

Holly Pultz

About the Artist: Holly Pultz received a Bachelor of Science degree in art education from Kent State University, followed by graduate work at Carnegie Mellon University, Slippery Rock University and Carlow University that led to receiving her Masters Degree in Art Education from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Besides being a full-time art teacher for 30 years and Chair of the Art Department at Seneca Valley School District, Holly has pursued the thrill of watercolor painting, oil painting, sculpting, calligraphy, large wall mural painting & puppet making.



Artists' Statement: "The process of flowing color and shapes into a wet background, and then pulling the reality from the resulting patterns, offers great fun and sharpens the wits. With added calligraphy and stronger lights and darks, the essence of things is captured and enhanced. This process is most gratifying and seems to lend itself to the interpretation of nature's beauty." At present, Holly is working in oil painting and finds it equally gratifying.

Education:

BA-Kent State University, Master's Degree in Art Education

Exhibitions:

"Three from Southwest Butler"- The Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts, 1986

Cranberry Area Council for the Arts "2 Woman Show" 1993

Persad Center's "Art for Aids"- Frick Fine Arts Building, Univ. of Pgh, 1996-1997

"5 Up on the Walls"- 5 Woman Artists' Exhibit at USX Tower, 1999

Three Carlow University Faculty Artists Exhibition, "Urban Reflections"

Father Ryan Art Gallery – 2012

One Woman Exhibit-Conte Design Gallery, Ligonier, Pa. 2017

Two Women Exhibit with Peggy Habets, "Going Local"-

Contemporary Landscapes and Cityscapes of Southwestern, Pa." 2019



Juried Exhibitions and Awards:

Aqueous Open "87"- International Juried Water Color Show, Westmoreland Museum of Art - Koppers Purchase Award, 1987

Cranberry Juried Exhibition - Honorable Mention, 1991

Pittsburgh Watercolor Society's Waterworks "92" Exhibition -Jurors Award, 1992

North Hills Art Center Regional Art Exhibit - Dr. William Platko Purchase Award, 1992

Pittsburgh Society of Artists, Main Gallery, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, 1992

Pittsburgh Society of Artists Juried Group Show, Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Juror Jim Nelson, Chatham College, 1994

Pittsburgh Watercolor Society Exhibit at the USX Tower, Best of Show, 1995

"Good Enough to Eat" exhibit at the Linda Iannotta Gallery, Gourmet Award, 1997

Pittsburgh Watercolor Society's Annual Exhibit - Third Place, 1997

Pittsburgh Society of Artists at the Butler Institute of American Art, Salem, Ohio, Juror's Award, 1999 (Dr. Louis Zona-Juror)

P.S.A. Annual Exhibit Award Winner 2008, 2009

Recipient of the P. Buckley Moss National Award for the Advancement of Special Education Through the Arts

Chosen to Illustrate, with 5th Grade Students, the book of short stories called "Pine Tree Tails," authored by Nationally Renowned Pittsburgh Landscape Architect John Simonds, which was published in 1996

Art Organizations Served On:

Board of Director: Pittsburgh Watercolor Society

Board of Director: Pittsburgh Society of Artists

Member: Associated Artists of Pittsburgh

Member: Watercolors Gallery- 9th and Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Current Employment:

Blak Rust Shibori Scarves, Pillows and Wall Covering Designer and Artist

