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Major Public Commissions

2008 Alumni Plaza, Corpus Christi University Parish, Toledo, OH (10/08 completion)
2008 Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
2005-2008 Viking Heritage Project, Jackson High School, Jackson, MI
2007 ITC Building, Jackson Community College, Jackson, MI
2007 Whiting Hall, Jackson Community College, Jackson, MI
2006 Ford/Canton Center Project, Canton, MI
2005-2006 Toledo School for the Arts, Toledo, OH
2004-2006 Korean War Memorial, Civic Center Mall, Toledo, OH
2004-2005 Rotary Centennial Project, Sylvania, OH
2004-2005 St. Jude Catholic Church, Toledo, OH
2003-2005 Florida Atlantic University, Port St. Lucie, FL
2004 Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
2004 Prince of Peace Church, West Bloomfield, MI
2003 Village of Douglas, Bayou Park, Douglas, MI
2002-2003 St. Patrick Catholic Church, Bryan, OH
2002-2004 Ancient Order of Hibernians, Brooklyn, MI
2001-2002 Dominican Motherhouse, Adrian, MI
2001-2002 John & Robyn Horn Sculpture Park, Cedar Glen, AR
2001 St. Patricks of Heatherdowns, Toledo, OH
2001 Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH
2001 Children's Park Sculpture, Central Union Terminal, Toledo, OH
2000-2001 Ferris State University, Big Rapids, MI
2000-2002 Peace Arch Memorial & Plaza, Civic Center Mall, Toledo, OH
1999-2001 LCVA Millennium Project, Comstock Park, Adrian, MI
1998-2001 Copley Chapel, Georgetown University, Washington, DC
1998-1999 Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan, Detroit, MI
1998 Monroe County Community College, Monroe, MI
1997-1998 Corpus Christi University Parish, Toledo, OH
1997 University of Toledo, Center for Sculptural Studies, Toledo, OH
1988 Matthew C. Hoffman Jewelry, Ann Arbor, MI
1980 Siena Heights College, Adrian, MI

Public Sculpture on Extended Loan

2007-2008 Ella Sharp Museum, Jackson, MI
2005-2009 CMS Energy, Jackson Riverwalk, Jackson, MI
2004-2006 Dana Corporation Engineering Center, Maumee, OH
2003-2005 Village of Saugatuck, Mize Rose Garden, Saugatuck, MI
2003-2006 Western Michigan University, Sculpture Walk, Kalamazoo, MI
2001-2006 Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph, MI

Exhibition History (last ten years only)

2008 "Regional Sculpture" Terhune Gallery, Owens Community College, Toledo, OH
"Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit" Ella Sharp Museum of Art and History, Jackson, MI
"Art in the Eye Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition", Marshall MI
"3rd Annual University of Toledo Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition" Toledo, OH
"Sculpture in the Park 2008" Ottawa Hills, OH
"Owens Community College Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit" Toledo, OH
"2008 Statewide Fine Arts Competition" Ella Sharp Museum of Art and History, Jackson, MI
2007 "Miscellaneous" Brighton Regional Library, Brighton MI (solo)

- "KM Thompson – Other Work" Owens Technical University, Toledo, OH (solo)
 "Gray Temples: The Work of Twelve Mature Sculptors" Ella Sharp Museum, Jackson, MI
 "Toledo Area Artists 89th Annual Exhibition" Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH
 "Art 'Round Town" Outdoor Sculpture Competition, Saugatuck-Douglas, MI
 "2nd Annual University of Toledo Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition" Toledo, OH
 "Sculpture in the Park 2007" Village of Ottawa Hills, OH
 "Heavy Metal" Kismet Gallery, Sylvania, OH (solo)
 "2007 Michigan Fine Arts Competition" BBAC, Birmingham, MI
 2006 "Heavy Metal" Flatlanders Art Galleries, Blissfield, MI (solo)
 "Lightweight Dwellings for the New Era and Other Loose Ends" Olivet College, Olivet, MI (solo)
 "Toledo Botanical Garden Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit 2006" Toledo, OH
 "Loose Ends: A Reprise" Flatlanders Art Galleries, Blissfield, MI (solo)
 "Toledo Area Artists 88th Annual Exhibition" Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH
 "Art 'Round Town" Outdoor Sculpture Competition, Saugatuck-Douglas, MI
 "Sculpture in the Park 2006" Village of Ottawa Hills, OH
 "University of Toledo Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition" Toledo, OH
 "2006 Michigan Fine Arts Competition" BBAC, Birmingham, MI
 "Detroit Toledo Exchange" Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Rochester, MI
 "Reaction & Response" The Leslie Adams Gallery, Toledo, OH (two person)
 "2006 Jackson Area Exhibition" Ella Sharp Museum, Jackson, MI
 "Brighton Biennial" Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit, Brighton, MI
 2005 "Ken Thompson - Recent Work" Washington Street Gallery, Ann Arbor, MI (solo)
 "Loose Ends and Fish" Flatlanders Art Galleries, Blissfield, MI (solo)
 "Toledo Area Artists 87th Annual Exhibition" Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH
 "National Summer Faculty Invitational" Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
 "Sculpture in the Park 2005" Villiage of Ottawa Hills, OH
 "Sculpture in the Villiage" Gibsonburg, OH
 "Contemporary Michigan Sculpture" Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, Birmingham, MI
 "Art 'Round Town" Outdoor Sculpture Competition, Saugatuck-Douglas, MI
 "2005 Michigan Fine Arts Competition" BBAC, Birmingham, MI
 "Wall to Wall: A Survey of Current Midwestern Sculpture" Flatlanders Art Galleries, Blissfield, MI
 2004 "Space & Spirit" Center Art Gallery, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
 "Blissfield Corridor" Midwest Sculpture Initiative Outdoor Exhibition, Blissfield, MI
 "Kenneth Thompson, Recent Sculpture" Flatlanders Art Galleries, Blissfield, MI (solo)
 "Three Rivers Invitational Exhibition" Weatherhead Gallery, University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne, IN
 "Toyohashi and Toledo Art Exchange" Toyohashi City Museum of Art & History, Toyohashi, Japan
 "Toledo Area Artists 86th Annual Exhibition" Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH
 "Schedel Gardens Outdoor Sculpture Invitational IV" Elmore, OH
 "Sculpture in the Park 2004" Villiage of Ottawa Hills, OH
 "Art 'Round Town" Outdoor Sculpture Competition, Saugatuck-Douglas, MI
 "In the Thick and Thin of It All" University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne, IN (solo)
 "Kenneth M. Thompson, Recent Work" Paint Creek Center for the Arts (solo)
 "2004 Michigan Fine Arts Competition" BBAC, Birmingham, MI
 "2004 Jackson Area Exhibition" Ella Sharp Museum, Jackson, MI
 2003 "Ten Year Exhibit" 20 North Gallery, Toledo, OH
 "Taking Five Steps Forward" Flatlanders Art Galleries, Blissfield, MI (solo)
 "Toledo Area Artist 85th Annual Exhibition" Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH
 "National Summer Faculty Invitational" Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
 "Art 'Round Town" Outdoor Sculpture Competition, Saugatuck-Douglas, MI
 "New Work: The Thin Series" Gallery II, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI (solo)
 "Three Forms to Think About" Flatlanders Art Gallery, Blissfield, MI (solo)
 "The Box Show" Lenawee Council for the Visual Arts Gallery, Adrian, MI
 "2003 Jackson Area Show" Ella Sharp Museum, Jackson, MI
 2002 "Toledo Area Artists 84th Annual Exhibition" Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH
 "A Gathering of Sculptors" Button Gallery, Douglas, MI

- "Art 'Round Town" Outdoor Sculpture Competition, Saugatuck-Douglas, MI
 "Schedel Gardens Outdoor Sculpture Invitational II" Elmore, OH
 "In the Round: Regional Sculpture" Guenzel Gallery at the Peninsula Art School, Fish Creek, WI
 "Fourth Biennial Sculpture Invitational" Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph, MI
 "Three by Three" 20 North Gallery, Toledo, OH
 "Faculty Exhibition" University of Toledo, Center for the Visual Arts, Toledo, OH
 "2002 Jackson Area Show" Ella Sharp Museum, Jackson, MI
 2001 "Sculpture Show 2001" Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Rochester, MI
 "Michigan Sculptors" Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI
 "Made in Michigan" Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Rochester, MI
 "Schedel Gardens Outdoor Sculpture Invitational" Elmore, OH
 "Sculpture Now." International Sculpture Conference, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Pittsburgh
 "100 for the One Hundredth" Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH
 "National Spring Faculty Invitational" Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
 "Art 'Round Town" Outdoor Sculpture Competition, Saugatuck-Douglas
 2000 "Objects in Mirror Maybe Larger Than They Appear" Flatlanders Art Gallery, Blissfield, MI (solo)
 "Third Biennial Sculpture Invitational" Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph, MI
 "Midwestern Sculpture Exhibition" South Bend Regional Museum of Art, South Bend, IN
 "Sculpture in the Garden 2000" Toledo Botanical Gardens, Toledo, OH
 "Detroit International Bloomfest" Cobo Hall, Detroit, MI
 "Toledo Area Artists 82nd Annual Exhibition" Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH
 "Actual Size" Detroit Contemporary, Detroit, MI
 "2000 Michigan Fine Arts Competition" BBAA, Birmingham, MI
 1999 "Celebrate Michigan Artists" Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Rochester, MI
 "Seven in the Middle" Flatlanders Art Gallery, Blissfield, MI
 "1999 Michigan Fine Arts Competition" BBAA, Birmingham, MI
 "Two for One" Lenawee Council for the Visual Arts, Croswell Art Gallery, Adrian, MI
 "12th Annual Roots of Diversity" Owens of Illinois Gallery, Toledo, OH
 1998 "Not Painted Red." Thesis Exhibition, University of Toledo, CVA Gallery (solo)
 "Toledo Area Artists 80th Annual Exhibition" Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH
 "K.M. Thompson: Recent Work" Monroe Community College Gallery, Monroe, MI (solo)
 "Lingeman/Thompson: Sculpture" Bluffton College, Bluffton, OH
 "Roots of Diversity" Owens of Illinois Gallery, ACGT, Toledo, OH
 1997 "Sculpture Pontiac '97" POH Medical Center, Pontiac, MI
 "NO DOUBTS." Flatlanders Art Gallery, Blissfield, MI (solo)

Education

- 1997 - 1998 University of Toledo, Toledo, OH, Masters of Liberal Studies in Sculpture
 1996 - 1997 Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI, Graduate Studies in Sculpture
 1992 Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
 1977 - 1978 Siena Heights College, Adrian, MI, Graduate Studies in Sculpture
 1977 Siena Heights College, Adrian, MI, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting/Printmaking

Related Experience

- 2008 Curator, "Lancaster Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit", Lancaster, OH
 Juror, Jackson Art Association Annual Exhibit, Ella Sharp Museum, Jackson, MI
 Visiting Artist, Outdoor Sculpture Project, Branch County Intermediate School District, Coldwater, MI
 2007 Curator, "Grey Temples" (sculpture exhibition) Ella Sharp Museum, Jackson, MI
 Juror, Student Exhibition, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH
 Juror, Student Exhibition, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
 Juror, Michigan Open Art Competition, Battle Creek Art Center, Battle Creek, MI
 2006 Visiting Faculty, MAEA Fall Conference, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
 Keynote Speaker, Jackson Area High School Arts Day, Jackson Community College, Jackson, MI
 Visiting Artist, Toledo School for the Arts, Toledo, OH
 Visiting Artist, Jackson High School, Jackson, MI
 2005 Visiting Faculty, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
 Juror, East Lansing Arts Festival, East Lansing, MI

Juror, Michigan Small Colleges Art Exhibition, Olivet College, Olivet, MI
 Guest Lecturer, Monroe Community College, Monroe, MI
 Visiting Faculty, Ella Sharp Museum, Jackson, MI
 2005-2006 Chairman, Avenue of the Arts Sculpture & Mural Project, ACGT, Toledo, OH
 2004-Present Design Review Board Member, artNet Project, ACGT, Toledo, OH
 2004-Present Design Review Board Member, Art Tatum Memorial, ACGT, Toledo, OH
 2004-Present Civic Center Mall Redesign Team Member, City of Toledo, OH
 2004-Present Design Consultant, Art Tatum Park and Amphitheater, City of Toledo, OH
 2004 Juror, East Lansing Arts Festival, East Lansing, MI
 Juror, Crosby Festival for the Arts, Toledo Botanical Gardens, Toledo, OH
 2003-Present Art in Public Places Committee Member, ACGT, Toledo, OH
 2003 Juror, Midwest Museum of American Art's 25th Annual Regional Exhibition, Elkhart, IN
 Guest Artist, University of Akron, Akron, OH
 Guest Lecturer, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
 Visiting Faculty, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
 2002 Juror, Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, Arts Council Lake Erie West, Toledo, OH
 2002 - 2004 Toyahashi/Toledo Art Exchange 2004, Co-Chair, Toledo Museum of Art/Toyahashi Museum, Japan
 2001 Juror, Findlay Art League Membership Exhibition, Findlay, OH
 Visiting Faculty, MAEA Summer Conference, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
 2000 Adjunct Faculty, Adrian College, Adrian, MI (sabbatical)
 Juror, Awards Show, Spectrum Gallery, Toledo, OH
 Guest Lecturer, "Sculpture in the Garden 2000" Toledo Botanical Gardens, Toledo, OH
 Juror, Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Rochester, M
 1999 Project Director, LCVA Millennium Project, Lenawee County, MI
 Collaborating Artist, Millennium Bell, Detroit, MI
 Juror, Lenawee County 3rd Annual High School Art Show, Adrian, MI
 1998 Competition Coordinator, C.C.U.P., Exterior Cross Commission, Toledo, OH
 "Five Decades of Collecting" Exhibition Chairman, T.F.A.S./Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH
 1996 Juror, NW Ohio Art Competition, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH
 1995 Visiting Artist, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI
 1994 Save Outdoor Sculpture Panelist, ACGT/Ohio Arts Council, Toledo, OH
 Consultant, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH
 1993 Visiting Artist, Bowsher High School, Toledo, OH
 Consultant/Surveyor, Public Sculpture Collection, ACGT, Toledo, OH
 Visiting Artist, Eastwood High School, Pemberville, OH
 Coordinator/Surveyor, Save Outdoor Sculpture, Lenawee Co., MI
 Visiting Artist, Adrian High School, Adrian, MI
 1991-1997 Guest Lecturer, Christo Project, "Umbrellas for USA and Japan"
 1991 Installer and Docent, Christo Project, "Umbrellas for USA and Japan," Tejon Pass, CA

Employment

2004-Present Founder, Midwest Sculpture Initiative, Blissfield, MI
 2003-Present Instructor, Ella Sharp Museum of Art and History, Jackson, MI
 1995- 2003 Adjunct Faculty, University of Toledo, Center for Sculptural Studies, Toledo, OH
 2001- Present Visiting Faculty, Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
 1979- Present Founder/Master Sculptor, Flatlanders Sculpture Supply & Art Galleries, Blissfield, MI
 1977-1990 Master Furniture Maker, Creative Craftsmen, Blissfield, MI
 1988-1993 Adult Education Instructor, Lenawee Intermediate School District, Adrian, MI
 1975-1980 Journeyman, R. Marks Stained Glass Studio, Tecumseh, MI

Awards and Honors

2008 Exceptional Merit Award, 2008 Statewide Fine Arts Competition, Ella Sharp Museum of Art and History
 2007 Athena Award, Toledo Area Artists 89th Annual Exhibition, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH
 2006 Michigan Sculpture Guild Award, Jackson Area Show, Ella Sharp Museum, Jackson, MI
 2005 Sculpture Award, Michigan Fine Arts Competition, Birmingham, MI
 2003-2005 Winner's Circle Award, Art 'Round Town, Saugatuck-Douglas, MI
 2003 Outstanding Alumni Award, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI

2002 Purchase Award, 84th Annual Exhibition, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH
Sculpture Award, Jackson Area Show, Ella Sharp Museum, Jackson, MI
2001 Second Place Award, 83rd Annual Exhibition, Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH
2000 Purchase Award, South Bend Regional Museum of Art, South Bend, IN
1999 Second Place, Michigan Fine Arts Competition, Birmingham, MI
1991 Adult Education Teacher of the Year, LISD, Adrian, MI

Memberships and Affiliations

2005-2007 Board Member, Toledo School for the Arts
2004-2007 Associate Trustee, Arts Commission of Greater Toledo
2004-2008 President, Toledo Federation of Art Societies
2003 Corresponding Secretary, Lenawee Council for the Visual Arts
2002-2004 First Vice-president, Toledo Federation of Art Societies
2001-2003 President, Lenawee Council for the Visual Arts
2001-2002 Second Vice-president, Toledo Federation of Art Societies
2000-Present Dominican Institute for the Arts Member
1999-2001 Art Advisory Board Member, Adrian College
1998-2000 Vice-president and Founding Member, Lenawee Council for the Visual Arts
1997-Present Executive Board Member, Toledo Federation of Art Societies
1997-Present Art Consultant, Corpus Christi University Parish
1992-1995 Michigan Gallery Board Member

Gallery Representation

Button Gallery, Saugatuck-Douglas, MI Coffee Gallery, Spring Lake, MI Flatlanders Art Galleries, Blissfield, MI

Bibliography

Adrian Daily Telegram, Adrian, MI	Maumee Mirror, Maumee, OH	Ann Arbor News, Ann Arbor, MI
Metro Times, Detroit, MI	Blissfield Advance, Blissfield, MI	Montage Magazine, Toledo, OH
Crafts Report, Wilmington, DE	Monroe Evening News, Monroe, MI	Catholic Chronicle, Toledo, OH
Observer/Eccentric, Birmingham, MI	Detroit Free Press, Detroit, MI	Detroit.com
Otto Guide, Toledo, OH	Detroit News, Detroit, MI	Pioneer, Big Rapids, MI
Dialogue, Columbus, OH	Reflections, SHC, Adrian, MI	El Tiempo, Toledo, OH
Tecumseh Herald, Tecumseh, MI	Good News, Clinton, MI	Jackson Citizen Patriot, Jackson, MI
Toledo Blade, Toledo, OH	Lenawee Tab, Adrian, MI	Toledo City Paper, Toledo, OH
Lenawee Today, Adrian, MI	Toledo Magazine, Toledo, OH	The Western Herald, Kalamazoo, MI
Lansing State Journal, Lansing, MI	The Bay City Times, Bay City, MI	Univ. of Toledo Collegian, Toledo, OH