

Cheryl Ann Boc-Chidester Artist

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Hard Skills:

Painting, with a focus on watercolor & mixed media Drawing
Photography
Teaching
Research
Architectural Historian
Curator

Soft Skills:

Grant Writing

Creativity
Resourcefulness
Insightfulness
Effective Communication
Organizational Skills
Management Skills

Artist Statement

Although my art can be described as eclectic, it shares common themes and is often inspired by nature, my travels, and adventures, and by my love of history. I strive to create art that interprets and shares personal perspectives of a culture, place, or moment in time. I work in a variety of media and frequently combine techniques and media employing textures, light and color. I appreciate exploring materials, methods, and ideas, while staying true to them, as they guide me to a finished piece of art expressing an interpretation and sharing the experience.

Education

- Master of Science Historic Preservation, Eastern Michigan University
- Bachelor of Fine Arts, Eastern Michigan University

Experience

- Art Instructor: School of the Arts, Brighton, MI, 2022, 2023
- Executive Director, Argus Museum, Ann Arbor, MI, 2006-present
- Cheryl's Creative Custom Art and Framing LLC: 2006 present; Custom framing, consignment art, murals, art instruction, art & document restoration, curation & archival work of private collections
- Venue Curator: Brighton Art Guild, Brighton, MI
- Art Instructor: Art Plus, Brighton, MI; Go Like the Wind, Montessori, Ann Arbor, MI
- Gallery Manager, Custom Framing, Monroe Art Gallery, Brighton, MI

Selected Exhibits

- Michigan Watercolor Society, juried exhibition 2023
- Three Cities Art Club, Westland, MI City Hall 2023 Mayor's Choice Award, Honorable Mention
- Michigan Watercolor Society, juried exhibition, award recipient Travel Exhibition 2022
- Pour-d, Rockford, MI, selected for numerous juried exhibitions and sales 2021, 2022, 2023
- The Contemporary, Watersmeet, selected for numerous juried exhibitions 2021, 2022
- Traveloque, Small Works, Crooked Tree, Petoskey, Traverse City, MI 2022 Honorable Mention
- Solo Exhibit, Ann Arbor City Club, Ann Arbor, MI 2022
- The Great Northern Art Explosion, Grayling, MI 2020, 2021; 2022 Best of Show Still Life
- Painting through the Pandemic, Rhode Island Watercolor Society, Pawtucket, RI 2021
- Huron River Art Collective Juried Shows, Ann Arbor, MI 2020, 2021, 2022
- Eclecticism, two-person show, Norma Gray Gallery, Brighton, MI 2020
- Art, Music & Mission, Brighton, MI 2020 Best of Show
- Reflections Juried Show, Fine Line Creative Center, St. Charles, IL- 2020 Merit Award
- Eclecticism, Solo Exhibit, Wooden Spoon, Brighton, MI 2020
- Canvas Pontiac, Detroit Institute of Arts-affiliated, Pontiac MI 2019 2nd Place
- *Kaleidoscope*, *Brighton Art Guild*, juried exhibit, Brighton, MI 2019, 2021, 2022
- Interdependence Art is Healing, Riverside Art Center, Ypsilanti, MI 2019
- Detroit Folklore, fundraising juried auction, Jam Handy, Detroit, MI -2015 Highest Bid

Commissions and Organizations Affiliations

- Michigan Art & Culture Council Grant Recipient 2021-2022, 2022-2023
- Commissions: Various murals across Mid-Michigan and artwork, including paintings and architectural drawings, in private collections in several states
- Selected Memberships: Michigan Museum Association, Detroit Institute of the Arts, Huron River Art Collective, Brighton Art Guild, Three Cities Art Club, Guild of Artists & Artisans, Detroit Society of Women Painters and Sculptors, University of Michigan Collections Committee, Michigan Historical Preservation Network, National Association for State and Local Histories, Preservation Technology International, Architectural Historian Consultant, Federally Certified.