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Areas of Expertise/Interest:

Fine art sculpture using gourds, wire, epoxy clay, wood, and other mixed media

Fine art painting, acrylics on wood, canvas, or ampersand

Illustration, using traditional (pencil, ink, colored pencil), or digital

Preferred subjects are: domestic and wild animals, nature and landscapes, illustrative fantasy, creative fantasy, and whimsy/surrealism.

Professional interests include galleries, exhibitions/shows, networking, illustration on a larger scale, and workshops.

Education:

- 2009 John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, NC.
Instruction under Wayland Moore and Alan Young
- 2006 John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, NC.
Instruction under Pebbie Mott and Amy Rands
- 2006 Honors High School graduate, Trinity High School, Trinity, NC. Graduated June 6th, 2006.

Galleries:

- 2019-2020 ArtPop Street Gallery (public art displays, Triad NC)
- 2016 – present Cameron Art Museum (art museum – annual art exhibit)
- 2018 GreenHill Gallery, Greensboro NC (group exhibit)
- 2016-2019 Seaside Art Gallery (annual miniatures exhibit)
- 2017 - present Mary Martin Gallery, Charleston SC (fine art gallery)
- 2010 - present Randolph Arts Guild, Asheboro NC (arts guild)
- 2016 Southern Art Gallery, Salisbury NC (gallery – now closed)
- 2014-2016 Brightside Gallery, Asheboro NC (craft gallery)
- 2008-2010 The Hall Gallery, Lexington NC (fine art gallery – now closed)

Exhibition Record:

- 2019-2020 **Museum Exhibit**, “Illuminate” exhibit, Dec. 2019 – Jan 2020. Cameron Art Museum, Wilmington, NC
- 2019-2020 **Public Exhibit**, May 2019 to May 2020. "PTI Artist's Showcase", at the PTI Airport, Greensboro NC.
- 2019 **Group Exhibit**, “Just a Tad, 12x12x12” show, Randolph Arts Guild, Nov 2019, Asheboro NC
- 2019 **Group Competition**, NC Gourd Festival, November 8-10, State Fairgrounds, Raleigh NC
- 2019 **Group Exhibit** at the Cherokee Gourd Gathering, Cherokee NC. June 2019.
- 2019 **Group Exhibition**, July 2019, “The Art of Gourds”, Randolph Arts Guild’s Sara Smith Gallery. Asheboro, NC. July 2019
- 2019 **Group Exhibition**, May 2019, "International Miniature Art Show", Seaside Gallery, Nags Head, NC

- 2018 **Museum Exhibit**, December 2018-January 2019. "Illuminate", Cameron Art Museum, Wilmington, NC.
- 2018 **Group Competition**, November 2018. "77th Juried Gourd Art Festival". Submitted 24 pieces and won 17 first places, 6 second, 1 third, 2 Best of Show, and 1 People's Choice.
- 2018 **Group Exhibition**, May-July 2017, "Beauty of the Beast". 15 submitted sculptures to the Greenhill Art Gallery, Greensboro, NC
- 2018 **Group Exhibition**, June 2018. "Annual Juried Art Show." Randolph Arts Guild, Asheboro NC
- 2018 **Group Exhibition**, May 2018, "International Miniature Art Show", Seaside Gallery, Nags Head, NC
- 2018 **Group Exhibition**, April 2018, "Small Treasures Juried Exhibit." Cary Gallery of Artists, Raleigh, NC
- 2017-2018 **Public Exhibit**, May 2017 to May 2018. "PTI Artist's Showcase", at the PTI Airport, Greensboro NC.
- 2017 **Group Exhibition**, September 2017, "Itty Bitty Art Show," Randolph Arts Guild, Asheboro
- 2017 **Group Exhibition**, May 2017, "International Miniature Art Show", Seaside Gallery, Nags Head, NC
- 2016-17 **Museum Exhibition**, December 2016 to January 2017. "The Art of Illumination" art lamp themed show at the Cameron Art Museum. Wilmington, NC.
- 2016 **Solo Exhibition**, September 6th-27th, at the Randolph Arts Guild, Asheboro NC.
- 2016 **Group Exhibition**, Randolph Arts Guild, Asheboro NC, Annual Art Exhibit. June 2016.
- 2015 **Group Exhibition**, High Point University's "VISIONS 2015 Fourth Annual Invitational Exhibition", held with the 2nd annual HPU Fall Festival. Oct - Dec 2015.
- 2015 **Group Exhibition**, Randolph Arts Guild Annual Art Exhibit. June 2nd to 30th 2015.
- 2015 **Group Exhibition**, Creative in Randolph, Randolph Arts Guild, Asheboro NC. Show held at Moore County Arts Council/Campbell House Gallery. January 9th-30th 2015.
- 2014 **Group Exhibition**, Carolina Color, Junior League of Raleigh, Raleigh NC. October 28 to November 2nd. Painting "Crowned Victorians" won first place.
- 2013 **Group Exhibition**, 7th Annual Art Exhibit, NorthWestern Randolph County Arts Council, Archdale, NC.
- 2012 **Group Exhibition**, 6th Annual Art Exhibit, NorthWestern Randolph County Arts Council, Archdale, NC.
- 2010 **Group Exhibition**, 5th Annual Art Exhibit, NorthWestern Randolph County Arts Council, Archdale, NC.
- 2009 **Group Exhibition**, *The Gallery Hall*, Lexington NC.
- 2009 **Solo Exhibition**, Ragan House Artists, NorthWestern Randolph County Arts Council, Archdale, NC.
- 2008 **Solo Exhibition**, The Art of Cara Bevan, The Gallery Hall, Lexington NC.
- 2008 **Group Exhibition**, 3rd Annual Art Exhibit, NorthWestern Randolph County Arts Council, Archdale, NC.
- 2007 **Group Exhibition**, 2nd Annual Art Exhibit, NorthWestern Randolph County Arts Council, Archdale, NC.

Honors and Awards:

- 2019 **Best of Show, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th**, NC Gourd Festival. Entered 9 pieces in competition. Won Best of Show and 1st in Masters Division with "Infinity the Cosmic Vulture", plus 3 first places, 3 second place, one third, one honorable mention.
- 2019 **1 of 5 winners** for the ArtPop Street Gallery's public art program. Winners won a 12x44' billboard featuring their artwork, up for a year (June 2019-2020). Value of prize estimated at \$40,000 plus free "Artist's U" business education program.
- 2019 **Third Place**, for "Gourd Strawberry", at the Randolph Arts Guild's annual juried exhibit, June 2019.
- 2018 **First Place and People's Choice** in the Cameron Art Museum's exhibit "Illuminate." Dec 2018 – Jan 2019.

- 2018 **First, Second, Third, Best of Show, and People's Choice** in the 77th Annual Raleigh Gourd Festival. November 2018. Submitted 24 pieces and won 17 first places, 6 second, 1 third, 2 Best of Show, and 1 People's Choice.
- 2017 **Second Place** in "Art of Illumination" art lamp show at the Cameron Art Museum. Jan 2017.
- 2016 **Best in Show** for sculpture "Edward Tentacles" at the Randolph Arts Guild's Annual Art Exhibit, June 2016.
- 2015 **First Place** in the "Indie Excellence Book Awards" for picture book *Improbable...Never Impossible*. Category: Children's Fantasy - Young Reader.
- 2015 **Finalist** in the "International Book Awards" for picture book *Improbable...Never Impossible*.
- 2015 **Public Vote, 2nd** place for "Most popular Randolph County Artist". Creative in Randolph competition, Randolph Arts Guild, Asheboro NC. January 2015.
- 2014 **Juror's Choice, 1st** for painting "Crowned Victorians". "Carolina Color" Group Exhibition, Junior League of Raleigh, Oct. 28th.
- 2013 **Finalist** for painting "Out to Pasture". "The Artist's Magazine" Annual Competition, December 2013.
- 2013 **Chosen for Publication** in competition, two paintings "Ivy" and "The Grand Cayman Blue Iguanas". "Acrylic Works: The Best of Acrylic Painting," North Light Books, 2014.
- 2012 **Finalist** for painting "Ivy". "The Artist's Magazine" Annual Competition, December 2012.
- 2012 **Finalist** for painting "The Grand Cayman Blue Iguanas". "The Artist's Magazine" Annual Competition, December 2012.
- 2011 **Finalist** for painting "Lunar Light". "The Artist's Magazine" Annual Competition, December 2011.
- 2010 **Juror's Pick** for best art boot at "Art in the Park", October 2010.
- 2011 **First Place** in the adult category for the "My Feenix" contest. October 17, 2011.
- 2009 **Honorable Mention** for painting "Writer's Block". "The Artist's Magazine" Annual Competition, December 2009.
- 2009 **Juror's Award, 2nd** for "Writer's Block". NWRAC Annual art show, July 2009.
- 2009 **Finalist** for painting "Fowl Martyr". "The Artist's Magazine" Annual Competition, December 2009.
- 2008 **Finalist** for painting "The Beauty of Writing". "The Artist's Magazine" Annual Competition, December 2008.
- 2008 **Finalist** for painting "Crustacean Salutation." "The Artist's Magazine" Annual Competition, December 2008.

Festivals Attended as Vendor:

- 2019 Roy's Folks Craft Fair, High Point, NC, Nov 22-23 2019
- 2019 North Carolina Gourd Festival, Raleigh NC, Nov 8-10 2019
- 2019 Mountain Gourd Gathering, Cedar Mountain NC, Aug 8-10 2019
- 2019 Cherokee Gourd Gathering, Cherokee NC, May28th-June 3rd 2019
- 2018 Carolina Craftsman Classic, Greensboro NC, November 2018.
- 2017 Price Nursery art festival, at Price Nursery in High Point, NC. September 2017
- 2017 Sanford Arts & Vine, Dennis A Wicker Civic Center. Sanford, NC. May 2017
- 2011-2018 Roy's Folks Craft Fair, sponsored by Fox 8 News. High Point, NC
- 2015-2018 Mountain Gourd Gathering, Cedar Mountain, NC.
- 2016, 2018 Ghost Creek Gourd Festival, Laurens, SC.
- 2016 Greensboro First Friday
- 2015 SCBWI Annual Conference, Charlotte NC
- 2015 Bugfest, Raleigh NC, Museum of Natural History
- 2011-2013 Asheboro Fall Festival
- 2013-2014 Creekside Christmas, Archdale, NC
- 2010 Day in the Park, High Point Arts Council

Publications as Author/Illustrator:

- "Art Journey Animals: A Collection of Inspiring Contemporary Masterworks", by Jamie Markle, editor. (Cincinnati, OH, North Light Books, 2017.)
- Cara Bevan, "Artist Cara Bevan has Solo Show at the Randolph Arts Guild," Courier Tribune, August 23, 2016
- Cara Bevan, "Local Author receives national recognition in "Indie" excellence", The Courier Tribune, Sunday May 31st, 2015. 2B
- "Improbable...Never Impossible", Illustrated Children's book, Andrew Rabbit, editor (Rabbit Valley Inc., 2014) 26 pages.
- "Acrylic Works: The Best of Acrylic Painting," Sara Laichas, senior editor, (Cincinnati, OH, North Light Books, 2014.) 14-15.
- "The Paintings of Cara Bevan: The First Five Years", self-published book (ArtBookBindery), 48 pgs, 2013, ISBN: 978-0-9891670-0-0
- "Painted Kingdom", Backyard Poultry, Elaine Belanger, Anne-marie Ida, and Samantha Ingersoll, eds. (Countryside Publications, Ltd.) Volume 6, no. 2, April/May 2011. 68, 70.

Professional Memberships

- 2019 – present Tri-State Sculptor's Guild
- 2019 – present North Carolina Gourd Society
- 2018 - present American Gourd Society
- 2018-present GreenHill Art Gallery
- 2014-2019 Society for Children's Book Authors and Illustrators (SCBWI)
- 2008-present Randolph Arts Guild
- 2008-2014 North Western Randolph County Arts Council (NWRCAC), Member at Large, Secretary, Vice President, PR manager, website and email management.

Public Art Commissions:

- 2019 Job Fair illustration for Samet Corporation, digital art. 3 ft x 6ft
- 2018 Second novel illustrations for Tracy Tandy (yet to be released) "Dreamhaven 2: Witch of Crusthtide Island"
- 2018 Individual marquee' posters for company "Teacher's Discovery". Posters are 300dpi. 19x27" : "Le Petite Prince", "Esperanza Renance", "Une si Longue Letter", "Casa de Mango Street", "Au Revoir les Enfants", "Ourika". 13x19" :
- 2018 Book cover for "Dooley!", a novel by Catherine Barnes.
- 2017 Book Illustrations (Cover sketches plus finished b&w interior illustrations) for "Born to Soar", a novel by Bill Barnes.
- 2016 Publicly displayed art lamp, made on proposal for the Cameron Art Museum for the "Art of Illumination" exhibit. December 2016.
- 2016 Public Art Commissions for Joy and Tony Laidig. 4 medium sized dragon sculptures, 15 miniature dragons, 1 Yeti Art Doll, 3 Ninja dolls. For use in future picture books.
- 2015 Public Art Commission, Cover Illustration and interior illustrations for novel *Dreamhaven* written by Tracy Tandy. Full cover art, back cover, 5 spot images, and bookmark images. January - April 2015, (c) Tracy Tandy
- 2011 Public Art Commission, *Changes*, (11x8.5 inches) acrylic on wood. Illustrated cover for novel *Changes* by Gene Wolf. Hilham, TN.

Teaching and Presentation Experience:

- 2019 **Instructor**, NC Gourd Festival, Raleigh NC. Nov 2019. 2 classes
- 2019 **Instructor**, Mountain Gourd Gathering, Cedar Mountain NC. August 2019. 4 classes
- 2019 **Instructor**, Ghost Creek Gourd Fest, April 2019. 2 classes
- 2019 **Instructor**, "Gourd Santa" class at the Triad Gourd Patch meeting, Winston-Salem NC.
- 2019 **Instructor**, 3 classes at the Cherokee Gourd Gathering, Cherokee NC, June 2019.
- 2018 **Instructor**, 3 classes at the "Mountain Gourd Gathering", Cedar Mountain NC. Aug 15-18.

2018 **Instructor**, "Coloring with Alcohol Ink" class at the Randolph Arts Guild, Feb 10th 2018

2018 **Instructor**, 6 sessions of a private art class from January to February 2018

2018 **Instructor**, "Peeking Gourd Owls" class at the Randolph Arts Guild, January 23rd 2018.

2017 **Instructor**, "Making Miniature Gourd Animals" repeated class at the Randolph Arts Guild. December 2nd and 17th 2017.

2017 **Instructor**, "Ink Feathers and Wings" class at the Randolph Arts Guild, October 2017.

2017 **Instructor**, "It's all in the Details: A Sculpting Class", Randolph Arts Guild, September 2017.

2017 **Teaching**, 4 classes at the Mountain Gourd Gathering, Cedar Mountain, NC. August 2017

2017 **Instructor**, "Swimming Sea Turtles", Randolph Arts Guild, August 2017.

2017 **Instructor**, "Beginning Colored Pencil", Randolph Arts Guild, July 2017.

2017 **Teaching**, "Super Messy Summer Art Camp", July 2017.

2017 **Presenter**, Art presentation at Trinity Elementary (March) and Archdale Elementary (April).

2017 **Instructor** "Making Miniature Gourd Animals" at the Randolph Arts Guild. April 22nd and 29th, 2017

2016 **Teaching**, Gourd Sculpture Classes at the Mountain Gourd Gathering. August 2016.

2016 **Gallery Presentation**, Greenhill Art Gallery's "Artist Review". February 2016.

2016 Art Presentation, New Market Elementary, 3rd to 5th graders. March 2016.

2016 **Teaching**, Gourd Sculpture classes at the Ghost Creek Gourd Festival. April 2016.

2015 **Teaching**, Gourd Sculpture classes at the Mountain Gourd Gathering. August 2015.

2015 Afterschool Art Club presentation and activities, Hopewell Elementary, May 14th 2015.

2015 Art Presentation, Seagrove Elementary, April 17th 2015.

2015 Art Presentation, Trindale Elementary, March 30th 2015.

2015 All day art presentation, Archdale Trinity Middle School grades 7th and 8th, March 13th, 2015.

2014 Art presentation, Archdale Elementary, November 7, 2014.

2014 Art Presentation, Hopewell Elementary, October 2014.

2014 Art Presentation, New Market Elementary, April 11, 2014.

2014 Art Presentation, Trinity Elementary, April 4, 2014.

2013 Presentation at New Market Elementary, March 2013.

2013 **Teaching**, Gourd birdhouse instructional class for teachers, nonprofit, held at the Archdale Public Library.

2012 Presentation for Arts club, John R. Lawrence elementary school, February 2012.

2011 Art Presenter for "Art's Day", John R. Lawrence elementary school, November 4, 2011.

2011 Art Presentation, Hopewell Elementary, January 26, 2011.

2011 Art Presentation, Level Cross Elementary, March 2, 2011.

2010 Art Presentation, Level Cross Elementary, March 22, 2010.

2010 Art Instruction, weekly class, Archdale-Trinity Middle School. January to May 2010.

2009 Art presentation, Archdale-Trinity middle school, December 2009.

2008 Volunteer/Art teacher aid, Archdale-Trinity middle school, Trinity, NC. 2008 school year.