

Mary Sue Kern

Education

- 1990 Master of Fine Arts, Sculpture
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
- 1984 Bachelor of Fine Arts
Appalachian Center for Crafts, Tennessee Tech University, Smithville, TN

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2005 Book Sculptures, TAG Art Gallery, Nashville, TN
- 2004 Continuity, Point B Gallery, Clarksville, TN
- 2000 Flying Solo, Woodwinds, Installation, Nashville International Airport, Nashville, TN
- 1996 Temporary Contemporary, Bound Books, Installation, Cheekwood Museum of Art, Nashville, TN
- 1994 Bound Books, Installation, Appalachian Center for Crafts, Smithville, TN
- 1992 There's Something About Angels, Tennessee Arts Commission, Nashville, TN
- 1990 Connections, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA (MFA Thesis Exhibition)
- 1984 Embodiments, Appalachian Center for Crafts, Smithville, TN (BFA Exhibition)

Selected Juried Exhibitions

- 2009 ARTCLECTIC, USN Art Show, Nashville, TN
- 2006 Private Accounts, AVA Center Gallery, Chattanooga, TN
- 2005 7th Annual Renaissance Regional Art Exhibit, Renaissance Center, Dickson, TN
- 1994 Vaanguard, Visual Arts Alliance of Nashville, Nashville, TN
- Water Tower Annual, Louisville Visual Arts Association, Louisville, KY (Best of Show)
- 1993 Tennessee Craft Artists Showcase, Tennessee State Museum, Nashville, TN
- Magic City Art Connection, Birmingham AL (Purchase Award)
- Celebration of Women's History Month, Arts Foundation, Nashville, TN
- 1992 Art Ninety Two, Carroll Reece Museum, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN
- 1991 Showcase 91, Louisville Visual Arts Association, Water Tower Gallery, Louisville, KY
- 1985 Spotlight 85, Southern Arts Federation Traveling Exhibition, Southeast Crafts Council
- Metal Expressions, Appalachian Center for Crafts, Smithville, TN
- 1983 The Figure, New Form, New Function, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2010 "Bell's Bend, A Sense of Place", Art & Invention, Nashville, TN
- Studio 83 East, Nashville, TN
- 2008 Studio 83 East, Nashville, TN
- Gallery Artists, Gopalan Contemporary Art Gallery, Terre Haute, IN
- 2007 Tennessee Masterworks 2007, Tennessee Artists Guild, Madison, TN
- Modernature, Lotus Space, New York, NY
- Lucky 7, TAG Art Gallery, Nashville, TN
- Hometown Favorites, Art & Invention Gallery, Nashville, TN
- 2006 And Now, A Word From Our Sponsors, Art from the permanent collection, Tennessee State Museum, Nashville, TN
- Brawl on the Wall, Faculty Art Show, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN

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- 2004 Found: Objects and Imagery As Art, Gallery 121, Belmont University, Nashville, TN
Faculty Art Show, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN
Plowhaus, Active Members of Artists Co-op, Nashville, TN
Tomatoes, Art and Invention Gallery, Nashville, TN
- 2003 Visions of Spring, DAC Gallery, Clarksville, TN
Value Menu, Plowhaus, Nashville, TN
- 2002 First Anniversary, Plowhaus, Nashville, TN
Out of Our Minds, Zeitgeist, Nashville, TN
Riverfest Fine Art Exhibit, Clarksville, TN
Art and Invention, Garage Mahal, Nashville, TN
Grand Opening, Little Frog Gallery, Leavenworth, IN
Flight, Trahern Gallery, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN
- 1996 Temporary Contemporary Yearbook Show, Cheekwood Museum of Art, Nashville, TN
- 1995 Zeitgeist Portfolio Show, Nashville, TN
DADA, Cheekwood Museum of Art, Nashville, TN
Riverfest Fine Art Exhibit, Clarksville, TN
- 1994 Bennett Gallery Art Mart, Nashville and Knoxville, TN
Found Art, The Gallery on Broadway, Nashville, TN
- 1993 Riverfest Fine Art Exhibit, Clarksville, TN
Starry Night with Angels, Clary Sage Gallery, Birmingham, AL
Ancient Inspirations, Contemporary Interpretation, The Gallery on Broadway,
Nashville, TN
Gallery Show, Clary Sage Gallery, Birmingham, AL
Contemporary Craft Show, Bennett Gallery, Knoxville, TN
Anniversary Show, The Gallery on Broadway, Nashville, TN
- 1992 Heavaanly Bodies, Visual Arts Alliance of Nashville, Nashville, TN
Industrial, The Gallery on Broadway, Nashville, TN
- 1991 Angels by Artists, Cheekwood Fine Arts Museum, Nashville, TN
- 1990 X Off TEN, Artspace, Beaumont, TX
- 1989 Eight People and Words, Onezieme's, Baton Rouge, LA
- 1988 Pieces of Seven, Foster Gallery, Baton Rouge, LA
- 1986 Southeast Arts Exchange, Nashville, TN
- 1985 Faculty Exhibition, Sarratt Center, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 1983 Appalachian Center for Crafts Faculty/Student Exhibition, Murray State Colle, Murray, KY
Visions & Revisions, Southeastern Women's Caucus, Nashville, TN
- 1982 Group Exhibition, Converse Colle, Spartanburg, NC
- 1981 ACC Faculty/Student Exhibition, Appalachian Center for Crafts, Smithville, TN
- 1978 Southern Highlands Crafts Exhibition of student worls from Arrormont School of Arts and
Crafts, Asheville, NC

Collaborations

- 1992 Wangs and Thangs, Installation with Rusty Barwick, Trahern Gallery, Austin Peay State
University, Clarksville TN
- 1988 River Construction, Site specific installation with Rusty Barwick, Mississippi River,
Baton Rouge, LA

Lectures

- 2006 Artists Forum, Frist Center, Nashville, TN

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Awards

- 2006 First Place, 3-D Art, Riverfest Fine Art Exhibit, Clarksville, TN
- 2002 Best of Show, Riverfest Fine Art Exhibit, Clarksville, TN
- 1994 Best of Show, Water Tower Annual, Louisville Visual Arts Association, Louisville, KY
- 1993 Best of Show, Riverfest Fine Art Exhibit, Clarksville, TN
Purchase Award, Operation New Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
- 1991 Merit Award, Art Ninety One, Johnson City Arts Council, Johnson City, TN
Tennessee Arts Commission Solo Exhibition for 1992, Nashville, TN
- 1987 Graduate Assistantship, Louisville State University, Baton Rouge, LA
Residency (6 weeks), Banff Centre for Fine Arts, Banff, Alberta, Canada
- 1985 Special Juror's Award, Southeast Crafts Council, Traveling Exhibition
- 1982 Josh Williams Memorial Scholarship, Oak Ridge, TN

Special Projects

- 2004 College Art Days, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN
- 2002 Artists in Public Schools, Montgomery Central High School, Clarksville, TN
- 1997 Children's Art Installation, Abintra Montessori School, Nashville, TN
- 1993 Created hand-carved frames for Maria Von Matthisen's photography exhibition,
Tennessee State Museum, Nashville, TN
Juror, Student Art Show, Watkins Institute, Nashville, TN
- 1992 Juror, Showcase '92, Louisville Visual Arts Alliance, Louisville, KY
- 1989 Children's Sculpture Workshop, West Baton Rouge Museum, Port Allen, LA

Bibliography (Articles/Reviews/Interviews)

- "Women in Sustainable Art", www.earthrevolution.org, May 2009
- New ArcadeGallery & Studio displays eclectic mix", The TENNESSEAN, Nashville, TN,
March 15, 2009, Michelle Jones
- "Mary Sue Kern...", The Nashville Scene, David Maddox, Feb. 17, 2005
- "Turning the Page from Book to Art", The Tennessean, Nashville, TN, Alan Bostick,
March 9, 2005
- "Arts Talk", Feature Interview, WPLN Nashville Public Radio, Susan Knowles, March 10, 2005
- "Out of Our Minds", Critical Distance/Critical Debate, Number: An Independent Journal of the
Arts, Memphis, TN, Jeanne Hamilton, Spring 2003
- "Make Room for Dada", The Tennessean, Nashville, TN, Alan Bostick, June 15, 1995
- "Mary Sue Kern.....", Feature Interview, Tennessee Crossroads, Nashville Public Television,
Rob Wilds, 1993
- "Art for Peace's Sake", Number: An Independent Journal of the Arts, Memphis, TN,
Daniel Cooper, Fall 1991
- "Heavenly Sculpture Flies High at Gallery", Nashville Business Journal, Angela Wibking,
September 7-11, 1992
- "Mary Sue Kern: Embodied Dualities", Fiberarts Gallery, Asheville NC, Joel Loguidice,
September/October, 1986

Collections

- 2008 Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, Nashville, TN
- 2004 Tennessee State Museum, Nashville, TN (3 purchases)
- 2001 Tennessee State Museum, Nashville, TN (1 purchase)