Blink Grant Narrative

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Project Title: Being Forward **Locations:** Throughout Madison **Start Time:** October 15, 2017 End Time: March 15, 2018

Project Costs:

Costumes & Props\$ 200Photography & Video\$ 300Website Creation\$ 1,000

Project Income: \$0

Amount Requested from MAC: \$1,500

Do you have the necessary Insurance Coverage: Yes Do you have all the necessary permits and permissions: Yes

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Being Forward

Conceptual Approach

Brenda Baker & Bird Ross's project, Being Forward, is a living, growing communityand web-based photo documentary project that honors the history of Wisconsin's first piece of public sculpture, Forward, created by Jean Pond Miner in 1893. Baker & Ross's project entails meeting with more than 100 Madison women and artist philanthropists, engaging on conversations about arts funding and photo documenting their conversations, along with documenting each woman posed as Forward.

Project Description

Forward is an enduring legacy of Wisconsin's place at the forefront of public art and women's suffrage, and remains a promising symbol, especially for women artists and philanthropists in Madison. Forward, created by female artist Jean Pond Miner in 1893 for the Chicago World's Fair, was first created in clay, later cast in copper, and finally recast in Bronze in 1996. Forward's one hundred and twenty-four-year legacy would not have been possible without the support of other women, who funded both her initial casting, and her later restoration in 1995. It is this buried history that we're hoping to bring forward with our work, while we inspire the next generation of young artists and philanthropists.

Our project, *Being Forward* consists of a growing web-based installation of over 100 photographs of contemporary women artists and philanthropists, all dressed in the position and garb of Forward's forward leaning stance, in costumes designed and created by the artists, taken by ourselves and a cadre of local photographers. The project will bring attention to the great web of supporters and networks that are needed to make art come to life in a community, by layering historical information about Forward's philanthropic legacy, with black and white photos of contemporary women artists and philanthropists dressed, draped, and leaning in Forward's stance.

Baker & Ross's piece is following the tradition of art-as-social-practice, where the conversations themselves, the documentation of those conversations, and the resulting photos of women dressed as Forward *is* the piece. Our goal is to bring awareness to history of funding for the arts in Madison, the decrease in funding and opportunities for artists in our state and community, especially women, and to look forward toward possible solutions, using the art of conversation as our medium.

The Blink grant will go toward creating the Forward costumes and props for photo shoots, video and photography, as well as creating our web-based installation, *Being Forward*, that will include historical information and photos about Jean Pond Miner and her work, photos of contemporary women artists and philanthropists, both young and old, and both photo and video documentary of our conversations with women artists and philanthropists.

Through our work, we hope to not only bring attention to the issue of arts funding and lack of paying opportunities for artists, but to spark conversations that will help us all imagine a forward solution.

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Education & Current Employment

1992-present	Director of Exhibits, Madison Children's Museum, Madison, WI
1990	Master of Fine Arts. University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
1986	Bachelor of Arts. DePauw University, Greencastle, IN
1984	Austro-American Institute, Vienna, Austria
1984	Karl Marx University of Economics, Budapest, Hungary

Solo Exhibitions & Commissions

2014	Seed Pod, Lyndon Sculpture Garden, Milwaukee, WI
2013	Seed Pod, Monona Terrace Convention Center Promenade, World Ecological
	Society Commission, Madison ,WI
2013	Untitled, Little Monroe Gallery, Madison, WI
2011	Pause, Wilson Art Center, Brookfield, WI
2009	Conceal/Reveal, James Watrous Gallery, Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts &
	Letters, Madison, WI
2007-2008	When Water Was Here, Vilas Park Walking Path, Madison, WI
2005	Brenda Baker: Past & Present, Lafollette Gallery, Madison, WI
2000	Rising. Brenda Baker, Museu da Republica. Rio De Janeiro, RJ, Brazil
1997	Brenda Baker: Drawings and Sculpture, Robert Clements Gallery, Portland, Maine
1990	Brenda Baker: New Work, Kemper Insurance Group, Long Grove, IL

Selected Exhibitions

- 2017 *Euarca* + 2017, Kassel, Germany
- 2017 *Capitol at 100,* Overture Cener for the Arts, Madison, WI
- 2016 *Gleam*, *Gete-kosomin*, Olbrich Botnaical Gardens, Madison, WI
- 2016 *Big Tent*, ArtHelix Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2016 *Big Tent*, UW School of Education, Madison, WI
- 2015 *Logjam*, James Watrous Gallery, Overture Center, Madison, WI
- 2015 *Monday is Wash Day*, Art Farm D'Tour, Fermentation Fest, Reedsburg, WI
- 2015 Studio Relay, Take #2, Goodman Community Center, Madison, WI
- 2014 *A Show About Nothing*, Saskatchewan Craft Council Gallery, Saskatoon, SK, Canada
- 2014 At the WC, Emma International Collaboration, Ness Creek, SK, Canada
- 2014 *Studio Relay; The work of Brenda Baker, Derrick Buisch and Bird Ross,* Overture Center Gallery, Madison, WI
- 2014 *Non-Stop*, group installation at former bus depot, Madison, WI
- 2013 *Ossuary*, nationally traveling exhibit about bones, Kentucky, Michigan, Wisconsin,
- 2013 Deuces Are Wild, Isthmus Playhouse stage set & installation, Madison, WI
- 2012 *Crib*, Art Farm D'Tour, Fermentation Fest, Reedsburg, WI

2012	Lure, Saskatchewan Craft Council, Saskatoon, SK, Canada				
2011	Common Ground, Sauk City Art Center				
2010	Lake Line, installation with Bird Ross, John Nolen Drive, Madison WI				
2008	Jamie Young, David Wells, Michael Velliquette & Brenda Baker, Sundance Gallery,				
	Madison, WI				
	Brenda Baker: New Paintings, Edenfred Gallery, Madison WI				
	Painters Make Prints, Crisp-Ellery Museum, St. Augustine, FL				
	Forest Art Wisconsin Photography Exhibit, UW-Madison Arboretum, Madison, WI;				
	Dane County Regional Airport, Madison, WI				
2007	International Forest Art Wisconsin, Northern Highlands State Forest, Minocqua, WI				
	Painters Make Prints, Edenfred Gallery, Madison, WI				
2006	Spare Me!, Promega Gallery, Madison, WI				
2003	Art on Site, Madison Museum of Contemporary Art at Olbrich Botanical Gardens,				
	Madison, WI				
	The Stray Show, Chicago, IL				
	Last Blast, Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Madison, WI				
2003	Dark Spring, Pilsen Gallery, Chicago, Il				
2002	Wallpatch, Commonwealth Gallery, Madison, WI				
	Wisconsin Triennial, Madison Art Center, Madison, WI.				
2001	Tell Me No Lies, Galleria Catete, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil.				
	Whitecastle, Lake Mendota, Madison, WI				
1996	Wisconsin Triennial, Madison Art Center, Madison, WI				
	Effigy, Edgewood College, Madison, WI				
	Fieldwork at Sasaki, Sasaki & Associates, Watertown, MA				
1995	Shipping and Receiving, University of Wisconsin-Memorial Union, Madison, WI				
	What About Beauty, Commonwealth Gallery, Madison, WI				
	Sticheleien: Three Artists, Three Continents				
	Ponte Cultura, Nuremberg City Hall & Cultural Center, Nuremberg, Germany				
	Brenda Baker & Peter Flannery, Water Street Gallery, Prairie du Sac, WI				
	Fieldwork: Project Room/ A Year of Collaboration, Madison, WI				
1004	Brenda Baker & Edith Derdyk, Emison Art Center, Greencastle, IN				
1994	Sao Paulo, Brazil				
	Fieldwork: Installations on the Square, Madison Capitol Square, Madison, WI				
	Fieldwork: Iced: Art on the Lakes, Madison, WI				
1993	Fieldwork: Delta Storage, Madison WI				
	Suturas. Grampos. Costuras, Red Mill Gallery, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT				
1992	Schoharie National Small Works Exhibition, Cobleskill, NY				
1991	Wisconsin Arts Board Award Recipients, Katie Gingrass Gallery, Milwaukee, WI				
1990	The Wisconsin Triennial, Madison Art Center, Madison, WI				
	Art In the Big Ten, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL				
1989	The Wisconsin Biennial, Rahr-West Museum, Manitowoc, WI				
1988	Continuum & Wisconsin Statements, Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI				

Collections/Commissions

Aldo Leopold Nature Center, Madison, WI Appleton Public Library, Appleton, WI Bach Dancing & Dynamite Society, Madison, WI County of Kassel, Kassel, Germnay Elgin Community College, Elgin, IL Emison Art Center, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN Hedberg Public Library, Janesville, WI Jefferson County Courthouse, Jefferson, WI Guimaraes, Adriana & Sergio, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil Lyndon Sculpture Garden, Milwaukee, WI Kemper Insurance Group, Long Grove, IL Madison Art Center, Madison, WI Ponte Cultura, Nuremberg, Germany PS 151/207, New York Board of Education, New York, NY Society for Ecological Restoration, Washington, D.C. Salamandra Studios, São Paulo, Brazil Saskatehewan Arts Council, Saskatoon, SK, Cananda Wilson Art Center, Brookfield, WI Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Madison, WI

Awards and Honors

2017	Euarca + 2017, Selected Artist from the United States for Euarca + 2017, Kassel,
	Germany
2014, 2012	Emma Unplugged, International Arts Invitational, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
2013	Blink Grant, Madison Arts Commission, Seed Pod. Madison, WI
2006-2007	Project Grant, Madison Arts Commission, When Water Was Here, Madison, WI
2004	Blink Grant, Madison CitiArts, Madison, WI
1996	Outstanding Recent Alumni Award, UW-Madison School of Education, Madison, WI
	Fulbright Travel Fellowship, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
1995	National Endowment for the Arts, Individual Visual Artist Fellowship, Sculpture,
	Washington, D.C.
	Madison CitiArts Project Grant, Fieldwork, Madison, WI
	Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission Project Grant, Fieldwork, Madison, WI
1994	Creative Artist Fellowship, Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission, Madison
	CitiArts & Madison Community Foundation, Madison, WI
1993	Vermont Studio Center Residency & Fellowship, Johnson, VT
1991	National Endowment for the Arts, Regional Visual Arts Fellowship, Sculpture, Arts
	Midwest, Minneapolis, MN
1992, 1991	Development Grants, Wisconsin Arts Board, Madison, WI
1991	Project Grant, Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission, Madison, WI
1989, 1986	Alpha Chi Omega Foundation Fellowships, Indianapolis, IN
1986	Emison Art Fellowship, DePauw University, Greencastle, IN
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Selected Articles/Books/Reviews/Podcasts

Jones, Laura. <u>Isthmus</u>, "Creative Force: Karin Wolf is a tireless advocate for art, "May 26, 2016, (discussion of Brenda Baker's work and photo)

http://isthmus.com/arts/karin-wolf-is-a-tireless-advocate-for-art/

Worlund, Gayle, The Wisconsin State Journal, "Ideas flow through artist's work for 'Logjam'," September 6, 2015 http://host.madison.com/wsj/entertainment/arts_and_theatre/ideas-flow-through-artist-s-work-for-logjam/article_daa90174-8c5e-581c-b22a-f0c5a3010285.html

- Christians, Lindsay, Capital Times 77 Square. "Artwork We'll Miss: Seed Pod: Brenda Baker," April 9, 2014 (photo)
- Clowes, Jody, <u>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel</u>, "Seed Pod Invades Frank Lloyd Wright in Madison," January 8, 2014, (photo)

http://archive.jsonline.com/entertainment/arts/seed-pod-invades-frank-lloyd-wright-inmadison-b99176957z1-239104881.html

Glass, Stephen, <u>Wingra Springs: A Project of the Urban Restoration Ecology Lab</u>, Brenda Baker's Seed Pod Now at Monona Terrace, Otober 14, 2013 (photo)

https://wingrasprings.wordpress.com/2013/10/14/brenda-bakers-seed-pod-now-atmonona-terrace

Stemmer, Kim, Brookfiled Patch, September 18, 2011; Hidden River Art Festival Celebrates Wiscosin Artists

 $\underline{https://patch.com/wisconsin/brookfield-wi/photos-hidden-river-arts-festival-celebrates-wisconsin-artists}$

- Greverus, Dr. Ina-Maria & Ute Ritschel, <u>Aesthetics & Anthropology: Performing Life-Performed</u> <u>Lives</u>, LIT-Verlag Publisher, 2009, Berlin , Germany (Photo)
- Walkup, Erica and Kerry G. Hill, *Ritschel takes art into Wisconsin's Northwoods*, <u>Campus</u> <u>Connections</u>, UW Madison, Fall 2007, p. 13-14 (Photo)

http://esl.cmswiki.wikispaces.net/file/view/2007fallcc%5B1%5D.pdf

Laskin, Tom. "Surprised by Art, "Isthmus, January 11, 2008, p. 17 (Photo)

http://isthmus.com/arts/arts-beat/surprised-by-art/

- Smith, Jennifer, "A New Leaf: 'Art on Site' transforms Olbrich Botanical Gardens," Isthmus, July 9, 2004, p. 20 (Photo)
- Lynch, Kevin, "Outdoor Art: Contemporary art finds a place at Olbrich Botanical Gardens," <u>The Captial Times</u>, June 2, 2004, p. 1D & 6D (Cove Photo)

- Killiam, Brad, "Shipping and Receiving, Site 1: Project Room," Memorial Union Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Madison, New Art Examiner, April 1996 (pg. 50) (Photo)
- Stoddard, Leah, "Brenda Baker, Edith Derdyk: Emison Art Center, DePauw University," New Art Examiner, Chicago, IL, November 1995 (pgs. 42-43) (Photo)
- "Art on the Edge: Fieldwork tests limits of creative process," <u>Wisconsin State Journal</u>, Madison, WI, p.1F-4F, September 17, 1995. (Photos)
- "Eine Kulturbrücke aus "Sticheleien," Nürnberg Frei Papel, Nürnberg, Germany, Sept. 6, 1995
- Zachow, Bernd. "Ein Langer Weg: Die Kunstaktion "Sticheleien" auf dem Nürnberger Hauptmarkt" Kunst und Kritik, Nürnberg, Germany, August 25, 1995
- "MAC Costura Semelhanças Entre Artistas: Museu exibe em conjunto obras da brasileira Edith Derdyk e da americana Brenda Baker," <u>O Estado de São Paulo</u>, São Paulo, SP, Brazil, sexta-feira, 18 de novembro de 1994 (Photo)
- "Artes Plásticas," Folha de São Paulo, São Paulo, SP, Brazil, 18 de novembro de 1994 (Photo)
- Laskin, Tom. "Eyes on the Prize: Two Sculptors Have Big Plans for Grant Money." Isthmus, Madison, WI, p. 36, January 7, 1994 (Photo)

Catalogs

Big Tent, Curator, Barry Carlson, UW-Madison/ Art Helix Gallery, New York, 2016

- Forest Art Wisconsin, Curator, Ute Ritschel, Darmstadt, Germany, 2007
- <u>The Wisconsin Triennial</u>, Madison Art Center, March 2002, Madison, WI Essays by Stephen Fleischman, Sara Krajewski, and Sheri Castelnuovo
- <u>Rising: Brenda Baker</u>, Museu da Republica, October 2000, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil essays by Paulo Reis and Maureen McQuirk
- Suturas. Grampos. Costuras.: Brenda Baker & Edith Derdyk, Museu de Arte Contemporanea, São Paulo, Brazil and Emison Art Center, Greencastle, IN.essays by Terry R. Myers, Los Angeles, CA and Annateresa Fabris, São Paulo, Brazil
- High Visibility 1991, Arts Midwest, Minneapolis, MN
- <u>The Wisconsin Triennial</u>, Madison Art Center, September 1990, Madison, WI essays by Katie Howarth Ryan, Rene Paul Barilleaux, David Berreth

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1992	UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, Masters of Fine Arts (Sculpture)	Madison, WI
1980	TULANE UNIVERSITY, Bachelor of Arts (French)	New Orleans, LA
rante	/Awards	
014		askatoon, Saskatchewan
014	PENLAND CORE RETREAT (Invited Participant)	Penland, NC
012		askatoon, Saskatchewan
010		askatoon, Saskatchewan
009	NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS Madison Children's Museum P	
003	MADISON CITIARTS. Blink! Temporary Public Art Project (Ped. Art for Dem	
001	WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD Wisconsin Artist Fellowship	Wisconsin
001	WISCONSIN ARTS BOARD Percent for Arts Purchase	Milwaukee, WI
992	NEEDLE EXPRESSIONS '92 Purchase Award	National Tour
002	CONVERGENCE '92 "Capital I" Best of Show	Washington, DC
991	FIBRE FIREWORKS '91 "E. Duggan-Litch Award"	London, Ontario
001	SURFACE DESIGN ASSOCIATION "Student Award of Excellence"	National Award
	HANDWEAVERS GUILD OF AMERICA Scholarship Recipient	National Award
	FOURTH ANNUAL AMERICAN CRAFT AWARDS Merit Award Winner	National Award
	LENEXA NATIONAL 3-D ART SHOW "Dimensions '91" Honorable Mention	
990	ARROWMONT SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS Award of Recognition	Gatlinburg, TN
550	HUNTERDON ART CENTER First Prize "Meenan Oil Co. Award for Excelle	
	ZOLLER GALLERY Prize awarded in "Crafts National 24"	University Park, PA
	NEEDLE EXPRESSIONS '90 Purchase Award	National Tour
988	NORTH CAROLINA STATE Arts in Education Project Grant	Raleigh, NC
Exhibi	to	
2017	TRAVELING 2016 - 2019 Rooted, Revived, Reinvented: Basketry in Americ	a Nine Venues
.017	FULLER CRAFT MUSEUM Bartram's Box Remix Challenge VIII	Brockton, MA
2016	RACINE ART MUSEUM Cut, Folk, and Form	Racine, WI
_010	Bartram's Box Remix Challenge VIII	Three Venues
2015	LITTLE MIFFLIN GALLERY	Madison, WI
.010	BALLWEG GALLERY Studio Relay-Replay	Madison, WI
	LEIGH YAWKEY WOODSON ART MUSEUM Gardens @ Night & Remix	Wausau, WI
2014	CENTER FOR WOOD IN ART Bartram's Box Remix Challenge VIII	Philadelphia, PA
-011	OVERTURE GALLERIES Studio Relay	Madison, WI
		askatoon, Saskatchewan
	IUPUI Herron Gallery Ossuary	Indianapolis, IN
2013	MADISON MUSEUM OF CONTEMP. ART Wisconsin Triennial	Madison, WI
-010	CAFÉ ALLONGÉ (Very) Tiny Table Top Theatre	Madison, WI
	U OF TN DOWNTOWN GALLERY Ossuary	Knoxville, TN
2012	FORWARD THEATRE COMPANY 44 Artists for 44 Presidents	Madison, WI
.012	MADISON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM Trashion Show	Madison, WI
	AFFINITY GALLERY Decoy	Saskatoon, SK
	FORWARD COMMUNITY INVESTMENT Bird Ross	Madison, WI
	(Gutted) MADISON CENTRAL LIBRARY Bookless	Madison, WI
	MUSEUM OF WISCONSIN ART Uncommon Threads: Contemp. WI Textile	
2011	MADISON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM Pigmented Pots	Madison, WI
2010	CACHE The Kroger Grocery Warehouse	Madison, WI
	CENTER FOR THE VISUAL ARTS: Vessels	Wausau, WI
		wausau, wi
Exhibi	ts Continued	
Exhibi 2010	ts Continued RIDE THE DRIVE: Lake Line (Blink! Temporary Public Art Project)	Madison, WI

2009	MUSEUM OF WISCONSIN ART Take a Letter (One for Wisconsin)	West Bend, WI
2008	FINLANDIA UNIVERSITY: Speaking Volumes	Hancock, MI
	CHAZEN MUSEUM: Mami Wata Regatta	Madison, WI
	SOCIETY OF ARTS & CRAFTS: Political Crafts	Boston, MA
	PULP FUNCTION: Travels nation wide through 2010	5
0007	RACINE ART MUSEUM: Feeling Groovy! Textures in RAM's Collections	Racine, WI
2007	THE ARTFUL HOME SHOW	New York, NY
	EDEN FRED: Painters and Sculptors Make Prints STUDIO FUSION GALLERY: Full Circle	Madison, WI
	FULLER CRAFT MUSEUM: Pulp Function (travels through 2010)	London, England Brockton, MA
	FOREST ART WISCONSIN: Native-Invasive Northern Highland-American Legion	
	MADISON MUSEUM OF CONTMP ART: Out of the Box	Madison, WI
2006		Los Angeles, CA
2000	SNYDERMAN-WORKS GALLERY: 5 th International Fiber Biennial	Philadelphia, PA
	WEST BEND ART MUSEUM: Time for a Nice Cuppa: Wisconsin Teapots	West Bend, WI
2005		Kilkenny, Ireland
	WISCONSIN ACADEMY: Addition=Subtraction	Madison, WI
	OVERTURE PUBLIC GALLERY: Community	Madison, WI
	SURFACE DESIGN CONFERENCE: What 6000 Looks Like	Kansas City, MO
	JOHN MICHAEL KOHLER ART CENTER One and Only	Sheboygan, WI
2004	SNYDERMAN-WORKS Basket Invitational	Philadelphia, PA
	CITY OF MADISON SIDEWALKS Pedestrian Art for Democracy	Madison, WI
	JOHN MICHAEL KOHLER ART CENTER One and Only	Sheboygan, WI
	OVERTURE CENTER Community-Clay and Fiber	Madison, WI
	PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY, Zoller Gallery: Objects in/and Visual Cultur	
		mstadt, Germany
2003	WISCONSIN YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS: Art of Note (Seven Venues) C.A. WUSTUM MUSEUM: Artists & the Cultivated Landscape	Madison, WI
2003	RACINE ART MUSEUM: A Year of Art Auctions for RAM	Racine, WI Racine, WI
2002	COPIA "The Artful Teapot" (Costumes)	Napa, CA
2002		Minneapolis, MN
		PA & Chicago, IL
	WENDY COOPER GALLERY "Fall Collection"	Madison, WI
	SOFA "Life Boats for CERF"	Chicago, IL
	J.M.KOHLER ART CENTER "An Inch of Art"	Sheboygan, WI
	ART GALLERY LORAS COLLEGE "Hope & Spirit"	Dubuque, IA
		Los Angeles, CA
	THE AMERICAN ART COMPANY "Contemporary Basket Invitational"	Tacoma, WA
	ARKANSAS ART CENTER "Baskets Now: USA"	Little Rock, AR
2001	J.M.KOHLER ARTS CENTER "Chair City"	Sheboygan, WI
	MESA ARTS CENTER "Contemporary Baskets"	Mesa, AZ
	MADISON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM "Shoes"	Madison, WI
	YUMA SYMPOSIUM GALLERY "Presenters Present"	Yuma, AZ
2000	J.M. KOHLER ARTS CENTER "Neckties: Tying Us Together" SOFA (LESLIE FERRIN GALLERY) "Teapots Transformed"	Sheboygan, WI Chicago, IL
2000	THE PROJECT ROOM "TTTTTTT too ours"	Madison, WI
	WUSTUM MUSEUM OF ART "Who Knows Where or When"	Racine, WI
	NHK HALL "In Our Hands"	Nagoya, Japan
	ANCHORAGE MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND ART "Trashformations"	Anchorage, AK
	CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS (MET. STATE COLLEGE) "Trashformations"	Denver, CO
Exhibi	ts Continued	, -
2000	GUILD. COM PRESENTS "Selected Basket Makers"	Internet
1999	WENDY COOPER "Needle and Thread"	Madison, WI
	MADISON ARTS CENTER 'Wisconsin Triennial"	Madison, WI
	STUDIO 734 "Garbed: Extending the Body, Experiments in Clothing"	Madison, WI
	PENLAND GALLERY "From Arlene to Zach, 28 Years of Penland's CORE Program	
	MOBILE MUSEUM OF ART "Trashformations"	Mobile, AL

	CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF ART "Trashformations"	Cleveland, OH
4000	BOISE MUSEUM OF ART "Trashformations"	Boise, ID
1998	WHITE HOUSE BLUE ROOM "Holiday Tree Ornaments"	Washington, DC
	WUSTUM MUSEUM OF ART "Dress Up! Artists Address Clothing and Self Ador	
	SEIPPEL CENTER FOR THE ARTS "The Magical World of Fiber Arts"	Beaver Dam, WI
	GALLERY OF DESIGN 'Threads on the Edge"	Madison, WI
	BARRINGTON AREA ARTS COUNCIL GALLERY "Fiber Invitational 1998"	Barrington, IL
	BOISE MUSEUM "Trashformations"	Boise, ID
	CURRIER GALLERY OF ART "Trashformations"	Manchester, NH
	MUSEUM OF THE SOUTHWEST "Trashformations"	Midland, TX
4007	KNOXVILLE MUSEUM OF ART" Trashformations"	Knoxville, TN
1997	WHATCOM MUSEUM "Trashformations"	Bellingham, WA
	PAT PETERSON'S BLUE ROSE "Fiesta en Santa Fe Instructors"	Santa Fe, NM
	HOFFMAN GALLERY "Basket Invitational"	Portland, OR
4000	SCHNEIDER MUSEUM OF ART "Trashformations"	Ashland, OR
1996	GALLERY YUU "Bird Ross"	Saga-shi, Japan
	SCULPTURE, OBJECTS & FUNCTIONAL ART Katie Gingrass Gallery BARRINGTON AREA ARTS COUNCIL "The Feel of Fiber"	Coconut Grove, FL
		Barrington, IL Penland, NC
	PENLAND GALLERY "Uncommon Threads"	
	GANGO GALLERY "Small Expressions" GALLERIA MESA "Inside Story"	Portland, OR Mesa, AZ
	CENTER FOR VISUAL ARTS "Materials: Hard and Soft"	Denton, TX
	THE HAND AND THE SPIRIT "Hat Toss"	Scottsdale, AZ
	MOBILIA "Basket Invitational" & "Collector's Circle Visit"	Cambridge, MA
	WILSON STREET GRILL "Vessels"	Madison, WI
1995	KATIE GRINGRASS GALLERY "Art to Wear 1995"	Milwaukee, WI
1000	FIELDWORK "Shipping and Receiving"	Madison, WI
	CASTLE GALLERY "Vessels on the Edge of Function"	New Rochelle, NY
	CRAFT ALLIANCE "Bridges"	St. Louis, MO
	SCULPTURE, OBJECTS & FINE ART Katie Gingrass Gallery	Coconut Grove, FL
	CITIARTSPACE "Bird Ross' Textile Constructions"	Madison, WI
	WUSTUM MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS "Let's Play House"	Racine, WI
1994	GALERIA MESA "High on Fiber"	Mesa, AZ
	DEL MANO GALLERY "Contemporary Basketry '94"	Los Angeles, CA
	MOBILIA "Art to Wear"	Cambridge, MA
	TEMPE ART CENTER "Beyond Baskets"	Tempe, AZ
	SOCIETY FOR CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS "Birdhouses"	Pittsburgh, PA
	BARRINGTON AREA ARTS COUNCIL GALLERY "Many Faces of Fiber"	Barrington, IL
	AMERICAN ART EXPOSITION "USArt"	San Francisco, CA
	WISCONSIN CENTER "Wisconsin Women's Artist Book Exhibition"	Madison, WI
	TEXTILE ARTS CENTRE "If The Art FitsWear It"	Chicago, IL
	SCULPTURE, OBJECTS & FINE ART Katie Gingrass Gallery	Chicago, IL
	KATIE GINGRASS GALLERY "Art To Wear 1994"	Milwaukee, WI
	JANIS "Wearable Art"	Chicago, IL
	FIELDWORK "Installations on the Square"	Madison, WI
Essle ile i	DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION GALLERY "Surveying the Work of Bird R	loss" Madison, WI
	ts Continued EDGEWOOD GALLERY "Sticks"	Madiaan 14/1
1994	TRANSMISSION GALLERY "Exquisite Corpse"	Madison, WI Glasgow, Scotland
	QUILT EXPOSITION "Machine Quilting in the 90's"	Houston, TX
1993	NHK HALL "In Our Hands"	Nagoya, Japan
1000	GAYLE WILLSON GALLERY "The Year of American Craft"	Southampton, NY
	MOBILIA "Artwear"	Cambridge, MA
	NEW VISIONS GALLERY AT MARSHFIELD CLINIC "Sticks"	Marshfield, WI
	LEIGH YAWKEY WOODSON "Sticks"	Wausau, WI
	WUSTUM MUSEUM "Vault to the Studio: New Work by Artists in the Collection"	Racine, WI
	KATIE GINGRASS GALLERY "New Art Forms"	Chicago, IL

BANAKER GALLERY "Bright Ideas, Bright Lights" San Francisco, CA KYOTO MUSEUM "3rd International Textile Competition" 1992 Kyoto, Japan AMERICAN CRAFT MUSEUM "Wearable Art" New York, NY NELSON FINE ARTS CENTER "Needle Expressions '92" Tempe, AZ **NEEDLE EXPRESSIONS '92-Traveling Exhibition United States** KATIE GINGRASS GALLERY "Navy Pier New Art Forms" Chicago, IL CRAFT ALLIANCE "Varving Inspirations: Basketry in the 90's" St. Louis, MO ZOLLER GALLERY "Crafts National 26" University Park, PA LEGLER BARN MUSEUM "Lenexa's National Art Show 1992" Lenexa, KS BANAKER GALLERY "Focus: American Baskets" Walnut Creek, CA IOWA/JOHNSON CITY ARTS CENTER "Paper/Fiber XV" Iowa City, IA GAYLE WILLSON GALLERY "By American" Southampton, NY CONVERGENCE '92 "The Capital Collection" Washington, DC MARYLHURST COLLEGE "Bird Ross: A Body ... of Work" Marylhurst, OR UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN "3-D Review Part Two" Madison, WI KATIE GINGRASS GALLERY "Quilts & Baskets" Milwaukee, WI SOCIETY FOR ARTS AND CRAFTS "Salute to NE Craft and Design" Boston, MA CONVERGENCE '92 "Capital I" Washington, DC TEMPE ARTS CENTER "92 Contemporary Fibers" Tempe, AZ SOCIETY OF CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS "2nd Annual Benefit Auction" Pittsburgh, PA **TEXTILE ARTS CENTER "Surface/Embellishments"** Chicago, IL TEXTILE ARTS CENTER "If the Art Fits...Wear It!" Chicago, IL WUSTUM MUSEUM "Celebration: Gifts to the Permanent Collection" Racine, WI PARKLAND COLL. ART GALLERY "Intl. Artists' Book Collaboration" Champaign, IL KATIE GINGRASS GALLERY "Holiday Show" Philadelphia, PA BIG SKY COUNTRY "If Not Now ... When? If Not Here ... Where?" Madison, WI SYBARIS GALLERY "Basketry: An Expanding Definition" Royal Oak, MI SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS "Let Us Entertain You" Boston, MA THE WORKS "Window Exhibition" Philadelphia, PA 1991 MOBILIA "Invitational Fiber Show" Cambridge, MA TEXTILE ARTS CENTRE "If the Art Fits. Wear It!" Chicago, IL SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS "Annual Auction" Boston, MA LONDON REG. ART & HISTORICAL MUSEUM "Fibre Fireworks '91" London, Ontario KATIE GINGRASS GALLERY "Navy Pier New Art Forms" Chicago, IL NATIONAL SURFACE DESIGN CONFERENCE "Perspectives from the Rim" Seattle, WA CMSTU "Greater Midwest International" Warrensburg, MO IOWA / JOHNSON CITY ARTS CENTER "Paper/Fiber XIV" Iowa City, IA GAYLE WILLSON GALLERY "Yesterday Today" Southampton, NY LENEXA NATIONAL 3-D ART SHOW "Dimensions '91" Lenexa, KS CHAUTAUQUA ART ASSOC. "34th Chautaugua National Exhibition" Chautauqua, NY PITTSBURGH CENTER FOR THE ARTS "Fiberart International 1991" Pittsburgh, PA BANAKER GALLERY "Focus: American Baskets" Invitational Walnutcreek, CA **Exhibits Continued** WITCHITA CENTER FOR THE ARTS "Wichita National 1991" 1991 Wichita, KS ARROWMONT GALLERY "Basketry from All Directions" Gatlinburg, TN CAMBRIDGE ART ASSOCIATION & S.A.C. "Joint Ventures" Cambridge, MA TRAVELING EXHIBIT "Needle Expressions '90" USA & Canada AMERICAN CRAFT MUSEUM "Wearables" New York, NY ARROWMONT SCHOOL "Vehicles for New Forms/New Functions" Gatlinburg, TN GAYLE WILLSON GALLERY "Current Tides" Southampton, NY **NEW ELEMENTS "Small Works"** Wilmington, NC 1990 ACCI GALLERY "Wood 1990" Berkeley, CA **GRAHAM HORSTMAN GALLERY "Contemporary Crafts"** Denton, TX HOFFMAN GALLERY "Designed to Wear 1990" Portland, OR FULLER ART MUSEUM "Art to Wear" Brockton, MA WORKS/San Jose "Hats, Hoods and Veils" San Jose, CA CONVERGENCE '90 "Connecting Threads" San Jose, CA

	LITTMAN GALLERY "Needle Expressions '90" TRAVELING EXHIBIT "Needle Expressions '90" SOCIETY FOR ART IN CRAFTS "One Person Exhibition" BERKSHIRE MUSEUM "Homemade for the 90's" HUNTERDON ART CENTER "Fiber as Art" ZOLLER GALLERY "Crafts National 24" CREATIVE ARTS GUILD "Fiber as Art"	Portland, OR USA & Canada Pittsburgh, PA Pittsfield, MA Clinton, NJ University Park, PA Dalton, GA
1000	ACCI GALLERY "Design and Craft"	Berkeley, CA
1989	OCTAGON CENTER FOR THE ARTS "25th Octagon Annual Exhibition" TEXTILE ARTS CENTRE "If the Art Fits"	Ames, IA Chicago, IL
	RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN MUSEUM OF ART	Providence, RI
	SEATS	Cambridge, MA
	SCULPTURE TO WEAR	Los Angeles, CA
	OPUS 5 GALLERY	Eugene, OR
	SOCIETY FOR ART IN CRAFTS	Pittsburgh, PA
	GALLERY 500	Elkins Park, PA
	SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS	Boston, MA
	AMERICAN CRAFT COUNCIL CRAFT FAIR	Baltimore, MD
1988	DURHAM ARTS CENTER	Durham, NC
4007	GALLERY MELANCON	Lake Charles, LA
1987	HAYSTACK MOUNTAIN SCHOOL OF CRAFTS RIDGEWAY GALLERY	Deer Isle, ME
1985	SIERRA ARTS FOUNDATION WEARABLE ART SHOW	Penland, NC Reno, NV
1300	EUGENE PUBLIC LIBRARY	Eugene, OR

Professional Experience

Profes	ssional Experience	
2016	MAKING JUSTICE – BUBBLER PROGRAMBeginning Sewing Classes	Madison, WI
	MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY Thursday Mending ProgramOrganizer/Mender	Madison, WI
	MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BUBBLER JR Community workshop series	Madison, WI
	GOODMAN COMMUNITY CENTER Wednesday MendingOrganizer/Mender	Madison, WI
2015	MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BUBBLER PROGRAMArtist in Residence	Madison, WI
	GOODMAN COMMUNITY CENTER Wednesday MendingOrganizer/Mender	Madison, WI
	LEIGH YAWKEY WOODSON ART MUSEUM Workshop & Artist Talk	Wausau, WI
2014	PENLAND SCHOOL OF CRAFTS Penland Core RetreatParticipant	Penland, NC
	GOODMAN COMMUNITY CENTER Wednesday MendingOrganizer/Mender	Madison, WI
	14 MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY -BUBBLER PROGRAM Workshop instructor	Madison, WI
	present THE SEWING MACHINE PROJECTBoard Member	Madison, WI
	13 EASTSIDE FRIENDS OF THE DHARMABoard Member	Madison, WI
Profes	ssional Experience Continued	
2006	BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS "Spare Me!" ("Bowling for kids' sake")Arts Coord	dinator Madison, WI
2005	EDGEWOOD COLLEGE Presenter	Madison, WI
	SURFACE DESIGN CONFERENCE Presenter	Kansas City, MO
2004	CARLSON COMPANY Design Consultant	Madison, WI
	WINGRA SCHOOL Visiting Artist/Presenter	Madison, WI
	ARIZONA DESIGNER CRAFTSMEN	Scottsdale, AZ
2003	WISCONSIN ARTS BOARDJuror for 2004 Visual Arts Fellowships	Madison, WI
	WILLIAM GOODENOUGH COLLEGELecture	London, England
2002	HAWAII FIBERARTS GUILD	Honolulu, HI
2001	MADISON CENTRAL MONTESSORI SCHOOL Fine Arts Week Instructor	Madison, WI
	TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL YUMA SYMPOSIUM Presenter	Yuma, AZ
1999	THE NEEDLEWORK & TEXTILE GUILD OF MICHIGAN Lecturer & Instructor	Birmingham, MI
1998	MADISON ARTS CENTER Art Fair on the Square	Madison, WI
1997	UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN Lecturer	Madison, WI
	FIESTA EN SANTE FEInstructor	Santa Fe, NM
	MADISON WEAVERS GUILD Lecturer	Madison, WI
	FOREVER FAITHFUL TO FIBER	Willard, OH
	DESIGN EXPLORATION (Threads Magazine)	Multiple Venues

1996	HAWAII FIBERARTS GUILD	Instructor & Lecture	r Honolulu, HI
	BAY AREA HERITAGE QUILTERS	Instructor & Lecture	r Berkeley, CA
	UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, DULUTH	Lecture	r Duluth, MN
	WISCONSIN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	Acquisitions Consultant	t Madison, WI
	MADISON ART CENTER		
	UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN	Lecture	r Madison, WI
	THE SEWING WORKSHOP	Instructo	r San Francisco. CA
1995	DESIGN 1995, ENVIRONMENT, TEXTILES & DESIGN	EXHIBITJuro	r Madison, WI
	DANE COUNTY ART GRANTS ADVISORY PANEL	Panel Membe	r Madison, WI
	MADISON ARTS CENTER GALLERY TALK	Lecture	r Madison, WI
1994	<u>G STREET FABRICS</u>	Instructo	r Washington, DC
	EMBROIDERERS' GUILD OF AMERICA	. Instructor and Lecture	r Madison, WI
	FINN'S FABRICS	Instructo	r Barrington, IL
1993	SPLIT ROCK ARTS PROGRAM	Instructo	r Duluth, MN
1992	COUNCIL OF AMERICAN EMBROIDERSPai		
	TEXTILE ARTS CENTRE		
1989	<u>ARTPARK</u>		
	HOUSTON FIBER GUILD	Instructor & Lecture	r Houston, TX
1988	CREATIVE ARTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (CAPS)	Resident Artis	t Durham, NC
	DURHAM ARTS COUNCIL	Instructo	r Durham, NC
	DUKE UNIVERSITY YOUNG WRITER'S CAMP	Instructo	r Durham, NC
	ARTSCHOOL		
	NORTH CAROLINA ARTS COUNCIL Artist-	in-the-Schools Program	n Raleigh, NC
	CENTERFEST Awarded Commission for		
	ESTES SCHOOLS		
	RAVENSCROFT SCHOOL	Resident Artis	t Swananoa, NC
	NEW PERFORMING DANCE COMPANYDesig	gned & Made Costumes	B Durham, NC
	LOUISIANA CRAFTS COUNCIL		
	CAROLINA DANCERS		
4007	GREY SEAL PUPPETS		
1987	HAYSTACK MOUNTAIN SCHOOL OF CRAFTS		
1000	NOBLE AND GREENOUGH SCHOOL	Instructor & Lecture	r Dedham, MA
1986 1985	PENLAND SCHOOL OF CRAFTS		
	<u>CITY OF RENO</u> Court Clerk for Special Master (Ch	ind Support & Paternity) Reno, NV
		maa far tha 104 Caasar	Ashland, OR
1984	OREGON SHAKESPEAREAN FESTIVAL Built Costu EUGENE TRADING COMPANY Sales, Designed	Imes for the 84 Season	Ashland, OR
1983	CHILDRENS COMMUNITY THEATRE Sales, Designed		
1903	CHILDRENS COMMONITY THEATRE	cior, Costume Designer	Eugene, OR
Collec	tions		
2001	SOLOMON & GLORIA KAMM (Teapot Collection)		Los Angeles, CA
	UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN MILWAUKEE		Milwaukee WI
1998	THE WHITE HOUSE (Blue Room Ornaments)		Washington, DC
1992	RACINE ART MUSEUM		Racine, WI
	OPEN CHAIN PUBLISHING		Tempe, AZ
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Public			.
2014	BARTRAM'S BOXES REMIX (Exhibit catalog)		Schiffer Publishing
2013	"Art project stretches the boundaries of performance" 17		Wisconsin Gazette
2008		otember	Daily Mining Gazette
2007		otember	The Capital Times
	PULP FUNCTION (Exhibit catalog) Lloyd Herman, Cura		aconcin Decale Oldere
2006	ART OF THE FOREST by Karin Wolf July	VVI	sconsin People & Ideas
2006 2005	500 BASKETS Edited by Susan Mowery Kieffer WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL "Artful Marriage"20 Apr	·il	Lark Books
2005	e 1		Madison Newspapers Isthmus Newspaper
	ISTHMUS "The Big Idea" 15 Apr	11	isuinus newspaper

2004	WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL "Sidewalk pair WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL ""Getting in tou ISTHMUS "Scouring the pro-vote message" THE CAPITAL TIMES "Madison wants you to v FIBERARTS DESIGN BOOK SEVEN WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL: "Artists Rema	uch with voters" 14 October 15 October ote" 20 October	
2002	FOUND OBJECT ART &THE ARTISTS by Dor "Art Against Terrorism" by Tenaya Darlington "A Tisket, a Tasket" by Barbara Russi Sarnatar	Jan. 11	Schiffer Publishing Isthmus Newspaper Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
2001	THREADS MAGAZINE	April/May	Taunton Press
2000	"Basketry is Redefined" by Roberta Burnett BEAUTIFUL THINGS edited by Toni Sikes	Nov. 9	The Arizona Republic Guild Publishing
2000	TEAPOTS TRANSFORMED by Leslie Ferrin		Guild Publishing
	BASKETS, TRADITION AND BEYOND by Leie		Guild Publishing
	THE JOURNAL TIMES (Racine) IN OUR HANDS (Catalogue)	August July	
	WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL (Madison)	October	
	ISTHMUS (Madison)	7 January	
1999	ISTHMUS (Madison)	24 December	
	THREADS MAGAZINE	March/April	
	THE CAPITAL TIMES	30 November	
	GARBED (Catalogue)	fall	
	THE CAPITAL TIMES (Madison) WISCONSIN TRIENNIAL (Catalogue)	19 May	
1998	AMERICAN CRAFT MAGAZINE ("Gallery")	April	
1000	THE CAPITAL TIMES (Review)	1 April	
	SURFACE DESIGN JOURNAL	spring (vol.22)	
	ISTHMUS (Review)	17 April	
	SCARVES TO SEW (Book)	fall	
Dublic	TRASHFORMATIONS (Catalogue) ations Continued		
1998	THE CAPITAL TIMES (Madison)	24 December	
1997	THREADS MAGAZINE	June/July	
	ON WISCONSIN (WAA Magazine)	May/June	
1996	SCRAP CRAFTS YEAR'ROUND (Cover)		
	WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL (Showcase)	18 February	
1995	FIBERARTS DESIGN BOOK FIVE		
1994	MAKE YOUR OWN GREAT VESTS (Lark Book FIBERARTS MAGAZINE (Cover)	March/April	
1334	ORNAMENT MAGAZINE	Marchizaphi	
	("Bird Ross A New Vocabulary")	Summer 1994	
	MACHINE QUILTING (Open Chain Publ.)		
	ISTHMUS "Critics' Choice" (Madison)	5 August	
4000	ISTHMUS "Street Smart" (Madison)	12 August	
1993 1992	THE JOURNAL TIMES (Racine, WI) JACKETS, COATS & SUITS (Taunton Press B	14 October	
1992	THE FLYING NEEDLE	November	
	THE GUILD SEVEN (Am. Craft Award Pages)		
	SURFACE DESIGN JOURNAL	Summer	
	THE WORLD DIPLOMA OF DESIGN & CRAFT		
	THREADS MAGAZINE (Cover Story)	April/May (issue #40)	
	Voted #2 (Top 5 articles in 1st 100 issues) The		
	FIBERARTS MAGAZINE THE FLYING NEEDLE	March/April February	
1991	BOSTON GLOBE	4 October	
	SUTTLE, SPINDLE & DYEPOT	Fall	
	FIBERARTS MAGAZINE	Sept./ Oct.	

SURFACE DESIGN JOURNAL FIBERARTS DESIGN BOOK FOUR CEGments (Canadian Embroiders' Guild) THREADS MAGAZINE SURFACE DESIGN JOURNAL AMERICAN CRAFT ("Portfolio") 1990 UNION-NEWS (MA) THE FLYING NEEDLE THREADS MAGAZINE 1989 ART NEW ENGLAND BOSTON GLOBE IN PITTSBURGH fall

October Feb./March Spring April/May 24 August November Dec '90/ Jan'91 May 13 April 28 June

Web Related

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2014	Spackle Madison "Favorites for 2014" www.spacklemadison.com/favorites-for-2014
2008	The Northwoods On-Line Magazine
	Ironwoodinfo.com/news/local/092008_bird_roth.html
2007	www.artbumble.com/paintersAndSculptors/printGallery.html
	http://www.waldkunst.com/2007/
	Forest Art Wisconsin Native/Invasive
2004	www.artofnote.org
	Online Exhibition of "Art of Note" Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestras Fundraising Event 2004
	http://www.waldkunst.com/2004/
	Internationaler Waldkunstpfad "Expeditionen"
2003	www.birdross.com
2002	www.Taunton.com/threads/pages
Web Related Continued	
2002	Voted #2 of top 5 articles in the first 100 issues of THREADS MAGAZINE
	www.delmano.com
	Online exhibition of " Contemporary Baskets 2002"
	www.guild.com
	Online exhibition of "Basket Invitational"
2000	www.ferringallery.com
	Online exhibition or "Teapots Transformed/ SOFA Chicago 2000"
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Visual Images and Descriptions of Past Work

1. Seed Pod, Brenda Baker, Monona Terrace Convention Center, Madison, WI, 2013-2014.

Invasive species: buckthorn, autumn olive and honeysuckle. 12 ft. x 8 ft. x 8 ft., 900 pounds.

Seed Pod was created for the Society for Ecological Restoration's 2013 World Conference, using hand harvested invasive plant species (primarily buckthorn, honeysuckle and autumn olive) from Southern Wisconsin's landscapes and natural areas. Seed Pod references the threat of pest plants and the way invasive species spread, one seed at a time, while calling attention to the importance of restorative ecological work and human effort in controlling invasive pests and restoring native ecosystems. This project involved collaborating with scientists, restoration ecologists, land owners and caretakers.

2. Crib, Brenda Baker, Commissioned for the Fermentation Fest for the Farm/Art D'Tour, Reedsburg, WI, 2012.

Corn cribs, dyed muslin, tar paper, lighting. 4 structures, 18 feet high x 40 feet around

This three-week installation located in a farmer's pasture, transformed four existing corn cribs into beacons of light and color. Referencing corn cobs, kernel, the stacking and storing of animal feed, the piece draws attention to the changing nature of the farming industry and the largely defunct, but iconic structures that still dot the Wisconsin rural landscape. This project involved collaborating with land owners, dairy farmers and community members.

3. Lake Line, Brenda Baker & Bird Ross, John Nolen Bike Path, Madison, WI, 2010

Trees, laundry, clothes line ad clothes pins

Lake Line was a temporary one-day installation along John Nolen Drive in Madison, one of the busiest downtown streets, and a key gateway to the beautiful downtown. Running 800 yards between the pedestrian bike path and Lake Monona, the piece was one of the sustainability centerpieces for the Madison's Ride the Drive event, whimsically provoking people to think about laundry as a thing of beauty. This project involved gathering clothing and collaborating with passersby and the wind!



4. Separately & Together, Bird Ross, 2015-2016

Collaboration with Paige Davis exploring the seeds and specimen traveling the Atlantic Ocean between botanists John Bartram & Peter Collinson in the mid 1700's. Commenting on their historical impact on the botanical world of that period we also explored our own specimen traveling across the country with samples of our natural surroundings and studio explorations. This piece was developed over 2 years and traveled for 2 years.



5. Wanz'upun'atime, Bird Ross, 2017

This image celebrates the conclusion of an experiential class I created and taught, exploring Craft, Creativity and the Art of Play (with Adults!) This class explored writing, drawing, brainstorming, performance, dressing up and imagining. We researched hands on media and collaboration in an encouraging setting realizing the importance and possibilities of what it means to unconditionally Play.



Visual Images of Being Forward

Baker & Ross intend to take 100 photos of women artists and philanthropists in Madison, posed as Ms. Forward, after their initial conversations about funding for the arts. Women will be able to choose their props, paintbrushes, drills, other artmaking tools, along with assorted costumes that Baker & Ross have created. Photos will be shared on a web-site.

Here are 2 examples of their images.



