

## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

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*More than the Sum of Its Parts.* Juried exhibition. April - May 2019. Art Works, Eagan MN.

*Every Kind of Maker's Tool.* Members exhibition for Weavers Guild of MN. April 2019. Owatonna Center for the Arts. Owatonna MN.

*Fiber Arts in the Digital Age.* Invited artist. September 2018-January 2019. WI Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts, Cedarburg, WI.

*Excellence in Fiber.* Featured artist. October 2017. Online exhibition by Fiber Art Now magazine.

*Art: The unexpected application of skill.* Invited artist. October-November 2017. ArtWorks Eagan, Eagan MN.

*I Spy Art All Around Me.* Solo exhibition. October 2017. Smallest Museum in St Paul, St Paul, MN.

Featured artist. August 2017 to present. Guthrie Theater Store, Minneapolis MN. Collections inspired by show season, sold exclusively through Guthrie Store, including *Sunday in the Park with George*, *A Christmas Carol* and *Guys and Dolls*.

*Unexpected Art.* Solo exhibition. January - April 2017. Hennepin History Museum, Minneapolis MN. MN State Arts Board Artist Initiative grant, culminating exhibition.

American Craft Council Show. Juried show artist. April 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, St Paul MN.

Invited artist. Handweavers Guild of America *Moving Forward* fashion show. August 2016. Runway show of wearable art. Milwaukee, WI.

"Hello Neighbor", "Busy Bodies", "Look Both Ways". Public art installation with Prospect Park Association and city of Minneapolis. 2016 to present. Public art installed on University Ave, Minneapolis MN.

Instructors exhibition. May-August 2016. Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN.

*You Know Who You Are.* Jerome Fiber Artist Project Grants final exhibition. September-October 2015. Textile Center, Minneapolis MN.

*Transparent, Translucent, Transformed.* SDA-IL juried exhibition. August 2014. Ianelli Studios Heritage Center, Chicago, IL.

*20 for 20.* 20th Anniversary exhibition for Textile Center. Curator. August - October 2014. Minneapolis, MN.

Featured work. November 2012. Specialty Graphic Imaging Association Trade Show representing Spoonflower.com.

www, Northfield Arts Guild, Northfield MN. June 2011. Regional juried exhibition. 2nd place award.

NASA Etsy Space Craft Contest. Contest finalist, piece collected by NASA. February 2011. National juried exhibition.

*Stitch Yourself*, Science Museum of London, London UK. June 2010, touring 2010-2012. Group touring exhibition.

## SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Guest Lecturer. Hennepin History Museum/University of St Thomas Museum Studies Department. October 2018.

Weekend resident artist in "Solution Studio". Bell Museum. August 2018, July 2019.

Workshop instructor. Art Works. Eagan, MN. August 2018.

Instructor and lecturer. MN Quilters Conference, St Cloud MN. June 2018.

Online classes. Self produced. September 2017 - present.

Instructor. NC State FACS instructors conference. Greensboro, NC. August 2017.

Instructor, special events. Bakken Museum, Museum of Russian Art, Hennepin History Museum, Minneapolis MN. 2016-2018.

Visiting artist. WI Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts, Cedarburg, WI. January 2017.

Visiting artist. SE Fiber Arts Alliance, Atlanta GA. October 2016.

Instructor. Handweavers Guild of America "Convergence" conference, Milwaukee, WI. August 2016.

Instructor. Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN. June 2016.

Keynote speaker and workshop instructor. WI Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts, Cedarburg, WI. May 2016.

Instructor. Spoonflower Inc, Durham NC. Biannually, April 2016 - present.

Guest Lecturer. Normandale Community College, Edina, MN. February 2016.

Instructor. Midwest Weavers Conference, July 2015.

Artist in Residence. Anoka Middle School for the Arts, Anoka MN. May 2015.

Lecturer/Instructor. Art Educators of MN State Conference. 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014.

Instructor/Demonstrator/Outreach. Textile Center and Weavers Guild of Minnesota, Minneapolis MN. January 2008 to present.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Author. *How to Successfully Sell your Designs on Spoonflower*. Craft Industry Alliance Journal Issue 98. July 2019.

Author. *The Spoonflower Handbook: A DIY Guide to Fabric, Gift Wrap and Wallpaper*. STC Craft/Abrams Books, Sept 2015.

Author. *I See Art Every Day*. Self-published, 2016. Picture book, teacher's guide to accompany public art installation.

Contributor. *The Crafters Market*. Fons & Porter, 2016.

Artist journal/blog. [www.beckarahn.com](http://www.beckarahn.com)

## **AWARDS, HONORS & RESIDENCIES**

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Resident Artist Research Project participant, Bell Museum of Natural History, 2019/2020

Emerging Artist award. Fiber Art Now Magazine. 2018

Minnesota State Arts Board Artist Initiative Grant, 2016

Prospect Park Association Neighborhood Utility Box/Public Art project, 2016

Jerome Foundation Fiber Artist Project Grant, 2015

Spun Gold Award for contributions to the fiber art field, Textile Center. 2013

.org award for excellence in website design, MN Council for Non-Profits

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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### **Artist and teaching artist, Self-employed - December 2002 to present**

Exhibition and sale of original fiber art and surface design work, maintains online retail and wholesale business at Etsy.com (since 2005), RedBubble, Spoonflower  
Teaching classes in art and art business for kids, teens and adults at local shops, guilds and museums and national conferences

### **Education Manager, Textile Center, Minneapolis MN - March 2005 to September 2014**

Curriculum development and coordination of classes, symposia, lectures for adults and youth, and outreach programs  
Administration of programs including artist mentorship, artist in residence and project grants  
Instructor for fiber art and technology classes and teacher training sessions

### **Teaching Artist, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN - August 2003 to March 2005**

Curriculum development and teaching textile-related classes to kids, teens and adults  
Artist in residence with middle school and after school programs

## EDUCATION

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University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD

Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude, December 1996, National Merit Scholar

Major: Elementary Education with Middle School endorsement; specialties in math, science

## VOLUNTEER AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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Hennepin History Museum, Minneapolis MN. Board of Directors. January 2015-present.

Weavers Guild of Minnesota, Minneapolis MN. Board of Directors. September 2016 - present.

Etsy Sellers Advisory Board, Brooklyn, NY. Board Member 2015/17.

Surface Design Association, MN State Representative. January 2016 - September 2017.

Member of American Craft Council, Textile Center, Weavers Guild of MN, Surface Design Association, Craft Industry Alliance

Artist advisory board for Smallest Museum in St Paul

## MY WORK

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My work can be found at

[www.beckarah.com/galleryportfolio](http://www.beckarah.com/galleryportfolio)

exhibition pieces, public art, collaborative art, surface design

[www.etsy.com/shop/beckarah](http://www.etsy.com/shop/beckarah)

handmade art for sale

[www.etsy.com/shop/pixelatedbybeckarah](http://www.etsy.com/shop/pixelatedbybeckarah)

[www.etsy.com/shop/oboedamore](http://www.etsy.com/shop/oboedamore)

[www.spoonflower.com/profiles/beckarah](http://www.spoonflower.com/profiles/beckarah)

surface designs available for purchase on fabric or paper