

RUTH BAGGETT
ARTIST

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PROFILE

I'm an artist, a visual storyteller. I create pieces that inspire people to appreciate art by using language and culture to represent universal themes. Storytelling was part of growing up at my grandparents' house on Harrison Street in Paducah. Through my work, I invite my audience to that small living room where one can feel a sense of community, family, love, loss, and laughter. Today, with dwindling civility and almost nonexistent oral traditions, these precious interactions between people help to create tolerance and understanding.

EDUCATION

1991-1993 University of the Arts – Philadelphia, PA, MFA in Book Arts & Printmaking
1978-1983 Murray State University – Murray, KY, BFA in Weaving & Teaching Certificate,
Art Education K – 12, State of Kentucky
2006 National Board Teaching Certification, Secondary Education

EXPERIENCE ABROAD

Independent travels in Taiwan, Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Cape Town, France, and England

RELATED WORK

2020 – Present Curator, The Hotel 1857, Paducah, KY
2022 Judge, *New Quilts from Old Favorites*, National Quilt Museum, Paducah, KY
2017 – 2021 Curator, Freight House, Paducah, KY
2017 – 2020 Tour Guide, National Quilt Museum, Paducah, KY
2007 – 2017 Owner, Ruth Baggett Gallery, Paducah, KY
2006 – 2017 Curator, Etcetera Coffee House, Paducah, KY
1998 National Gallery of Art Summer Institute for Educators, Washington, DC
1993 – 1994 Peter Kruty Editions Summer Internship (Letterpress Printing), Williamsburg, Brooklyn
1992 American Philosophical Society Summer Internship (Book Preservation), Heidi Kyle, Philadelphia, PA

TEACHING

2021 Workshop, Original Quilt Design Using Digital Media, National Quilt Museum, Paducah, KY
2017 Special Projects, Clark Elementary, Paducah, KY
1984 – 2017 Secondary Art Teacher, Paducah Tilghman High School, Paducah City Schools, Drawing & Painting, Photography, Arts & Humanities, Sculpture, AP 2D Portfolio, AP 3D Portfolio
1993 - 1992 Teaching Workshops, Flip Book/ Accordion Bookbinding, University of the Arts

PUBLICATIONS AND VIDEOS

- 2018 *Extension of Thought: Nature, Happiness, Family, God, Humor, Loss, Family, Health, Acceptance, Bullying, Kindness, Gratefulness, Dream, Wish, Children, Animals, Compassion, Friends, Happiness, Want, Self, School, Respect, Sin, Thankfulness, Success, Butcher/Blacksmith Press*
- 2014 Interviewed For, [Drawing Life Documentary](#), Kentucky Muse, KET/Kentucky Educational Television
- 2014 Ruth Baggett Gallery, *Glenn Hall, Dark Waters, Catfish Loop—from Dark Water*
- 2013 Ruth Baggett Gallery, *Dale Leys Retrospective Show 1973-2013*, Video by Wayne Bates
- 2013 Ruth Baggett Gallery, [JR Inside Out Project](#), Video by Glenn Hall
- 2013 Ruth Baggett Gallery, [Teri Moore, From Under the Bell Jar](#), Video by Glenn Hall
- 2013 Ruth Baggett Gallery, [Ruth Baggett & Lynn Pesoot. Empty Nest](#), Video by Glenn Hall
- 2012 Ruth Baggett Gallery, [Ursula Schneider. Ursula Paints](#), Video by Glenn Hall
- 2005 *Dichotomy*, In the collection of Thesaurus/A Book Exchange, University of the Arts, Butcher/Blacksmith Press, Philadelphia, PA
- 1992 *Protocol of Chicken*, Butcher/Blacksmith Press, University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Hollywood Beauties*, Hotel 1857, Paducah, KY
- 2021 *Roosters*, Hotel 1857, Paducah, KY
- 2018 *Foul Play*, Tribeca, Paducah, KY
- 2019 *Abstraction*, Freight House, Paducah, KY
- 2019 *Roosters*, Freight House, Paducah, KY
- 2018 *Extension of Thought*, Garner Arts Center, Garnerville, NY
- 2017 *Running Roosters*, Freight House, Paducah, KY
- 2018 *Extension of Thought*, Paducah School of Art & Design, Paducah, KY
- 2015 *Thesaurus*, University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA
- 1994 *Tell Me*, Yeiser Art Center, Paducah, KY
- 1993 *Two Views*, YMCA, Philadelphia, PA
- 1993 *Tell Me*, MFA Exhibition, The Print Center, Philadelphia, PA
- 1989 *Members Show*, Yeiser Art Center, Paducah, KY
- 1983 *Colored Sheep*, BFA Exhibition, Murray State University, Murray, KY

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 *Save the Columbia*, Paducah School of Art and Design, Paducah, KY
- 2017 *Meet the Artists*, Paducah School of Art and Design, Paducah, KY
- 2016 *Meet the Artists*, Coke Plant, Paducah, KY
- 2016 *Simply Graphite*, Ruth Baggett Gallery, Paducah, KY
- 2014 *Thesaurus*, University of the Arts, Philadelphia
- 2015 *Empty Nest*, Ruth Baggett Gallery, Paducah, KY
- 2015 *Alumni Exhibition*, University of the Arts, Philadelphia
- 2009 - 2007 *Wastelanders*, Sarah Roush Gallery, Paducah, KY