

Judy Bales

Education:

Auburn University, 1969-1972

Cortona Studies Abroad Program, 1973

BFA, University of Georgia, 1975, MFA, University of Georgia, 1983

Selected Group and Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 **Landscape/Scope: Climate, the Environment, and Beyond**, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Rock Island Guild Fine Arts Exhibition, Figge Art Museum, Davenport, Iowa
The Quiet Landscape, PhotoPlace Gallery, Middlebury, Vermont
Midwest Seasons, Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau, Wisconsin
- 2023 **World of Threads Festival**, Oakville, Ontario, Canada (international juried exhibition)
DuMA BIENNIAL 2023, Dubuque Museum of Art, Dubuque, Iowa
Thread, Pattern, Form: Work by Iowa Surface Design Association Artists, University of Northern Iowa Gallery, Cedar Falls, Iowa
- 2022 **SDA International Exhibition in Print**, Surface Design, Fall, 2022
Entrophy/Harmony, Blanden Memorial Art Museum, Fort Dodge, Iowa, two-person exhibition
42nd Rock Island Art Guild Fine Arts Exhibition, Figge Art Museum, Davenport, Iowa
Dreams and Imaginings, PhotoPlace Gallery, Middlebury, Vermont, online exhibition
All Fiber Exhibition, Burlington Art Center, Burlington, Iowa
- 2021 **Ravel**, LUX Center for the Arts, Lincoln, Nebraska **SOLO EXHIBITION**
Photo Noir, PhotoPlace Gallery, Middlebury, Vermont
Trees, PhotoPlace Gallery, Middlebury, Vermont, online exhibition
42nd Annual Contemporary Crafts, Mesa, Arts Museum, Mesa, Arizona
ADORN, Northwest Mississippi Community College, Cleveland, Mississippi
- 2020 **Unhindered Spirit: Embracing Perfection**, Leland Gallery, Georgia College **SOLO EXHIBITION**
Within the Interstices, Sauk Art Gallery, Dixon, Illinois **SOLO EXHIBITION**
Below Through Above and Beyond the Datum Level, Surface Design Association online exhibition
Bird Houses and Nests, Tucson Botanical Gardens, outdoor installation
Threads of Truth, Zhou B Art Center, Chicago, Illinois
A Portrait of Remarkable Women, Quad City Arts Airport Gallery, Moline, Illinois
Hard Won, Not Done: Eastern Iowa Women Artists Invitational, Muscatine Art Center, Iowa
41st Rock Island Art Guild Fine Arts Exhibition, Figge Art Museum, Davenport, Iowa
- 2019 **Entangled**, Indian Hills Community College Gallery, Ottumwa, Iowa **SOLO EXHIBITION**
Into the Blue, Cedar Rapids Art Museum, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Fiber Artists of Iowa, Grinnell College Museum of Art, Grinnell, Iowa, invitational group exhibition
2019 DUMA Biennial, Dubuque Museum of Art, Dubuque, Iowa
Line, Blandon Museum of Art, invitational group exhibition
Call and Response, Lyndon House Art Center, Athens, Georgia, two-person exhibition
World of Threads International Exhibition and Festival 2018, Oakville, Ontario, Canada
- 2017 **Found in Translation**, Freeport Art Museum, Freeport, Illinois, four-person exhibition
Inciting Rapture, Gilded Pear Gallery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, two-person exhibition
- 2016 **World of Threads Festival 2016**, Oakville, Ontario, Canada (international juried exhibition)
Divided/Attraction, Gilded Pear Gallery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, received Best in Show
SILENCEPRODUCEPRESENCE, ArtFiftyTwo, Fairfield, Iowa, two-person exhibition
- 2015 **Datzuzoku**, ArtFiftyTwo, Fairfield, Iowa
- 2014 **Yugen**, Museum of Arts and Sciences, Macon, Georgia **SOLO EXHIBITION**
Iowa Crafts, MacNider Art Museum, Mason City, Iowa, Special Mention award
Whimsy, ICON Gallery, Fairfield, Iowa
- 2012 **Art Iowa Inspired by the Landscape**, Old Capitol Museum, Iowa City, Iowa
Veil at the Vault, sponsored by Teeple Hansen Gallery, Fairfield, Iowa **SOLO EXHIBITION**
- 2010 **Teeple Hansen Gallery**, Fairfield, Iowa **SOLO EXHIBITION**
- 2009 **Wrapped and Folded**, Adams Gallery, Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee **SOLO EXHIBITION**

- 2008 **Synecdoche**, Quad City Arts, Rock Island, Iowa. Two person exhibition.
Night Crawlers, ICON Gallery, Fairfield, Iowa **SOLO EXHIBITION**
Metalfabricmetal, Mills Gallery, Central College, Pella, Iowa **SOLO EXHIBITION**
- 2007 **Wire Bound**, Lux Center for the Arts, Lincoln, Nebraska **SOLO EXHIBITION**
- 2006 **Expansion and Compression**, Appalachian Center for Craft, Tennessee Tech University, Smithville, Tennessee
SOLO EXHIBITION
Counterpoint, Peter Paul Luce Gallery, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa **SOLO EXHIBITION**
- 2005 **Earth Bound**, MacNider Art Museum, Mason City, Iowa. Two person exhibition.
Out of Fashion, Union Art Gallery, University of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 2004/05 **Ready to Wear**, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, Wisconsin
- 2003 **Fiber Focus**, Art St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2002 **Reinventing Arcadia**, Larson Art Gallery, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota **SOLO EXHIBITION**
- 2001 **FIBERARTinternational2001**, Society for Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 2000 **Foundation of a Century**, Nassau County Museum of Art, Roslyn Harbor, New York
- 1999 **Iowa Artists 1999**, Des Moines Art Museum, Des Moines, Iowa
Materials: Hard and Soft, Greater Denton Arts Council, Denton, Texas
Judy Bales and Truly Ball, Len G. Everett Gallery, Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois
Shaw Cramer Gallery, Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts
- 1998 **Overtones!**, Convergence, Atlanta, Georgia
Small Expressions, Atlanta International Museum, Atlanta, Georgia
Surface: New Form/New Function, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, Tennessee
- 1997 **Paper/Fiber XX**, Iowa City, Iowa
Iowa Artists '97, Des Moines Art Museum, Des Moines, Iowa
- 1995 **Vessels**, College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, New York
- 1994 **Wiggles and Spots**, Delta State University, Cleveland, Mississippi
- 1993 **The Space Within: Contemporary Basketry in the Midwest**, Waterloo Iowa Museum of Art
Paper/Fiber XVI, Iowa City, Iowa
Woven Vessels: Contemporary Baskets, Sheldon Memorial Gallery, Lincoln, Nebraska
- 1992 **Needle Expressions '92**, Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe, Arizona
Influences>Innovations, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria, Virginia
Iowa Artists '92, Des Moines Art Museum, Des Moines, Iowa
- 1991 **Basketry from All Directions**, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, Tennessee
Multimedia Basketry Invitational, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
Contemporary Crafts, Farrell Collection, Washington, D.C.
- 1990 **The Spirited Touch**, Archetype Gallery, New York, New York
Basketweave '90, Dairy Barn Gallery, Athens, Ohio
Exploring Fiber Traditions, Views Gallery, Manayunk, Pennsylvania
- 1989 **Iowa Artists 1989**, Des Moines Art Museum, Des Moines, Iowa
Fast Forward, Gayle Willson Gallery, Southampton, New York
Fiber/Weavings, The Private Collection, Cincinnati, Ohio
Personal Packaging, Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center, Auburn, New York
Small and Curious Objects, Carega Foxley Leach Gallery, Washington, DC

Selected Art Wear Events

- 2015-2023 **Omaha Fashion Week**, Omaha Design Center, Omaha, Nebraska:
August, 2023/ August, 2022/August, 2021/August, 2019/August, 2018/August,2017/ February,2017/March,
2016/August,2015/ March,2015
- 2020 **Fashion Show in Magnolia Ballroom**, work by Judy Bales, Georgia College, Milledgeville, Georgia
Kansas City Fashion Week, mannequin display, Kansas City, Kansas, March, 2017
- 2014 **Splatter to Sparkle**, University of Iowa Museum of Art
- 2013 **Fabricate**, International Conference for the Surface Design Association, San Antonio, Texas
Serenity, Sondheim Center for the Arts, Fairfield, Iowa
- 2012 **Persephone: A Rock Ballet**, Sondheim Center, Fairfield, Iowa, 2012.
Worlds Collide, Morning Star Studio, Fairfield, Iowa
- 2011 **Brancott Estate World of Wearable Art Awards Show**, Wellington, New Zealand
Bodies of Water Runway Show, International Conference of the Surface Design Association

Public Art, Consulting and Residential Commissions

- 2012 **Western Route Trail Enhancements**, Fairfield, Iowa
- 2011 **Southern Route Trail Enhancements**, Fairfield, Iowa
Sculpture Visions 2011, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, year long temporary public art display
Artstop 2011 Project Spaces, Des Moines, Iowa, temporary public art display
- 2010 **Matkin Seating Area**, Fairfield, Iowa
Private Residential Commission, Des Moines, Iowa, commissioned through Moberg Gallery
Old US-80 Highway Bridge at Gila River, Maricopa County, Arizona, Aesthetic Consultant.
- 2008 **35th Avenue and Salt River Bridge**, Phoenix, Arizona.
Weave-Through, Blue Springs, Missouri
- 2007 **Jefferson County Trails Council Bridges on the Cedar View Trail**, Fairfield, Iowa
- 2005 **Maryland Avenue Bridge Public Art Project**, Phoenix, Arizona.
- 2004 **Jefferson County Trails Council Bridge over BNSF Railroad**, Fairfield, Iowa
- 1999 **Sculptural commission for Amy O'Deen residence**, Iowa City, Iowa
- 1992 **Sculptural commission for Delores Stiles residence**, Newport News, Virginia

Finalist Selection: Public Art Competitions

- 2012 **Colorado Pedestrian Bridge**, Denver, Colorado
- 2011 **Symphony Lake Bridge, Cary**, North Carolina
- 2008 **Davis Road Bridge at Pixley Slough Project**, Stockton, California
- 2007 **El Dorado Street Bridge Project**, Stockton, California
- 2006 **Ankeny to Woodward Trail Art Project**, Ankeny, Iowa
US/64 Pedestrian Greenway Bridge, Cary, North Carolina
- 2005 **SH-102 Bridge Reconstruction over the Turner Turnpike**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Mt. Si Bridge Replacement Project, King County, Washington
Artist Designed Passenger Shelter, Banner Baywood Medical Center, Mesa, Arizona
- 2003 **Los Angeles Fire Station #83**, Los Angeles, California
Highway 7 Corridor Public Art Project, Blue Springs, Missouri
Des Moines East Village Storefront Public Art Project, Des Moines, Iowa

Grants/Awards for Solo and Collaborative Projects

- 2012 **Iowa Arts Council Mini Grant**
Challenge America Fast Track Grant (awarded to Jefferson County Trails Council for public art project)
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- 2009 **Iowa Arts Council Major Grant** (awarded to Jefferson County Trails Council for public art project)
Awarded one **Iowa Arts Council Mini Grant**
- 2008 **Iowa Arts Council Major Grant** (awarded to Jefferson County Trails Council for public art project)
Awarded two **Iowa Arts Council Mini Grants**
- 2007 **Iowa Arts Council Mini Grant**
- 2006 **Arizona Engineering Excellence Grand Award** awarded to TranSystems for the Maryland Avenue
Pedestrian & Bicycle Bridge Over I-17, Phoenix, Arizona
- 2006 **Challenge America Fast Track Grant** (awarded to Jefferson County Trails Council for public art project)
- 2002 **Challenge America Fast Track Grant** (awarded to Jefferson County Trails Council for public art project).
- 1993 **Iowa Arts Council Mini Grant**

Papers, Presentations and Articles Published

- 2012 **Critical Interventions**, Creating Again and Again, Fractal Patterns and Process in Improvisational African American Quilts, No. 9/10, Spring, 2012
- 2010 **Surface Design Journal**, Thinking *Inside* the Box: Infinity Within the Finite Fall, 2010, Volume 35, No 1, by Judy Bales
- 2009 **Fractal Geometry in African American Quilt Traditions**: Presented at the 4th Biennial Symposium of the International Quilt Study Center & Museum: The Global Quilt: Cultural Contexts, Lincoln, Nebraska
- 2007 **Symposium Paper on the Maryland Avenue Pedestrian & Bicycle Bridge** by Jerry A. Cannon, Dave Peterson & Judy Bales, presented by Jerry Cannon at the 46th IEEE Conference, New Orleans, LA, USA

Selected reviews or photos published

Wildroof Journal, Issue 22, 2023
SDA International Exhibition in Print, Surface Design, Fall, 2022
Wildroof Journal, Issue 14, 2021/ Issue 7, 2021
Volition Magazine, Issue 1, January 2016
Surreal Beauty Magazine, December, 2015
Obscurae, September, 2015
Mystica, September, 2015
Scorpio Jin Magazine, Volume One
Surface Design Journal, Fall, 2009, Volume 34, No 1
The Big Fish: Consciousness as Structure, Body and Space, by Anna Bonshek, Rodopi, 2007
Surface Design Journal, Informed Source, Spring 2005, Volume 29
Fiberarts Design Book Seven, Lark Books, 2004
Ornament, Vol. 27, No. 2, 2003/04
Fiberarts Design Book Six, Lark Books, 1999
American Craft Magazine, Gallery: February/March, 1999/ December/January, 1995/ October/November, 1990
Fiberarts, New Works, September/October, 1997
American Craft Magazine, Portfolio, December/January, 1993

Visiting Artist Presentations and Residencies

2020 Georgia College, Milledgeville, Georgia
2018 Figge Art Museum, Davenport, Iowa
2018 Clarinda Carnegie Art Museum, Clarinda, Iowa (residency)
2016 Clarinda Carnegie Art Museum, Clarinda, Iowa
2014 Macon Museum of Arts and Sciences, Macon, Georgia (residency)
2012 Old Capitol Museum, Iowa City, Iowa
2012 Georgia Museum of Art, Athens, Georgia
2009 Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tennessee
2008 Rotary Park, Blue Springs, Missouri
Central College, Pella, Iowa
2007 American Trails Symposium, Davenport, Iowa
2006 Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa
2005 MacNider Art Museum, Mason City, Iowa
City of Phoenix Public Schools, Phoenix, Arizona (residency)
2004 University of Wisconsin, River Falls, Wisconsin
2002 Mt. Mercy College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
1999 Monmouth College, Monmouth Illinois
1989 Resident Artist, Artpark, Lewiston, New York (craft artist residency)

