

OBJECTIVE

To teach visual arts where I can provide a quality art education experience to students.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA SCHOOL, Palatine, Illinois.

1991 - 2007

Elementary Art Teacher, Kindergarten through 8th Grade

- Designed and authored: K-8 Art Curriculum following the Illinois Art Education State Standards, Arts Assessment program, integrated and interrelated art lessons coordinated with curriculum.
- Created school's Permanent Art Collection, Monthly Spotlight on Art newsletter and obtained funding through the Home School Association.
- Applied donation towards the creation, design and implementation of a large, school tile mural with participation from students, staff, parents and parish community.
- Initiated 9/11 Memorial montage paintings dedicated to the victims of the September 11th attack. Wrote, facilitated and lead the 9/11 Memorial service. Covered by local press.
- Submitted student artwork in local visual arts competitions, taught After School Art Club
- Provided school Art Display for annual Fall Open House and coordinated the Arts & Sciences Festival featuring multi-media presentations of student artwork.
- Coordinated 5th and 6th grade annual field trip to The Art Institute of Chicago museum. Obtained funding through the Home School Association.
- Established the Polaroid Education Program, receiving 30 Polaroid cameras, introducing Photography into the Art Curriculum at the Junior High level and obtained funding for annual Polaroid instant film supply.
- Many alumni of school arts program went on to receive Scholastic Arts awards, Great Frame Up show participation/awards, high-school arts achievement recognition and higher-education in the arts

COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #64, Park Ridge, Illinois.

1990-1991

Split Position: Elementary Art Teacher, Carpenter Elementary School / Junior High Art Teacher, Lincoln Junior High School

- Wrote Art Assessment rubrics, portfolio assessment, and standards evaluation and collaborated with District Art Educators to refine scope and sequence of Art Curriculum.
- Local press coverage of Fax Art project, an art medium and technology exchange between Carpenter School and Park View Elementary School.
- Initiated integrated cross-curricular coordination of Art Lessons with core subject areas.
- Coordinated and supervised field trip to The Art Institute of Chicago museum for 5th & 6th Grade students.

OAK PARK RIVER FOREST HIGH SCHOOL, Oak Park, Illinois.

1990-1990

High School Art Teacher

- Taught Art Foundations and Silkscreen Printmaking
- Responsible for art display in school's gallery/display space.
- Coordinated and supervised field trip to Superior Silkscreen Gallery in Chicago for advanced Silkscreen students.
- Provided after school open studio for all students interested in advancing in the visual arts. Specifically assisted upper classmen with placement portfolios for college entrance

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

SUSANARTIST.COM, Arlington Heights, Illinois.

2002 - Present

Self-Employed Muralist, Decorative Artist, Hand-Painted Furniture And Accents

- Provided consultations to private homeowners and public businesses for creative hand-painted mural work. Estimating labor, materials and costs.
- Painted murals directly on wall surfaces or cambric cloth installed on the wall surface.
- Sub-Contracted partnerships with two decorative faux finishers and two basecoat painting companies.
- Excellent skills in color consultation, decorative and fine-art painting, knowledge of finishes, materials, design elements and interior design coordination.
- Donated mural work to PADS, Journey's to Hope, Wings, St. Thomas & Children's Memorial Hospital

WERES INSURANCE AGENCY, Arlington Heights, Illinois.

1989 - 2004

Owner and Licensed Broker

- Independent broker: Group Health, Life, AD&D, LTD and Dental for employers between 2 and 100 lives.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts, 1989. The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
Certification in Art Education (K-12), 1989. The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

SKILLS

Painting, drawing, mural painting, printmaking, ceramics, papermaking, photography, sculpture, fiber arts, jewelry, design, illustration, and computer graphics.
MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Adobe Photoshop & Adobe Illustrator.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION & ACTIVITIES

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Guest Lecturer
Very Special Arts, Volunteer
Illinois Alliance for Arts Education, Newsletter Contributor
Odyssey of the Mind, Juror
Scholastic Arts, Volunteer
Illinois Art Education Association, Annual Conference Attendee
SALI Convention Chicago 2006, Volunteer and Attendee

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Illinois Art Education Association (1989 - Present)
International Directory of Decorative Artists (2002 - Present)
MuralsPlus (2002-Present)
Stencils Artisan League, Inc. (SALI) member (2002 - Present)
Illinois Alliance for Arts Education (1989-1996)

EXHIBITIONS & PUBLICATIONS

Arlington Heights Historical Housewalk Tour, decorative furniture (2005)
A Collective Soul Confessional, Lamp Post Press, Illustrations (2005)
Arlington Heights "Journey's To Hope" Housewalk Tours, murals (2002, 2003)
MuralsPlus Gallery (2002-Present)
www.susanartist.com web-site (2002-Present)
BFA Thesis Exhibition, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago Gallery (1990)
Print Show, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago Gallery (1989)
"The Faces of Time", The School of The Art Institute of Chicago Gallery (1988)
"2 Days", 1840 Hubbard Gallery, Chicago Co-op Show (1985)
University of Iowa Gallery, Figure Drawing: Mural (1984)