**JERI HILLIS**

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**BIOGRAPHICAL**

born; Cleveland, Ohio 1962

**EDUCATION**

CRANBROOK ACADEMY OF ART; Bloomfield Hills, Michigan: Studies in Printmaking 1987

HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE; Amherst, Massachusetts: BA in Studio Arts, Printmaking & Painting,

1981-1985

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**

NATIONAL PARK COLLEGE, Hot Springs, AR; Ceramics 2019-2024

ARKANSAS ARTS COUNCIL**,** Little Rock, Arkansas; Board Training 2014-2017

UNITED WAY, Hot Springs AR; Supporting Grant, Organizational Training 2015-2017

NATIONAL PARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE**,** Hot Springs, AR; 2006-2007

Art History; Survey I, II

CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY PRINTMAKING, Norwalk, CT; 2003, 2004

Printmaking; Lithography, Acid-Free Intaglio, Book Arts

NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Norwalk, CT; Printmaking Workshop 2003

Mixed Media/Collage

BROOKFIELD CRAFT CENTER, South Norwalk/Brookfield, CT; 1988-89, 2005

Jewelry; Lapidary Basics, & Ceramics; Raku

SILVERMINE GUILD ARTS CENTER, New Canaan, CT; 1988, 2003

Printmaking, Encaustics, Ceramics

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2022 *Natures Mortes: Vessel*, Artist-in-Residency, Hot Springs National Park Service, Ozark Bathhouse, Hot Springs, AR

2017 *I remain,* Prohibition Press, Hot Springs, AR

2016 *Butterfly Series*, Library Wall, Garland County Library, Hot Spring, AR

2011 *This is not a window. This is not a door.*, The Fine Arts Center of Hot Springs, AR

2009-2010 *Thresholds: Landscape, Memory and Architecture*, **Invitational** by Arkansas Arts Council, Trinity Gallery, The Historic Arkansas Museum, Little Rock, AR

2008 Watch Your Step Gallery, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI

2004 *The Truths of Yesterday*, Maria Henle Studio, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI

1998 *Doors to Illusion/Sounds of Design*, Gallery at the Pentheny, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI

1997 *Recollections: Telling Memories*, Gallery at the Pentheny, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI

1995 *Recent Works*, Maria Henle Studio, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI

1985 *Prints and Paintings*, Division III Thesis Exhibition, Main Gallery, Harold F. Johnson Library,

Hampshire College, Amherst, MA

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

2024-2025 *Small Works on Paper*, **Juried Competition**, Arkansas Arts Council, Department of Arkansas Heritage, touring exhibition

2023 *Collective Art Gallery,* Hot Springs, AR

2023 *People and The Planet*, Touchstone Gallery, Washington, D.C.

2022 *33rd Anniversary Gallery Walk,* Justus Fine Art Gallery, Hot Springs, AR

2022 *Art and Story*, Justus Fine Art Gallery, Hot Springs, AR

2020 *Art Moves,* Hot Springs Arts & The Park Festival, Hot Springs, AR

2019 *Details*, Justus Fine Art Gallery, Hot Springs, AR

2018-2019 *Small Works on Paper,* **Juried Competition**, Arkansas Arts Council, Department of Arkansas Heritage, touring exhibition.

2018 *Upon Closer Inspection,* Justus Fine Art Gallery Hot Springs AR

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2017 *Still Life - A Moment of Life*, Hot Springs Regional Art Competition, **Juried Competition**, Arts and the Park Festival, Hot Springs Area Cultural Alliance, Garland County Library, Hot Springs, AR, **Special Merit Award**: "*Still Life - Cedar Waxwing"*

2016 *Members Show*, The Fine Art Center of Hot Springs, Hot Springs, AR

2014- 2023 Arts and the Park Festival, Studio Tours, Hot Springs Area Cultural Alliance, Hot Springs, AR

2012-2014 *Small Works on Paper, 2006-2011 Retrospective*, sponsored by the Arkansas Arts Council, Department of Arkansas Heritage, touring exhibition

1991-2012 *Annual Caribbean Fine Art Exhibition*, **Invitational**, The Good Hope School, St. Croix, VI

2011 *Regional Art Competition*, **Juried Competition**, **Best of Show Award**, The Fine Arts Center of Hot Springs, Hot Springs, AR

2010 *53rd Annual Delta Exhibition*, **Juried Competition**, Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AR 2010- 2011

*2008 Small Works on Paper*, **Purchase Award**, **Juried Competition**, Arkansas Arts Council, Department of Arkansas Heritage, touring exhibition.

*2002 10Th Anniversary Celebration*, **Invitational**, Maria Henle Studio, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI

*2001 IV Biennal del Caribe*, **Invitational**, Museo de Mordern Arte, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

*1999-2001 The Urban Life in the Caribbean Region*, **Invitational**, Traveling Exhibition Organized by the Cariforum Cultural Centre of the Dominican Republic

*1998-1999 XXXeme Festival Internationale de la Peinture*, **Invitational**, Chateau-Musee Grimaldi,   
 Cagnes-sur-Mer, France

1996 *The III Biennial of Caribbean and Central American Painting*, **Invitational**, Museum of Modern Art, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

*1996 IV Salon de Dibujo de Santo Domingo*, **Invitational**, Institute of Puertorican Culture in conjunction with the XI Biennial of Latin American Caribbean Prints, San Juan, Puerto Rico

*1996 Inaugural Opening*, Gallery at the Pentheny, Christiansted, St. Croix, VI

*1995 IV Salon de Dibujo de Santo Domingo*, **Invitational**, Fundacion de Arte Arawak, Museum of Modern Art, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

*1995 Tribute to Art*, In memory of Arthur Hoener, **Invitational**, Main Gallery, Harold F. Johnson Library, Hampshire College, Amherst, MA

*1993-1996 UNESCO Carib Art: Contemporary Art of the Caribbean Traveling Exhibition*, Works of Art from the Dutch, English, French and Spanish Caribbean. **Invitational Exhibition** at the International Trade Center, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles

*1987 Realignments*, Master of Fine Arts Degree Printmaking Exhibition, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI

*1987 First Editions*, Works by the Cranbrook Academy of Art Printmaking Department, Oakland County Cultural Council, Oakland County Galleria, Pontiac, MI

*1985 1985,* Graduating Group Show, Main Gallery, Harold F. Johnson Library, Hampshire College,

Amherst, MA

**AWARDS AND GRANT, PUBLIC ART COMMISSIONS**

2021 **Selected Artist-in-Residency**, Hot Springs National Park Service, Hot Springs, AR

2020 **Grant Awarded**, Sally A Williams Artist Assistance Fund FY 2020, FY 2019 Arkansas Arts Council, Little Rock, AR for Independent Pottery Studio, Wheel Throwing, National Park College

2017 **Special Merit Award**: "Still Life - Cedar Waxwing*", Still Life - A Moment of Life*, *Regional Art Competition*, **Juried Competition**, Arts and the Park Festival, Garland County Library, Hot Springs Area Cultural Alliance, Hot Springs, AR

2011 **Best of Show Award,** *"*Luna Moth*", Regional Art Competition*, **Juried Competition**, The Fine Arts Center of Hot Springs, AR

2007-2008 **Purchase Award***, "*Away Beyond Where - Pipevine Swallowtail Butterfly*", 2008 Small Works on Paper*, **Juried Competition**, Permanent Collection of the Arkansas Arts Council, Department of Arkansas Heritage, touring exhibition, Little Rock, AR

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1998 **Commissioned** to Draft Spandrels Design for the Altar for St. Paul’s Church of the Anglican Episcopal Diocese of the Virgin Islands, Fredriksted, St. Croix, VI

1994 **Awarded First Place** in Interpretive Media Award for pen/ink illustrations of native plants and animals by the National Association for Interpretation, Trails Illustrated Topo Map for the Virgin Islands National Park, St. John, VI

1994 **Grant Awarded** for Project Title: New Works from the Past – Ceramic Artworks by the Virgin Islands Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts

1994 **Grant Awarded** from the St. Croix Landmark’s Society and the U.S. Virgin Islands Humanity Council for the Creation and Construction of a three-dimensional topographical map of St. Croix. Map depicts the estates and the ruins of sugar mills. St. Croix, US Virgin Islands - Existing Mill Ruins Located; Research by William Cleveland. Exhibit is on permanent display at the Estate Whim Plantation Museum, Frederiksted, St.Croix, VI

**PUBLICATIONS – Printed Materials, Illustrations, Exhibition Catalogues & Articles**

The Sentinel-Record, Newspaper, *Justus Fine Art Gallery announces May exhibit,* Art, Etc., pg 4C, Hot Springs, AR, Sunday, April 28, 2019, article and image.

The Sentinel-Record, Newspaper, *Three local artists included on Small Works on Paper,* Arts, Etc, page 3A, Hot Springs, AR, Monday, December 24, 2018

The Springs Magazine, *Emergent Arts Brings Folk Art & Music to Gallery* *Walk* - *featuring* *artist painting mural*, pg 4, Hot Springs, AR, May 2016

The Sentinel Record, Hot Springs OnThe Go Magazine, *Giving Rebirth to Old Letters*, Hot Springs, AR, April/May Issue 2014

The Sentinel Record, Newspaper, *Historic Arkansas Museum, Local Artist Exhibit to Continue Through January 31*, 2009, pg 9B, two photographs, Hot Springs, AR, November 27, 2009

Exhibition Catalogue, *XXXeme Festival International de la Peinture*, Chateau-Musee Grimaldi, Cagnes-sur Mer, France1999

Exhibition Catalogue, *III Bienal de Pintura del Caribe y Centroamerica*, Museo de Arte Moderno, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic 1997

Exhibition Catalogue, *Carib Art, Contemporary Art of the Caribbean*, Traveling Exhibition, National Commission for UNESCO of the Netherlands Antilles 1993

*Hampshire College Fifteenth Year Review, 1970-1985*, Cover Image 1985

**SELECTED PUBLIC AND MUSEUM COLLECTIONS**

Hot Springs National Park Service, Ozark Bathhouse Collections, Hot Springs, AR

Arkansas Arts Council, Department of Arkansas Heritage, Small Works on Paper, Little Rock, AR Caribbean Museum Center, Fredriksted, St. Croix, USVI

**CURRENT GALLERY REPRESENTATION**

Justus Fine Art Gallery, Hot Springs, Arkansas

Collective Arts Gallery, Hot Springs, Arkansas

Arkansas Artists Registry; www.arkansasarts.org

**RELATED PROFESSIONAL AND TEACHING ARTIST EXPERIENCE**

**Professional Working Artist Self-Employed** (35+ years)

**Teaching Artist, Exhibiting Artist**

Continuing Education Teacher, Pottery Studio, National Park College, Hot Springs, AR

Beginning Wheel Throwing, hand-building workshops/classes-youth/teen/adults 2019-2024

Teaching Artist – Workshops in Pottery, Painting, Collage/Mixed Media, Book Arts, Papermaking, Printmaking, all ages

Artist in Education, Arkansas Arts Council

Teaching Artist-in-Education Residency – Arkansas Learning Through the Arts, 2015 – 2024

Art Residencies in Garland County/surrounding areas school districts grades K to 12

Pottery, Painting, Bookmaking, Collage providing curriculum-based art projects/lessons bridging literacy.