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Professional Experience

Practicing Artist

First exhibition summer of 1969 at Pop Art Emporium, Lincoln Nebraska

Director of Galleries

The Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (1992 - present)
Coordinated over 200 exhibitions in the Frederick Layton Gallery, The Brooks Steven Gallery of Industrial Design, other internal exhibition spaces and at various sites around the city. Duties include organizing and coordinating exhibits and special events, managing departmental budget, student staff, and general logistics. Other duties include; writing text to interpret and communicate about exhibits and other programming, fundraising, administering the visiting artist program and working with various other departments to integrate exhibition programming with curriculum.

Instructor

The Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (1988 - present)
Instructor of upper level art history courses and foundations level 3D courses for the BFA program, have also taught various Continuing Education courses ranging from furniture production to artist studio visits.

Co-President

Milwaukee Art Dealers Association (2001 - present)
Along with Elaine Erickson, worked to stimulate a revitalization of the organization through increased visibility and involvement in visual arts issues.

Co-Chairman

Visual Arts Milwaukee! (2001 - present)
Along with Marilu Knode from the Institute of Visual Arts, coordinated the activities of a consortium of arts venues and entities with the goal of increasing public awareness of the visual arts in Milwaukee.

President (now Treasurer)

Riverwest Artists Association (1993 - 1996)
During my presidency, the Riverwest Artists Association grew from a neighborhood artist's club to an arts organization which operates a gallery/performance space, has ongoing adult and children's educational programming, produces two major art fairs a year while continuing to sponsor the largest studio walking tour in Wisconsin. Worked with a variety of other community and arts groups on many diverse projects.

Member/Committee on Public Art

Milwaukee Arts Board (Appointed 1995)

This committee advises the Milwaukee Arts Board and other city agencies on matters concerning public art in the City of Milwaukee.

Gallery Director

Dennis Uhlig Fine Art (1988)

Developed the exhibition and sales program for this art gallery.

Education

Master of Fine Arts

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (1984)

Majored in Sculpture

Bachelor of Fine Arts

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (1978)

Majored in Drawing and Painting

Affiliations

Milwaukee Art Dealers Association, Visual Arts Milwaukee,
American Association of Museums, Upper Midwest Directors Forum,
Association of College and University Museums and Galleries,
Riverwest Artists Association,