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Artist Statement

Working as a fiber artist with a specialization in hand embroidery, my art addresses modern observations through an ancient lens.

Using the everyday tools of a needle and thread, I explore my subjects and tell their story one thread at a time. My creative process begins by converting to an original design, transferring it onto fabric, and hand embroidering over days or weeks.

My portrait work ranges from a romantic observation of the human existence to commentary on politics or global crises. My non-portraiture work has included subjects just as varied. These hand embroideries may be embellished with watercolor, cut away partially or entirely, or mounted in unusual ways, such as onto a backward canvas or a fly swatter.

Self-taught in the art of hand embroidery, my work does not consciously adhere to any rules or traditions apparent in the legacy of hand stitching. In every piece, my careful use of needle and thread invokes a sense of discovery.

Memberships

- **Chattanooga Fiber Arts Guild**, membership from 2023
- **Association for Visual Arts**, membership from 2022
- **Society for Embroidered Work**, UK based, juried membership from June 2020

Exhibitions

- **60th Woodlawn Needlework Show**, March 2023, Alexandria, Virginia
- **ArtsBuild Women's History Month Exhibition**, January-February 2023, Chattanooga, TN
- **All Member Salon Show**, November 2022, Chattanooga, TN
- **Fl3tcher Exhibition**, October 2022, John City, TN
- **14th International Textile and Fiber Art Biennial "Scythia,"** June 2022, Ivano-Frankivs'k, Ukraine
- **59th Woodlawn Needlework Show**, March 2022, Alexandria, Virginia
- **Intellectual Beauty**, January 2022, online exhibition hosted by gallerist in Brazil
- **Surface and Depth**, October 2021, Rome, Italy

Publications

- **Knoxville Voyager Interview**, January 2023, USA
- **100 Days of Amazing Textile Art**, September 2002, UK
- **All Stitched Up!** Issue 348, Australia
- **Artists Responding To**, July 2022, UK
- **Textiel Plus**, June 2022, The Netherlands

Awards

- **Director's Award**, Woodlawn Needlework Show, March 2022
- **Woodlawn Award, First Place**, for Outstanding Original Design, Woodlawn Needlework Show, May 2021

