

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

Connected. Juried Artist. Honorable Mention Award. September - October 2021. North Suburban Center for Art, Fridley, MN.

Instructor Exhibition. Invited Artist. May - August 2021. Touchstone Center for Craft, Farmington, PA.

Flora & Pharma: Medicinal Plants & Pandemic Attire. Solo exhibition. March - May 2021. Bell Museum of Natural History. St Paul, MN.

MN State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition. Juried Artist. Honorable Mention Award. August 2020.

The Baldishol: A Medieval Norwegian tapestry inspires contemporary textiles. Invited Artist. June - September 2020. Norway House, Minneapolis MN.

Know Your Meme: Stitching Viral Phenomenon. Juried Artist. October 2019 – January 2020. San Jose Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts. San Jose, CA.

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.

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 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.

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.

SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest Lecturer, Appalachian State University. Virtual. Fall 2021/Spring 2022.

Workshop Instructor. Peninsula Wearable Arts Guild. Virtual. September 2021.

Workshop Instructor (online, on-demand). Craft Industry Alliance. October 2020 - present.

Workshop Moderator. Virtual. Origami USA Conference. June 2021.

Workshop Instructor. MN Quilters Conference. Virtual. June 2021.

Workshop Instructor. San Jose Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts. Virtual. April 2021.

Guest Instructor. Perpich Arts Highschool. Virtual. May 2020.

Workshop Instructor. Association of Sewing & Design Professionals National Conference. Milwaukee, WI. October 2019.

Workshop Instructor. Surface Arts Association. Los Angeles CA. June 2019.

Workshop Instructor/Lecture. Potomac Fiber Arts Guild and Needlechasers of Chevy Chase. Washington DC. March 2019.

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

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

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

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

Instructor, special events. Bakken Museum, Museum of Russian Art, Hennepin History Museum, Minneapolis MN. 2016-2019.

Visiting Artist/Workshop Instructor. WI Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts, Cedarburg, WI. January 2017.

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

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

Workshop 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.

Workshop Instructor. Spoonflower Inc, Durham NC. Biannually, April 2016 - 2019.

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

Workshop 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.

I teach an ongoing series of virtual classes for Dakota County Libraries, SoulSanity.io and Spoonflower.com. 2020 - present.

I host both live (Zoom) and on-demand classes on my website at www.beckarah.com. 2018 - present.

PUBLICATIONS

Author & Illustrator. *Native Plants of the North Woods*. Self-published, 2021. Picture book & artists field guide.
Illustrator. *The Seven Chairs*. Self-published, 2020. Picture book.
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 & Illustrator. *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.beckarah.com

AWARDS AND HONORS

MN State Arts Board Creative Support for Artists Grant. March 2022.
Special Project Grant recipient. *Fiber Art Now Magazine*. 2021.
Resident Artist Research Project grant award, Bell Museum of Natural History, 2020-2021
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

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

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

Hennepin History Museum, Minneapolis MN. Board of Directors. 2015 - 2020.

Weavers Guild of Minnesota, Minneapolis MN. Board of Directors. 2016 - 2020.

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, Origami USA, MN Center for Book Arts.

MY WORK

My work can be found at

www.beckarah.com/galleryportfolio

exhibition pieces, public art, collaborative art, surface design

www.etsy.com/shop/beckarah

handmade art for sale

www.etsy.com/shop/pixelatedbybeckarah

www.etsy.com/shop/oboedamore

www.spoonflower.com/profiles/beckarah

surface designs available for purchase on fabric or paper

Instagram: @beckarah

Facebook: facebook.com/beckarah.fiberart