

# Leia Jean Thompson Wood

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Curriculum Vitae

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## Summary

As an artist I create work that may inspire a viewer, but as an educator and administrator, I guide others in their creative endeavors, and in this way I am able to affect my community on a much larger scale. My passion to enhance organizations and to better the world around me, makes me a focused leader with both confidence and patience. I look forward to my next challenge with a new group of individuals that is as passionate as I.

## Professional Profile

- Developer of hundreds of flourishing community, professional, and youth arts workshops and classes by coordinating instructors, classes, students, and facility studios
- Manager of staff and volunteers for events such as art receptions, festivals, exhibits, as well as daily facility operations
- Coordinator of large community arts festivals, children's events, and studio tours
- Teacher of a variety of artistic media, including: painting, drawing, ceramic techniques, graphic arts, Auto CAD, digital & film photography
- Teacher to all ages, including elementary and secondary public art students, private art lessons for teens and adults, community arts organization's art classes and afterschool art programs, and first aid and CPR classes for adults and teens
- Team member of multiple non-profit committees as both a volunteer and staff liaison
- Supervisor of annual and long term goals of gallery and educational programming
- Successful grant writer for non-profit community arts organizations supplementing funding for arts education in Berkeley County Public Schools and Floyd County Public Schools
- Leader in the arts community through the development of the Berkeley Arts Council Arts' Education Program and developer of cross curricular arts instruction at the elementary and secondary levels
- Highly skilled in Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Photoshop & InDesign, and graphic designer of brochures, flyers and other publications using these software programs
- Creator and maintainer of websites using WordPress, Weebly and Wix

## Education

- M. Ed., Professional Studies, Capella University, Minneapolis, MN, 2011, G.P.A. 4.0
  - Concentration in Blended Learning and Studio Art
  - Graduate Studio Art classes completed at Shepherd University and James Madison University
- B. A., Art Education and Art Therapy, Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA, 2001, Q.P.A 3.4
  - Specialty in Drawing and Photography

## **Professional Experience**

- Director of Arts & Humanities, YMCA of Frederick County, Frederick MD, 2017-Current
- Director of Educational and Gallery Programming, Floyd Center for the Arts (previously The Jacksonville Center for the Arts), Floyd VA, 2013-2017
- Education Coordinator, The Jacksonville Center for the Arts, Floyd VA, 2012-2013
- Artist in Residence, The Berkeley Arts Council, Martinsburg WV, 2011-2012
- Substitute Art Teacher, Substitute Teacher, Long-term Substitute, Washington County Public Schools, Hagerstown MD, 2002, 2009-2012
- Art Instructor, Washington County Museum of Fine Art, Hagerstown MD, 2010-2012
- Art Instructor, The Arts Centre, Martinsburg WV, 2008-2009
- Owner/Operator, Not Right Minded? Wholesale Art Supplies and Gallery, Martinsburg WV, 2006-2009
- High School Art Teacher, Yearbook Advisor, Head Swim Coach, Millbrook High School, Winchester VA, 2003-2006
- Graphic Arts Teacher, Assistant Swim Coach, James Wood High School, Winchester VA, 2002-2003
- Student Art Teacher, Mercyhurst Preparatory High School, Erie PA, 2001
- Student Art Teacher, Pieffer-Burley Elementary School, 2001
- In-service Art Teacher Volunteer, Harding Elementary School, Erie PA, 1998-2001

## **Community Service**

- Hagy Gators Swim Team Parent Committee, Treasurer, 2018-Current
- Floyd Livestock and County Fair, Exhibit Hall Chair, 2016-2017
- FloydFest, Volunteer for nonprofit, 2015-2017
- Berkeley Arts Council, Board Member and Arts in Education Program Chair, 2009-2012
- ArtBerkeley, Inc., Secretary on Executive Board, 2007-2012
- Trails and Trees Studio Tour, Board Member, 2010-2012
- Children's Home Society, Volunteer, 2009-2012
- The Arts Centre, Volunteer, 2006-2012
- Valley Art Association, Volunteer, 2006-2012
- American Red Cross, Volunteer, 2003-2012

## **Professional Qualifications**

- Professional Teaching Certification in Art, K-12, in the States of PA, VA, WV - Expired
- Red Cross CPR and First Aid Certified

## **Professional Development**

- Associations
  - Floyd Artist Association, 2013-2016
  - College Art Association, 2012-2013
  - Valley Art Association, 2006-2012
  - National Art Education Association, 1999-2006, 2010-2012
  - Student Pennsylvania Art Educator Association, Student President, 1999-2001
- Conferences
  - Participant of National Guild for Community Arts Education, Philadelphia PA, 2015
  - Presenter at Art Education and Community Organization Cooperation, Barbara Ingram School for the Arts, Hagerstown, MD, 2010
  - Organizer and participant of WV Eastern Panhandle Arts Roundtable, Berkeley Springs WV, 2010
  - Participant of Virginia Art Education Association Annual Conference, 2003-2005
  - Participant of Pennsylvania Art Education Association Annual Conference, 1998-2002, and Presenter for Art Education Students workshops, 2002
- Recent Workshops and Webinars
  - Presenter at Blacksburg Regional Artist Association monthly meeting, varied topics, Christiansburg & Blacksburg VA, 2014-2017
  - Attendee “Fundraising for Non-Profits”, Community Foundation, Radford VA, 2015
  - Attendee “Contractors vs. Employees, What’s the Difference?” webinar, National Guild for the Arts Education, 2013
  - Attendee “Excellent Customer Service Experiences”, New River Community College, 2012
  - Organizer and Attendee “Business and Tax Issues for Artists and Small Businesses”, Berkeley Arts Council, Martinsburg WV, 2010 & 2011

## **Professional Art Exhibitions and Awards**

- Awarded Permanent Installation Artwork, Floyd Center for the Arts, Floyd VA, 2016 & 2017
- Self Portrait Themed Exhibit, People’s Choice Award, Floyd VA, 2014
- Chiaroscuro Themed Exhibit, Floyd VA, 2013
- Trails and Trees Studio Tour, Berkeley County WV, 2011
- Berkeley Arts Council Juried Art and Earth Art Exhibit, Martinsburg WV, Honorable Mentions, 2011
- Solo Exhibition at New Opera House Gallery, Charles Town WV, 2008
- Art at the Mill Juried Art Show, Berryville VA, 2007-2008, 2010-2011
- Cumberland Valley Juried Art Show at Washington County Museum of Fine Art, Hagerstown MD, 2008-2009, 2012
- Painter’s Palette Project, Sponsored by Main Street Martinsburg, Martinsburg, WV, 2007-2009 and Community Choice Winner 2007 & 2008
- Nancy Rodig Regional Juried Art Exhibit at The Art Centre, Martinsburg, WV, 2007-2011

- Senior Exhibition, "Recreating Nature", Cummings Art Gallery, Erie PA, 2001