

Carolyn Damstra–CV

Education

1990 BFA Studio Art, Michigan State University

1999 MA Art History, Michigan State University

Selected Exhibitions and Honors

2023 Paint Tawas plein air weekend, People's Choice Award

2023 Matthai Botanical Garden Group Exhibit Earth and Sky

2022-23 NEA GRIT Grant award recipient

2020-2023 Art in Embassies (AIE) exhibitions, U.S. Department of State; Brussels, Belgium; Suva, Fiji; and Belgrade, Serbia.

2022 Paint Dexter Plein air festival, 3rd place professional category and theme awards

2022 Ford House Paint out, Honorable mention

2022 Paint Tawas Bay, First Place, Quick Paint Category

2022 Identity Group Juried Exhibit, Cause and Effect Gallery

2020-2023 Framer's Edge, Alluring Nature, group exhibition

2021-22 Northport Art Association Paint out, Best of Show Award, 2018

2021 Paint Grand Traverse Quick Paint, Honorable Mention

2021-23 Art Shanty solo exhibit, Fishtown, Leland MI

2019 Shiawassee Art Center All Media Water Themed Juried Art Exhibition, In conjunction with the Smithsonian WaterWays exhibition

2018 New Identity invitational Exhibit, Buckham Gallery

2018 Landscapes Invitational Exhibition, Oliver Art Center

2017 In the Middle of Summer exhibit, Framer's Edge Art Gallery

2013-23 Juried Holiday Art Market, Lansing Art Gallery

2016 Lansing Art Gallery PopUp juried art exhibition

2016 Solo exhibition, Kettering University Art Gallery

2014 Solo exhibition, East Lansing Public Library

2014 Ann Arbor Art Center, 92nd All Media Juried Exhibition

2014-15 Solo Exhibition, Michigan State University Community Music School

2014 South Haven Center for the Arts 5th Annual Great Lakes Juried Exhibition

2014 Winter Reflections exhibition, Cycling Salamander

2014 Art for Charlie Foundation Artprize, Second Place Award

2014 Solo exhibition, Ludington Area Center for the Arts

2014 Solo exhibition, Michigan Economic Development Corporation

2013 Solo exhibition, Riverwalk Theatre, Lansing, MI

2013 25 Works, group juried exhibition, Ann Arbor Art Center

2013 Science in Art Invitational Group Exhibit, West Shore Community College

2013 Denno's Museum, The Art of Sleeping Bear Dunes fine art publication and exhibit

2013 Muskegon Museum of Art juried 85th Regional Exhibition

2012, 2013, 2014, 2018 Artwalk Central, ZiiBiwing Cultural Center, & Central Michigan University Art Gallery

2012 & 2013 Oliver Art Center 2012 All Media Juried Exhibition

2012 Solo exhibition, Glen Arbor Art Association
2004 Solo exhibition, Michigan Women's Historical Center & Hall of Fame
1997 Lansing Art Gallery, Lansing, MI, Botanical Images and Small Expressions juried exhibition
1990 Solo exhibition, Artreach Center of Mid-Michigan

Collections

Clark Hill Law Firm, Lansing Michigan
First Martin Corporation, Ann Arbor, MI
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Murals / Public Art

Harris Nature Center display case and electrical box
STEM to STEAM, Keep Learning mural, Riverwalk Theatre, downtown Lansing, MI
Michigan State University Bug House
Michigan State University Butterfly House

Selected Employment

2006-2013 Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (now MACC) (State of Michigan) Grant Program Manager
1999-2006 Michigan History Magazine (State of Michigan, Department of History, Arts and Libraries) Historian, Assistant Editor and Illustrator

Teaching Experience

Crooked Tree Arts Center acrylic painting demonstration, Traverse City, MI
Guest lecturer, Mid-Michigan Art Guild, Battle Creek Center for the Arts
2002-4 Adjunct Instructor, Art History, Olivet College, Olivet, MI
1999 Art History Graduate Teaching Assistant, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
1997 Arts and crafts instructor, Interlochen Fine Arts Camp, Interlochen, MI

Residencies / retreats

2019 Artist-in-Residence, Indiana Dunes National Park, Indiana
2018-2023 Informal group artists retreats, Leelanau Peninsula, MI

Etc.

Member, Lansing Area Plein Air Painters
National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Awards Panelist
National Assembly of State Art Agencies Arts Education Managers Professional Development Institute