educator, *Private Lessons*, Lincolnton, North Carolina. 2010.
Co-Founder, *Art Stroll of Downtown Lincolnton*, Lincolnton, North Carolina. 2008-09.
Founder, *LEDA Annual Art Invitational*, Lincolnton, NC. 2008-10.
Curator, *LEDA Annual Art Invitational*, Lincolnton, NC. 2010.
Chairperson, *National Artist Relocation Program*, Lincolnton, NC. 2007-08.
Board Member, *Downtown Development Association*, Lincolnton, NC. 2006-09.
Committee Member, *Design Work Group*, Lincolnton, North Carolina. 2006-09.

education

1988 - Graduate Studies towards Masters, Miami University. Oxford, Ohio.
1986 - B.S. Self-Designed Program. University of Toledo. Toledo, Ohio.
1984 - Studies in Liberal Arts. Wright State University & Sinclair College. Dayton, Ohio.
1981 - Studies in Art History. Virginia Commonwealth University. Richmond, Virginia.
1980 - Studies in Humanities. University of Dayton. Dayton, Ohio.

personal

Born 1962. Milwaukee, Wisconsin USA. Raised in rural Ohio.
Currently residing in Pumpkin Center, a small hamlet located in rural Lincoln County in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, northwest of Charlotte, NC
Previously resided in Miami, FL, Charlotte, NC, Dayton, Toledo and Oxford OH, and Richmond, VA.

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