

Layl McDill

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Professional Art Experience:

Clay Squared to Infinity, Minneapolis, MN (1999 to current time)- co-owner of showroom in the Northeast Minneapolis Arts District

Teaching polymer clay at Clay Squared and other venues including artist in residencies, scout meetings, birthday parties, team building, and Methodist Hospital (1999- current time)

WARM mentor 2009-2010, 2013-14, board member 2014

Variety of contracted work, sculptures, beads, millefiori canes, speaking engagements including key note speaker of Celebrate Yourself (2009), juror of art fairs, Children's Hospital Commission, etc.

Selected Shows and Exhibits

- 2017** "Oddities from the Oven", Coffman Gallery, University of Minnesota, MN, solo show
"22nd Annual Arts in Harmony", Blaine, MN, group show, 4th place in medium
"For Pitcher or Poured", Worcester Center for Crafts Gallery, Worcester, OH, juried show
"Contours of Spring, Society of Minnesota Sculptures 2017 Annual Exhibition," Chanhassen, MN, Honorable Mention
Center for Pain Management, St. Cloud, MN, solo show
Falcon Bank, St. Cloud, MN, solo show
"What to Keep in Sky Drawers", Phipps Center for the Arts, Atrium Gallery, Hudson, MN, solo show
Northfield Arts Guild Member Show, Northfield, MN, group show
- 2016** "Sometimes Chickens Drive Tractors", Hallberg Center for the Arts, Wyoming, MN, solo show
"It's Personal", Quarter Gallery, Katherine Nash, group show.
"Healing Arts Exhibition" Westfields Hospital Clinic, solo show
"Launching and Landing", WARM Mentor Program Final Exhibit, group show
"State of the Arts 2016", Prairie Village, KS, juried show
"Healing Arts Exhibition" Hudson Hospital, solo show
"Culture and Agriculture", New Vision Gallery, Marshfield, WI, juried show
"A Few of My Favorite Things", Wyoming Art Center, Wyoming, MN, group show
"Wings and Water", River Arts, Prairie du Sac, WI, juried show
"The Chautauqua National Exhibition: What if?", Richmond, KY, juried show, merit award
"Essential Art Exhibition" Visual Arts Minnesota, St. Cloud, MN, juried show, first place 3-D
"21st Arts in Harmony 2016 Annual International Show, Elk River, MN juried show, award
"Showcasing the Best of Contemporary Craft", Museum of WI Art, juried show
"A Common Thread", Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN, group show
- 2015** "The First Show", Banfill Locke Art Center, Fridely, MN, 6 artists
"Windows to Wonderment", Lanesboro Art Center, Lanesboro, MN, solo show
"Arts in Harmony", Elk River, MN, International Juried Show, award
Savage Juried Art Show, Savage, MN, Juried show, Honorable Mention
First Unitarian Society, Minneapolis, MN, solo show
Miniature show, MacRostie Art Center, Grand Rapids, MN
"We're All in this Together", Bethesda Hospital Gallery Cafe, St. Paul, MN
Banfill Locke Member show at Blaine City Hall, Blaine, MN
"64 Arts National Juried Exhibition", Buchanan Center for the Arts, Monmouth, IL
"WARM Staff and Volunteers Show", Bethesda Hospital Gallery Cafe, St. Paul, MN
"Scribble Stories in Clay", Pump House Art Center, LaCrosse, WI, Solo Show
- 2014** "Captured Curiosities in Clay", Robbin Gallery, Robbinsdale, MN, solo show
Unitarian Church, St. Paul, MN, solo show

- “Art of the Center”, Overland Park Art Center, Overland Park, KS, juried show, award winner
 Warm Small Works Show, Banfil Locke Art Center, group show
 Northfield Arts Guild, solo show
 NE Library Frieze, photo of piece part of permanent public art piece
 “Story Scraps in Clay”, SE Library, Minneapolis, MN, October to November, solo show
 “Tiny Worlds”, The New Bohemian Gallery, Brainerd, MN, juried show
 “Invented Worlds”, Flow Arts Space, St. Paul, MN juried show
- 2013** “Warm @ 40”, Robbin Gallery, Robbinsdale MN, group show, merit award
 Coloplast Exhibit, Minneapolis, MN, duo show with Cynthia Starkweather-Nelson
 Diamond’s Coffee Shop, Minneapolis, MN, solo show
 “Polymer Clay- Gallery Style”, Flow Arts, juried show, helped coordinate show with Polymer Clay Guild
 “Celebrating Women”, Benedicta Arts Center (Gorecki Gallery), St. Joseph, MN, juried
 Banfil Locke Member Show, Fridley, MN, group show, Best in show
- 2012** Linda Deg Lee and Layl McDill at Crossings, Zumbrota, MN
 “The Pomegranate Group”, Owatonna Art Center, Owatonna, MN, small group show
 “Fresh Baked Stories”, Bloomington Art Center, Bloomington, MN, solo show
 “Whimsy in the Winter”, Exhibits at Evergreen, Oshkosh WI solo show
 “A Passion for Pets”, Miller Art Museum, Sturgeon Bay, WI
- 2011** Celtic Junction, St. Paul, MN, solo show
 “The Goddess Show”, Mosaic on a Stick, St. Paul, MN
 “Dissecting the Pomegranate”, MacRostie Art Center, Grand Rapids, MN, small group show
 Café Gallery, Bethesda Hospital, St. Paul, MN, show with Josh Blanc and Mimi Holmes
- 2010** “The Art of Mentoring”, Bloomington Art Center, Bloomington, MN
 “Art of the Doll”, U-Care Senior Center, Minneapolis, MN
 “Wandering Wild Wonders”, Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, WI, solo show
 “Art of the Doll”, State Fair Fine Arts Show, St. Paul Minnesota
 “The Polymer Revolution”, Lexington Art Society, Lexington, MA
- 2009** Healing Arts Program, Hudson Hospital, Hudson, WI, solo show
 “Reflections on Purs-onal Time” Banfil Locke Art Center, Fridley, MN
- 2007** “Purse-onal Time 2007”, Bloomington Art Center, Bloomington, MN
 “Art of Healing”, Abbot Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis MN
- 2006** “Purse-onal Time” Owatonna Center for the Arts, Owatonna, MN
- 2005** “Millefiore Mischief”, Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, WI, solo show
- 2004** “Monsters and Maidens”, Infinity Gallery, solo show
- 2004** “Poly Purses- Oooh-la-la”, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2003** “Bag Ladies”, by Many Hands, Crystal, MN
- 2002** NEMMA Fall Fine Arts Show, Minneapolis, MN
- 2001** “Embellishment”, Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR
- 1999** “The Look See Tree”, Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, WI, solo show,
- 1998** “Flies Flashier than Flowers”, Paul Whiteny Larson Gallery, St. Paul, MN, duo show
 “Lions are Scuba Divers”, Northfield Art Guild, Northfield, MN, solo show
- 1997** Heritage Center, solo show, Gillette, WY, catalog
 Nicolaysen Art Museum, Casper, WY, solo show
- 1996** Warm Mentor Protegee show, Katherine Nash Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
 “Gardens of the Imagination”, Banfil-Locke Center for the Arts, Fridley, MN, duo show,
- 1995** “The Power of the Doughnut Revealed”, Heritage Center, Gillette, WY, solo show

Selected Awards

- 2017 First Place 3-D, Glen Ellyn Art Fair, Glen Ellyn, IL
 2017 First Place in Sculpture, Oconomowoc Arts Festival, Oconomowoc, WI

2017 Award of Excellence, College Hill Art Fair, Cedar Falls, IA
 2017 "22nd Annual Arts in Harmony", Blaine, MN, 4th Place in Medium
 2017 "Contours of Spring", Society of MN Sculptures 2017 Annual," Chanhassen, MN, Honorable Mention
 2016 Ameren Award of Excellence, Laumeir Sculpture Park
 2016 Essentials Art Exhibit, First Place 3-D
 2016 Prairie Arts Festival, 2nd place overall
 2016 Glen Ellyn Festival, Merit Award
 2016 Arts in Harmony International Juried Show, Mississippi River Bluffs Consortium Award
 2016 Mt. Dora Arts Festival, Wendy Alderman Award
 2016 "The Chautauqua National Exhibition: What if?", merit award
 2015 Arts in Harmony, Third Place in Sculpture
 2015 Winter Park Art Fair, Best in Sculpture
 2014 Overland Park Art Center, Merit Award
 2013 Banfil Locke Member show, Best in show
 2013 Oconomowoc Arts Festival, Best in Sculpture
 2012 Redwing Art Festival Award
 2012 Lake Country Arts Festival, First Place
 2012 Prairie Arts Festival, Merit Award
 2012 Progress and Possibilities, International Polymer Clay Guild, Third Place
 2011 Sturgeon Bay Art Fair, First Place
 2011 Lake Country Art Festival, First Place

Selected Publications

.Bray, Sage, Polymer Journeys, The Art and Craft of Polymer 2016, (2016), full page entry
 .Dunn, Sherilyn, "The Art of Humor and Whimsy", The Polymer Arts,(2014) article and 4 images
 .Stropple, Ivester, "Polymer Wall Art", The Polymer Arts,(2013) article and cover image
 .Tejea Floyde, Polymer Artists Showcase, 2 pieces pictured, (2010)
 .Theresa Bernard, "She Plays with Clay", Business Woman Profile, Women's Press, (2008)
 .Carol Blackburn, Making Polymer Clay Beads, photo, (2007)
 .Layl McDill, "Focus on Mixed Media", Crafts Report Magazine, (August 2006) essay and photo
 .Minnesota Women's Directory 2006-07, Cover and Back photo of piece, bio and photo inside.
 .Hannah Dobke, "Clay Squared to Infinity" Artist Profile, PolymerCAFE' Magazine, Vol. 4 No. 1 (2006) photos
 .Layl McDill, "Therapeutic Millefiore", Polyinformer Magazine, (2005), photos
 .Lark Books, 400 Polymer Clay Designs, (2004) photo
 .Sarajane Helm, Celebrations with Polymer Clay, (2003), photos

Selected Professional Affiliations:

Polymer Clay Guild of Minnesota, Founding member since 2002
 Textile Center of Minnesota, member (Work shown regularly on consignment)
 WARM (Women's Art Registry of Minnesota), Vice President of the board, mentor
 Artistry, Bloomington, MN, member
 Austin Artworks, Austin, MN, member (Work shown regularly on consignment)
 Banfil Locke Art Center, Fridley, MN member (Work shown regularly on consignment)
 Lanesboro Art Center, member (Work shown regularly on consignment)
 Wyoming Center for Creativity, member

Education:

Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus, OH, B.F.A. Illustration, magnum cum laude, May 1993
 Women's Arts Registry of Minnesota Mentor Program, Minneapolis, MN (1994-1996)
 Casper College, Casper, WY, Associates of Visual Arts, May 1990