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Artist Resume

I am a natural artist, painting since early childhood. Art is my passion and my profession.

ART EXPERIENCE

2007-2016

OWNER/ARTIST, CHRYSALIS FARM STUDIO & GALLERY, LLC, SWANZEY, NH

Responsible for all online and bricks and mortar business management, finance, and marketing as well as the collective of over 50 artists and artisans who were represented along with myself at the gallery. Curated monthly shows with featured artists. Multiple exhibits of my work in group and solo shows. Taught a variety of art classes in the studio. Hosted numerous events and participated in community art projects. I currently have a private solo studio.

1978-Present: Mary E. D. Ryan Art

INDEPENDENT ARTIST/MURALIST/CONSULTANT

I have created numerous murals over the years in public places, schools, and residences, and also hand painted stage sets and backdrops for theater. I've done rooms from floor to ceiling, interior and exterior murals, as well as large pieces mounted to walls, and ground murals. I have designed and painted murals and graphics inside facilities that involve multiple rooms and entire interior spaces. As a full-time professional artist, I work with multiple mediums from studio work on canvas and wood to very large murals. I also offer mural design, planning, and consulting services. I have conducted teaching artist residencies, workshops, and a variety of art commissions. My work has been in juried art markets and shows in multiple counties around North Carolina.

Recent Mural Commissions and Public Art Project Work

2018-Present:

- Spring/Summer 2018: Redesign of the Reidsville Teen Center central hall and game room: Bold graphics, several small murals, and a galaxy game room. Multi-cultural grant funding. Assisted by artist Sunny Gravely Foushee.
- Fall 2018: "Greetings From Reidsville" 43' x 16' vintage post card style public mural for the city of Reidsville. Commissioned/funded by the RDC. Corner of S. Scales St and Gilmer Street, downtown Reidsville, NC.
- March 2019: Commission, Airlie Gardens in Wilmington, NC. Painted sculpture (Mermaid Wrapture) of my design, exhibited Summer/Fall 2019.
- April 2019: "Lift Me Upwards" Commissioned interactive angel wings mural and Plato quote on the front wall of the Rockingham County Library, Reidsville, NC.
- 2019-2020/2021: Art Consultant & Artist Recruiter and Adviser for the City of Reidsville for the making of the Black History Mural Project "The Block": Unveiling 10/23/21.
- Spring 2020: Tree Planter Stained Wood Art Panels: Commission. City of Reidsville to paint in wood stain art a set of 22 art panels, 14 abstract, 14 nature themed. Installed on large metal tree planter boxes in downtown Reidsville, NC.
- Spring/Summer 2020: Four interior murals, commissioned and completed in one private residence, "Jukebox Joint," "A Group of Men," "Destination Unknown," and "Golf Day." Located in Burlington, NC.
- Summer 2020: Artist Assistant in the painting of the "Say it Loud" Street art mural on East Lindsay Street in Greensboro, NC under the two project leaders Sunny Gravely Foushee and Schala Harper, and along with other artists.
- August 2020: "Summer Blooms" large commissioned interior mural for the Willa Ashe Boutique retail store in Madison, NC. Octagon shaped mural design.
- Summer/Fall 2020: Commissioned Exterior Garden Mural "Moon & Stars" as well as two interior retail rooms painted with crystal style wall murals floor to ceiling and wall to wall. "Eclectic by Nature" in Greensboro, NC.
- Fall 2020: "Rainbow Room" Mural Design for a client near Raleigh, NC. Designed services for the client who painted it herself but required a mural designer.
- Fall 2020: "Autumn in Asheville" commissioned mural, private residence, Stoneville, NC.
- Fall 2020: "Lucky City Brewery" Ghost Sign Mural, commissioned by the Lucky City Brewery in Reidsville, NC for the outdoor covered patio, with aged effects.
- January 2021: "Mushroom Magic" interior mural, private residence, Reidsville, NC.
- Fall 2020-Spring 2021 "Paws to Reflect" Phase 1 & 2, Public Art Mural Series Project located at the Rockingham County Animal Shelter, multiple donors, funded in part by the NC Arts Council Artist Support Grant of 2020. Multiple small murals fill the shelter Lobby and Adoption Hall, with two large 14'x21' murals in the bonding room and the entrance hall to the Cat Room. Community

and shelter staff involvement in planning was significant and highly successful. The project has enjoyed much media coverage.

- April 2021: Commissioned Window Mural, Tippy & Friends Pet Pantry, Eden NC.
- Summer 2021: Commissioned by Locomotion Learning to complete 4 murals and a logo inside their new STEAM childcare location.
- August 2021: Commissioned by the RCAS for “Paws to Reflect” Phase 3, Public Art Mural Series Project located at the Rockingham County Animal Shelter. Two offices with mini murals, two walls in the lobby with graphics work, and multiple walls in the adoption hall with multiple graphics, and a mini mural at the front door to the adoption hall.
- June-November 2021: co-lead artist on a trio artist residency team with Sunny Gravely and Schala Harper through TAB Arts and Creative Greensboro. Artist in Residence program. Teaching, leading, painting public art projects and art events in Kings Forest Park. Projects included painting park benches, tables, a basketball court mural, and sidewalk murals.
- February 2-June 30, 2022: Lead Artist/Grant Recipient/Project Manager of the “Dream Team Visual Arts Program” at the Reidsville Teen Center. The artist team conducted the program via zoom with teens and adults for two months. On site projects included an exterior art installation of peace poles and painted picnic tables, and multiple interior murals, all done with the public participating and learning. Team: Ruby Blanco, Meesha Walker, Neidy Perdomo.
- Feb-July 2022: Artist Residency Program, Morehead High School. Students in both visual and digital arts. Class sessions designing two large murals for MHS. In May and July of 2022 I painted the two designs on exterior school walls. I had some assistance from advanced level art students with one mural. The program was funded by two grants to the school from the City of Eden. “Break Out Panther” 3D mural on the cafeteria exterior wall, and “Land of Two Rivers” mural on the side of the MHS auditorium.
- February-May 21, 2022: Storyteller Performance of interviews with Black Elders in Rockingham County. I served as the project developer, project manager, and talent scout. Performance on 5/21/22 with Angela Fowler as lead actress/songstress. Sponsored by the Pink Butterfly Project and RCARTS.
- August and September 2022: Painted both a crosswalk and outdoor dining area Ground Mural for the Town of Elon; the official launch into public art in their downtown. The dining mural was a huge spray of oak leaves in fall colors.
- September 2022: Commissioned by Locomotion Learning to complete a train and words mini murals inside their new STEAM infant childcare location. (second location)
- Jan-Dec 2022: “ARTchitecture” series of 30 paintings on canvas depicting public places in and around Rockingham County NC and GSO with custom designed murals applied to the walls, showcasing the wide possibilities of the application of public art murals.
- Spring 2023: Commissioned by Locomotion Learning to complete a large exterior train mural on the front wall of their third STEAM childcare location. (Madison, NC)

- Summer/Fall 2023: City of Reidsville. Commemorative art quilt project honoring the 150 year anniversary of the City of Reidsville. A second coordinating garden quilt was created for the public to participate. This garden theme community quilt designed by the artist was taken to multiple city events so that all ages could put their mark on the panels and be a part of the artwork. Installed at the corner of Settle St. and S. Main St., Reidsville, NC, March 2024.
- Spring 2023: Tri-State Steel, very large interior logo mural/sign in new retail location; used the company colors with metallic silver paint, and 3D effects. Located at Tristate Steele Retail Outlet, Richardson Drive, Reidsville, NC.
- Summer 2024: Graphic Compass ground mural under the airplane installation at “Skies the Limit” park in Reidsville, NC, behind City Hall.
- Summer 2024: Exterior facelift at the Reidsville Teen Center, Sprinkle St, Reidsville, NC. Colorful new facelift design for the front windows, doors, façade, and portico+ pillars, and a colorful design on the bike rack.
- Jan-Dec 2023: “UNFOLDING” series of 30 large paintings on canvas, intuitive paintings. This collection features visions and themes from the meditation practice of the artist.

I enjoy working with organizations, community, and facilities to develop public art, plan it, and create it. I also consult with minority groups to ensure they have a presence in public art. I have also provided art consulting services in several locations, as well as serving on committees planning public art projects. I am currently working with several organizations, business owners, and leaders for pending projects in public settings in 2024.

Upcoming Projects in 2024:

Elon, NC – public art murals

Reidsville, NC – public art murals

Reidsville, NC/ LEAF Center – interior public art murals

ART in the News:

“The Arts Report” -Monthly podcast interviews with Mike Moore Media featuring art projects information, opportunities, and events in Rockingham County NC. This is a community service podcast the artist does to share information with the public at the request of Mike Moore. This project began in early 2022 and continued through December 2023. It’s currently on hold in 2024 with plans to resume the project as soon as possible.

Recent Art Exhibits in North Carolina:

2018 & 2019 – Carrack Modern Art Gallery -Two group exhibits

2019 Rockingham County Arts Council – Featured Artist in the February 2019 Fundraiser Show.

2019 Rockingham County Arts Council – Art of Us Group Exhibit

2019: Durham Art Guild - Member Exhibits

2019: Our Voice Inc. of Asheville, NC – juried exhibit, sexual assault survivor art show.

2019-2020: Visual Art Exchange – Raleigh, NC – Artist Member.

2018 -2023: Red Dog Gallery – Winston-Salem, NC – Multiple juried exhibits.

2018-current: Member Artist of “Art For Arts Sake Artist Group”, Winston-Salem, NC.

2018 -2023: Center for Visual Artists – Greensboro, NC – Multiple juried exhibits.

2018 -2020: Eclectic Visions Art Gallery: Collection Exhibit – Reidsville, NC

2018-2024- Award winning Artist Exhibitor: Fine Arts Festival Association of Rockingham County NC; annual exhibitions in April.

2023 – “ARTchitecture” Series Solo Shows – three shows in Rockingham county held in Reidsville, Eden, and Wentworth, NC. 1-3 month exhibits.

2023 – The HeArt of Spring Group Show – Red Dog Gallery – Winston Salem, NC

2023 – “ARTchitecture” Series Solo Show – two weeks at the Center for Visual Artists in Greensboro, NC; located within the Greensboro Cultural Center.

Grant Awards:

Artist Support Grant Recipient 2020-2021: Paws to Reflect Murals Project (done in 2021)

Artist Support Grant Recipient 2021-2022: ARTchitecture series, 30 paintings (Jan-Dec 2022)

Artist Support Grant Recipient 2022-2023: UNFOLDING series, 30 paintings (in progress)

Grassroots Grant Recipient 2022: Rockingham County Arts Council; for the project management and lead artist of the Dream Team artists, teaching a workshop on peace pole painting. (spring)

Equity Grant Recipient 2022: NC Arts Council; for public art projects and programs to benefit the teens who attend the Reidsville Teen Center. Project Manager and Lead Artist of the “Dream Team Visual Arts Program”. Multiple murals and art installations completed onsite.

Artist Memberships:

Reidsville Chamber of Commerce, business member, sole proprietor.

Artist Member: Center for Visual Artists, Greensboro, NC

Artist Member: AFAS, Art for Arts Sake Artist, Red Dog Gallery, Winston-Salem, NC.

Artist Member: Durham Art Guild, Durham NC.

ART SHOWS, PODCASTS, BLOG, AND FESTIVAL PARTICIPATION AS WELL AS COMMISSIONS ARE ON HOLD IN 2024 TO ALLOW FOR SCHEDULED WORK AND PLANNED PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED.