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ARTISTS STATEMENT

I am an Artist, art teacher and retired social worker, who has lived in San Jose, Ca. for the past 25 years. My interest, as I attempt to reflect in my work, is around relationships. People as we relate to one another in family and our environment. I create art in the form of paintings, printmaking and drawings. My most recent series of paintings are self exploratory as I relate to the most recent change in my life from full time social worker to full time artist. I believe art to be a creative expression of one's soul that can assist in human transformation and healing, therefore I believe teaching to be a natural progression of "doing "art.

EXPERIENCE

City of San Jose

September 2008 to
August 2009

Artist on Heritage of African Americans in San Jose, Project

- Served on a committee to create an exhibition to be displayed at San Jose City Hall, lobby.
- Worked with another artist to create art work utilizing photos and documents provided by San Jose State Professor.
- Worked with curator to create 6 individual displays
- Completed 3 paintings for installation.
- Currently on display at the City Hall Main Lobby until April 2010

A. Art of Yoga Project

January 2009 to
May 2009

Yoga teacher and art instructor assistant

- Volunteered at the Murial Wright Center for Girls, Santa Clara Co. Juvenile Corrections
- Worked with a team of yoga instructors and artists teaching yoga to girls in residential center.
- Designed yoga class around topic provided by program leader to foster self esteem and self worth.

City of San Jose, Public Art Registry

Present

Member of Kit of Parts, Public Art Registry for the City of San Jose.

Santa Clara County Department of Social Services

1987 - 2008

Child Welfare Social Worker, Social Work Supervisor

Assisted families in obtaining social services to fulfill Juvenile Court orders. Worked with families whose children were removed from the parent's care due to child abuse and neglect. Specialized in families affected by substance abuse.

Facilitated substance abuse training for social workers. Served as a team member with the Juvenile Dependency Drug Court for 10 years. Worked with the National Association of Drug Court Professionals/National Drug Court Institute as a consultant assisting other counties throughout the USA and Hawaii in establishing drug courts

San Jose Art Museum

1984 - 1986

Art Instructor

Worked with Ruth Tunstal Grant providing art instruction to children in elementary and secondary schools as well as museum classes, through a community block grant.

EDUCATION

Public Art Academy	September 2009 to January 2010
Certificate in foundations of Public Art	
The Center for Cultural Innovation	September to November, 2009
Certificate in The Business of Art	
San Jose State University	1992-1995
Master's of Social Work	
San Jose State University	1984 -1986
Earned 60 credits toward MFA. Left program due to family hardship	
Indiana University	1978 to 1982
Completed BA in Arts. Major in Studio Art and African American History	
Chicago Academy of Fine Art	1968-1970
Completed courses in figurative and commercial art	

EXHIBITIONS

Sanchez Art Center. Pacifica Ca.	
Group Exhibit, "Arts on Fire" Juried by Philip E. Linhares Chief Curator of Art, Oakland Museum of Ca.	4/9/2010 to 5/9/2010
Pacific Art League, Palo Alto Ca.	
2010 Group Exhibit, "In the Garden" Juried by Preston Metcalf of the Triton Museum. 1 st place award for Drawing "Deven's World"	3/1/2010 to 3/31/2010
Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara, Ca	
2009 Statewide Drawing & Print competition and Exhibition: "The Guardian" Awarded 3 rd prize for drawing category, Juror, Roberta Loach	12/11/09-3/14/10
San Jose City Hall Main Lobby	
Hidden Heritages, Curator, Robin Treen	8/18/09 to 4/2010
Pacific Art League, Palo Alto Ca	
Figures and Faces, "Beautiful Flower", Juror, George Rivera, Curator, Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara, Ca.	8/7/2009 to 8/31/09
African American Art and Culture Center, SF CA	
"Chords" Simply Nina Group Show,	7/23/08 to 12/6/09
6th Street Gallery, Vancouver WA.	
Staring Back Juried Exhibit "Beautiful Flower"	5/1/09 to 5/30/09
Soula Yoga Studio, San Jose, Ca	
Two person exhibit for opening of yoga studio	3/6/09 to 3/24/09
Center of Spiritual Enlightenment	
Solo Exhibit	1/09 to 3/09
Santa Clara County	
Exhibition on Diversity "Khari" and "Devin's World"	10/ 2006
Santa Cruz Art League, Santa Cruz CA	
Annual Drawing juried exhibition: "Khari"	10/29-11/27/2005

Artescape Studios, San Ramon Ca.

Becoming Artists, "The Visitation"

6/18 to 7/30/2004

Arts council of San Mateo

Bay Arts, 85, 6th annual Juried Exhibition. Belmont Ca
References available upon request

4/26 to 6/07/1985