Background--Connie Gates/Owner, Grapevine Glass Art

Living in Utah, Connie spent her business career working in Financial Management at the University of Utah and Economic Development for the State of Utah. During the course of her career while searching for a creative outlet, she discovered the art of kiln formed glass, sometimes referred to as "fused glass". She began her journey with glass art in a class taught at the University of Utah in 1994 and it was at this point she realized working with vibrant glass colors was not only a great stress reliever, but also a passion.

In 2008 Connie moved from Salt Lake City to the beautiful Pacific Northwest near the Columbia River where she lived on a ranch until moving back to Southern Utah in 2018. While living in the NW she was heavily involved in art in her local community and became the President of their local art guild. As President, she was instrumental in obtaining space and opening a cooperative art gallery with 27 participating artists. Her business background proved useful in managing the gallery and performing such business tasks as payroll, tax, and management of 501 c practices.

As a self taught artist, Connie continues to attend glass art classes, and watercolor classes further elevating her art skills. She also dabbles in metal art often incorporating glass and metals to form unique jewelry pieces and outdoor art. Since completing her studio in Utah, she currently teaches beginning and intermediate kiln formed glass classes. Her glass art ranges from practical to abstract reflecting on the dynamics of texture, color, and illusion of movement created with glass.

Art Awards and Exhibits

Red Cliff Gallery, St. George Utah 2nd place winner for 2D abstract art 2019
The Dalles Art Center, The Dalles Oregon 2nd place winner for Art in the Garden 2017
Columbia Center for the Arts, Hood River Oregon
Big River Art, Goldendale, WA
Maryhill Museum, Goldendale, WA
Maryhill Winery, Goldendale, WA
Happiness Hawaii Spa and Gallery in Hawaii

Memberships/Affiliations

Southern Utah Art Guild
Utah Glass Art Guild
Virgin Valley Art Association
Oregon Glass Guild

Websites

https://www.grapevineglassart.com

https://www.etsy.com/shop/grapevineglassart

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