

# JEN SWEARINGTON

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## EDUCATION

- 2000 MFA in Fibers, Savannah College of Art & Design, Savannah, GA GPA 4.0  
1997 BFA in Sculpture, Minor in Art History, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY GPA 3.91

## ART RESIDENCIES

- 2021 Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, SC  
2019 Kristinestad Residency, Kristinestad, Finland  
One + One Residency, Favelab, Athens, Greece  
2018 World of Co, Sofia, Bulgaria  
360 Quetzalcoatl, Chapala, Mexico  
2008 Penland School of Craft, Penland, NC  
2001-2002 Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & PUBLICATION

- 1997-present **Studio Artist**, Charleston, SC  
2003-2022 **Designer & Founder**, Jennythreads Inc. Asheville, NC  
2021 Mural Commission, Pour House, Charleston, SC  
2013 **Author & Illustrator**, *Printing on Fabric: Techniques with Screens, Stencils, Inks, & Dyes*, Lark Books  
2010 Donors Wall Commission, Mountain Housing Opportunities & Glen Rock Depot, Asheville, NC  
2009 Outdoor Sculpture Commission, "30 Objects," Savannah College of Art & Design  
2004-2006 Project Designer, Lark Books, Asheville, NC  
1996 Studio Assistant, La Scuola Grafica, Pratt In Venice, Venice, Italy

## SOLO & TWO-ARTIST EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Solo Exhibition, Burroughs-Chapin Art Museum, Myrtle Beach, SC (INVITED--UPCOMING)  
2021 "New Histories," Ruth & Bill Baker Art Sales Gallery, Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, SC  
2019 "Shadow Houses/ Perpetual," with Christian Cojolun, Victoria Square Project, Athens, Greece  
2016 "Jennythreads by Jen Swearington," River Gallery, Chattanooga, TN  
2011 "Wearable Art: Jen Swearington & Deb Karash," River Gallery, Chattanooga, TN  
2009 "True Lineage: Jen Swearington & Jennifer Mecca," Lark & Key Gallery, Charlotte, NC  
2007 "Michael Kline & Jen Swearington," Focus Gallery, Folk Art Center, Asheville, NC  
2006 "Roundtrips from the Nest," Blowers Gallery, University of North Carolina at Asheville, NC  
"Jen Swearington Recent Works," Mooresville Public Library, Mooresville, NC  
2005 "Jen Swearington & Julia Masaoka," Asheville Area Art Council Front Gallery, Asheville, NC  
"Menagerie," Nested, Carrboro, NC  
2004 "Desmond Suarez & Jen Swearington," Guild Crafts Feature Gallery, Asheville, NC  
"Stranger than Fiction," St. Andrew School Sewanee Gallery, Sewanee, TN  
2003 "Recent Histories," Appalachian Center for Craft, Smithville, TN  
Jen Swearington, The New French Bar, Asheville, NC  
2002 "Invitational (with Faryn Davis & Carmen Grier)," Milton Rhodes Gallery, Sawtooth Center for Visual Art, Winston-Salem, NC  
2001 "Jen Swearington Recent Works," Ocean Gallery, Asheville, NC  
"Jen Swearington and DeAnna Rigter," Arts Council Boardroom, Winston-Salem, NC  
"Violent Domestic," The Grit, Athens, GA  
2000 "Stitches for Bee Stings," MFA Exhibition, Bergen Gallery, Savannah College of Art & Design, Savannah, GA  
1999 "PLINK-O!" The Gallery Espresso, Savannah, GA  
1997 "Indy," BFA Exhibition, Pratt Studios Gallery, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY

**GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2022 ARTFIELDS, Lake City, SC  
National Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, North Charleston Riverfront Park, North Charleston, SC  
Pametto Hands Fine Craft Exhibition, North Charleston, SC  
Instructor Exhibition, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
- 2021 Lost & Found: Assemblage Art, Public Works Art Center, Summerville, SC
- 2019 Sojourn/ Besok/ Vierailu, Spectra Art Center, Kristinestad, Finland  
September/October Featured Artist, River Gallery, Chattanooga, TN
- 2018 World of Co Resident Artist Exhibition, Sofia, Bulgaria  
Paper Works, Cleveland County Arts Council, Shelby, NC
- 2017 Wearable Art and Fashion Show, Cleveland County Arts Council, Shelby, NC
- 2013 Flourish, Lark and Key Gallery, Charlotte, NC
- 2012 Re + Constructed, The Fine Art Museum at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC  
Home Work: Domestic Narratives in Contemporary Art, Green Hill Center for NC Art, Greensboro, NC  
At 20: Arrowmont Artists in Residents Program Exhibition, Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN  
Costume Drama: A Fashion Show, Asheville Community Theater, Asheville, NC
- 2011 Quilt National 2009, Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County, Moorhead, MN  
It's All in the Pattern, Piedmont Craftsmen Gallery, Winston-Salem, NC  
National Teapot Exhibition VIII, Cedar Creek Gallery, Creedmore, NC  
Presents of Art, Upstairs Artspace, Tryon, NC
- 2011 National Teapot Exhibition VIII, Cedar Creek Gallery, Creedmore, NC  
It's All in the Pattern, Piedmont Craftsmen Gallery, Winston-Salem, NC
- 2010 Quilt National 2009, Touring Exhibition:  
Dairy Barn Art Center, Athens, OH  
National Quilt Museum, Padukah, KY  
Historical & Cultural Society of Clay County, Moorhead, MN  
Threads, Echo Gallery, Biltmore Park, NC  
Intimate Apparel, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, MA
- 2010 4th Art in Bloom, Black Mountain Center for the Arts, Black Mountain, NC  
Hand Made: The Western North Carolina Craft, Architecture & Design Expo, Asheville, NC  
New Traditions: Wearable Art, Folk Art Center, Asheville, NC
- 2009 Quilt National 2009, Touring Exhibition:  
Dairy Barn Art Center, Athens, OH  
The Foundry Art Center, St. Charles, MO  
Riffe Gallery, Columbus, OH  
Intimate Apparel, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN  
Inspired Reuse, Piedmont Craftsmen Gallery, Winston-Salem, NC  
Material Messages, Piedmont Craftsmen Gallery, Winston-Salem, NC  
Through the Looking Glass, The Villager, Auburn, AL
- 2008 Depth & Breadth: Quiltmaking in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Butler Institute of Art, Warren, OH  
Fiber Collective, State Street Gallery, Madison, WI  
Figuratively Speaking, Piedmont Craftsmen Gallery, Winston-Salem, NC  
LINT Interprets Transparency, Black Mountain Arts Center, Black Mountain, NC  
National Teapot Exhibition VII, Cedar Creek Gallery, Creedmore, NC  
Silver Lining Show, The Villager, Auburn, AL  
45 Years of Inspired Design, Piedmont Craftsmen Gallery, Winston-Salem, NC  
& Sparta Teapot Museum, Sparta, NC
- 2007 Masterworks, Carolina Designer Craftsmen Show, Raleigh, NC  
Vintage-Inspired Quilts, Transylvania Arts Council, Brevard, NC  
Intimate Apparel, Pi Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
New Members Exhibition, Piedmont Craftsmen, Winston-Salem, NC  
Quilt National 2005 (Touring 2005-2007)

**GROUP EXHIBITIONS (Continued)**

- 2006 Bookopolis, Bookworks Studio, Asheville, NC  
 Fiber Day Fashion Show, Folk Art Center, Asheville, NC  
 Fiber Optics: Textiles in Contemporary Art, William King Regional Art Museum, Abingdon, VA  
 Focus on Fiber, Promenade Gallery, Berea, KY
- 2006 Needle Culture: Contemporary Mixed Media Textiles, Coconino Center for Art, Flagstaff, AZ  
 Quilt National 2005, Dairy Barn Cultural Arts Center, Athens OH (touring 2005-2007)  
 LINT presents Light, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, NC & Asheville Area Arts Council, Asheville, NC  
 Winter Show 2007, Green Hill Center for the Arts, Greensboro, NC  
 Small Works, ShopSCAD, Atlanta, GA
- 2005 Quilt National 2005, Dairy Barn Cultural Arts Center, Athens, OH (touring 2005-2007)  
 Form, Not Function: Quilt Art at the Carnegie, Carnegie Center for Art and History, New Albany, IN  
 Carolina Designer Craftsmen: Member Works, Cedar Creek Gallery, Creedmore, NC  
 Makers & Mentors, Folk Art Center, Asheville, NC
- 2004 Variations on a Theme: Art inspired by Music, Spiers Gallery, Brevard College, Brevard, NC  
 Digital Origins: Emerging Textile Artists, Eyedrum, Atlanta, GA  
 Considering Quilts, Atlantic Center for the Arts at Harris House, New Smyrna Beach, FL  
 Fiber & Beyond, Dirt & Sky People Gallery, Asheville, NC  
 What's New? GC Lucas Gallery, Indianapolis, IN
- 2003 Quilt National 2003, Dairy Barn Cultural Arts Center, Athens, OH (touring 2003-2005)  
 Setting the Standards: New Members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild, Asheville, NC  
 Art Quilts: Vantage Point: South, Page-Walker Art & History Center, Cary, NC
- 2003 Paper, Inc. Grovewood Gallery, Asheville, NC  
 La Petite X, Alder Art Gallery, Coburn, OR  
 Gallery Gift Show, Hugh N. Ronald Gallery, Arts Place, Portland, IN
- 2002 Woven Cognition, Bruce Gallery, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA  
 Fiber Arts 2002, Gallery 510 Artists Guild, Ltd. Decatur, IL  
 Collecting: Mixed Media, Bennett Galleries & Company, Knoxville, TN  
 Artists-in-Residence, Atrium Gallery, Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
- 2001 Artists-in-Residence, Loggia Gallery, Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN  
 Contemporary Crafts Exhibition, Emerge Gallery, Greeneville, NC
- 2001 Annual Fibers Exhibition, American Crafts Gallery, Cleveland, OH  
 Small Things Considered, The Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts, New York, NY  
 A Woman's View, Maurice M. Pine Library, Fairlawn, NJ  
 Exponent: Women, Art, Power, Clayton Street Gallery, Athens, GA
- 2000 Spiritual Places, IU/UI Cultural Art Gallery, Indianapolis, IN  
 Lots of Little Art, Artlink Gallery, Fort Wayne, IN  
 Big Pictures, Bergen Galleries, Savannah, GA
- 1999 Selected Artists, The Gallery Espresso, Savannah, GA  
 18th Annual Small Works, Exhibit A Gallery, Savannah, GA  
 A Common Thread, Rapid Transit Gallery, Savannah, GA
- 1998 17th Annual Small Works, Exhibit A Gallery, Savannah, GA  
 Open House, Residential Space, Savannah, GA
- 1997 17th Annual Loft Artists Association Open Studios, Stamford, CT  
 Juried Senior Fine Arts Exhibition, Schafner Gallery, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY  
 Senior Sculpture Show, Schafner Gallery, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY
- 1996 Pratt in Venice Student Exhibition, East Gallery, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY

## AWARDS & HONORS

- 2022 Low Country Regional Artist Grant Recipient, Charleston, SC
- 2018 First Place, Holiday Window Display Contest, West Asheville, NC
- 2017 Second Place, Art in Autumn, Weaverville, NC  
Honorable Mention, Piccolo Spoleto Craft Festival, Charleston, SC
- 2016 First Place in Wearable Fiber, Artigras, Jupiter, FL
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Third Place, Piccolo Spoleto Craft Fair, Charleston, SC
- 2013 Sand Dollar Award, Boardwalk Art Show, Virginia Beach, VA  
Merit Award, Fourth Street Art Festival, Bloomington, IN
- 2012 Honorable Mention, Piccolo Spoleto Craft Festival, Charleston, SC
- 2011 Best of Show, Weaverville Art in Autumn, Weaverville, NC  
First Place in Fiber/ Leather, Summerfair Cincinnati, OH
- 2010 Best in Fiber, Art Awards Show, Virginia Beach, VA
- 2009 Award of Excellence, Quilt National 2009, Athens, OH
- 2008 Best of Show, Piccolo Spoleto Craft Fair, Charleston, SC  
Slide Jurors' Award, Piccolo Spoleto Craft Fair, Charleston, SC  
Purchase Award, Piccolo Spoleto Craft Fair, Charleston, SC  
Second Place, St. Stephens Art Fair, Coconut Grove, FL
- 2007 Juror's Choice Award, Historic West End Arts Fest, Winston-Salem, NC
- 2006 First Place Award, Cherokee Triangle Art Fair, Louisville, KY  
Honorable Mention, Piccolo Spoleto Craft Festival, Charleston, SC
- 2005 Emerging Artist Merit Award, Buyer's Market of American Craft, Philadelphia, PA  
Best of Show, Haywood County International Festival Day Art & Craft Fair, Waynesville, NC  
Friends of Arrowmont Scholarship, Arrowmont School of Arts & Crafts
- 2004 First Place for Fine Craft, Art on Main, Hendersonville, NC  
Honorable Mention, Piccolo Spoleto Craft Festival, Charleston, SC

## PRINT REVIEWS

- 2022 "Change of Art" by Elizabeth Pandolfini, Charleston Magazine, March 2022  
"ARTFIELDS 2022: The Exhibition" Catalog
- 2012 "20 Years of the Artists-in-Residence Program," Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts  
"Girls of Summer" by Jess McCuan, Verve Magazine, June
- 2011 Cover Artist & "Reluctant Fashionistas", Mountain Xpress May 10
- 2010 "Artist Profile: Jen Swearington" Niche, Spring  
500 Art Quilts Lark Books
- 2009 "Designer Collection: Jen Swearington" Belle Armoire, Mar/Apr
- 2008 "Jen Swearington: Penciling a World" Surface Design Journal, Fall  
"Portfolio: Jen Swearington" Asheville Citizen-Times
- 2007 "Fiber designer stretches beyond fine art" by Diane Daniel, The News & Observer  
"36 Hours in Savannah" The New York Times
- 2005 Quilt National 2005: The Best of Contemporary Quilts Lark Books
- 2004 Fiberarts Design Book Seven Lark Books
- 2003 Cover Artist & "Thoughts from the Next Generation." Fiberarts Magazine  
"Exposures," Surface Design Journal  
Quilt National 2003: The Best of Contemporary Quilts Lark Books
- 1998 "Swearington Stacks the Deck with Collages" Zoe Randall, Connect Savannah

**ART COLLECTIONS**

The Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA  
Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN

**MEDIA APPEARANCES**

- 2022 "Exploration is Inspiration with Jen Swearington," Fain House Radio Podcast  
"Sky Chapel" mobile audio guide, Otocast App
- 2021 "Gibbes Museum Artist Jen Swearington" Fox 24 News Now, Charleston SC  
"Interview with Jen Swearington" Divine Dance Party with Cathryn the Grateful, WOHM Radio, Charleston, SC
- 2011 "My Economy" Marketplace, National Public Radio/ Public Radio Exchange