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PROFILE

Designer goldsmith, jeweler, painter, entrepreneur, mixed media artist, activist

EDUCATION AND APPRENTICESHIPS

Rhode Island School of Design, Department of Jewelry and Light Metals, BFA with Honors, Providence RI, 1982–1985

European Honors Program, Rhode Island School of Design, Rome Italy, Jewelry and Light Metals, 1984–1985

Luca Maria Arcangelo Filippetto, Castelfranco Italy, Old master oil painting techniques, 2025

Tom Byrne, Florence Italy, Sight-size drawing, plein air oil painting, 2022

Susan Ball, Nova Scotia Canada, Abuse Recovery Coach certification, 2021

National Institute for the Clinical Application of Behavioral Medicine, Storrs CT, Trauma recovery workshops, 2020, 2021

Dr. Rick Hansen, Berkeley CA, Positive Neuroplasticity Training, 2019–2020

Coeleen Kiebert, Rio del Mar CA, Sculpture, collage, Jungian Psychology, Art Therapy, 2019–2021

Marc Northstar, Palo Alto CA, Abstract painting, 2017

Sr. Paolo Marinari, Lippiano Italy, Blacksmithing, 2016

Sr. Antonino Stilla, Naples Italy, Bas-relief sculpture, 2009–2015

Aimee Erickson, Portland, OR, Multnomah Art Center, private studio, Oil painting, 2012, 2013

Arvie Smith, Pacific Northwest College of Arts and private studio, Figure painting, 1995–2005

Julie Rauschenberger, Seattle WA, Ancient Etruscan gold fusion, 1998

Sr. Bruno Lastrucci, Florence Italy, Florentine stone mosaic, 1997

Hipbone Studio, Portland OR, Anatomical drawing, 1986–1988

Oregon College of Arts and Crafts, Portland OR, 1987–1990, Jewelry rendering, lapidary

Master enamelist to the Vatican, Rome Italy, enameling, 1985

Eddie Samuels, Sculpture, painting, jewelry, New York NY, 1974–1980, Jemez Springs NM, 1987–1994, Arezzo Italy, 2006

AWARDS

Artist in Residence, Pneuma Art Foundation, Florence Italy 2026
Featured Artist Award, Los Altos Fine Art in the Park, Los Altos CA, 2024
Juror's Choice Award, Los Altos Fine Art in the Park, Los Altos CA, 2023
Best of Show, Menlo Summer Fest, Menlo Park CA, 2017, 2018, 2019
Juror's Award, Los Altos Festival of the Arts, Los Altos CA, 2017
International Award, The Contemporary Etruscan Jewel, Museo Archeologico Nazionale, Pontecagnano Faiano, Salerno Italy, 2012
Best of Show, Sun Valley Festival of the Arts, Ketchum ID, 2008
Juror Award, Lake Oswego Festival of the Arts, Lake Oswego OR, 2007
First Place Jewelry, Portland Arts Festival, Portland OR, 1998, 2001, 2006
National Winner, Ring Category, Lapidary Journal's Jewelry Arts Competition, United States 2002
Grand Prize, American Jewelry Design Council's National New Talent Award, Jewelers of America International Jewelry Show, New York NY, 2001
Golden Apple Award for Allure (out of 2500 exhibitors), Jewelers of America, New York NY, 2001
Best of Show, Creative Metal Arts Guild, Portland OR, 1998, 1999, 2000
First Place, 30th Annual Associated Arts of Ocean Shores, Ocean Shores WA, 1999
Best New Designer, Oregon State Jewelers Association, OR, 1999
Best of Show, Portland Arts Festival, Portland OR, 1999
Second Prize, American Jewelry Design Council's New Talent Contest, Jewelers of America International Jewelry Show, New York NY, 1999
Award for Excellence, Bellevue Art Museum Fair, Bellevue WA, 1999
People's Choice Award, National Pearl Jewelry Exhibition, Eugene OR, 1992
European Honors Student, Rhode Island School of Design, Rome Italy, 1984–1985
Rhode Island School of Design Alumni Scholarship, 1983–1984
Jewelry and Light Metals Scholarship, Rhode Island School of Design, 1982–1983
Johnson–Matthey Scholarship, 1982–1983
Inductee, Honor Society, Rhode Island School of Design, 1982–1985

PRIVATE COLLECTIONS (SELECTED)

Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward, Westchester NY

George C. Firestone, Tallahassee FL

Mary Shirley, Seattle WA

Katie Gibson, Carmel CA

SHOWS AND FEATURES (SELECTED)

Path to Paradise—Museo Palazzo Vecchio, Florence Italy, 2025

Return Home—Lola Costa, Il Palmerino artist residency, Florence Italy, 2024

Unconnected Yet, Academy of Fine Arts, Kolkata India and Lorne

Community Connect, Victoria Australia, 2023

Post Ranch Inn Gallery and Mercantile, Big Sur CA, 2016–Present

Palo Alto Festival of the Arts, Palo Alto CA 2022-2024

Los Altos Fine Art in the Park, Los Altos CA 2019-2024

Los Altos Arts and Wine Festival, Los Altos CA 2014-2024

Filoli Art Walk, Woodside CA 2020-2024

Idea FabLabs, Santa Cruz CA, 2017–2019

Menlo Summer Fest, Menlo Park CA, 2015–2017

American Craft Council, San Francisco CA, 2015–2017

Galleria d' Arte del Mosaico di Lastrucci, Florence Italy, 2013

Museo Archeologico Nazionale, Pontecagnano Faiano, Salerno Italy, 2012

Sharon Amber Gallery, Cannon Beach OR, 2010–2011

Sun Valley Festival of the Arts, Ketchum ID, 2008–2009

Edmonds Arts Festival, Edmonds WA, 2008

Bellevue Art Museum Fair, Bellevue WA, 1995–1997

A is for Artists Gallery, Bainbridge Island WA, 2007

Portland Art Festival, Portland OR, 1998–2006

Miami Festival of the Arts, Miami FL, 2006

Art on the Green, Coeur d'Alene ID, 2006

Salem Art Fair and Festival, Salem OR, 2004–2006

Art in the Pearl, Portland OR, 2003, 2005

The Jewel, Sisters OR, 1995–2005

Couture Jewelry Collection and Conference, Phoenix AZ, 2002

Buyers Market of American Craft, Philadelphia PA, 2002

Kane Marie Fine Arts Gallery, Virginia Beach VA, 2002

Design Center—JCK Las Vegas, Las Vegas NV, 2002

Jewelers of America International Jewelry Show, New York NY, 2001

Romancing the Stone, Santa Fe NM, 2001

Creative Metal Arts Guild, Portland OR, 1995–2000

Joanne Rapp Gallery, Scottsdale AZ, 2000

Gioielli Ugolini, Florence Italy, 1997

Contemporary Crafts Gallery, Portland OR, 1995

Blackfish Gallery, Portland OR, 1992
Samuels Gallery, Portland OR, 1986–1991
Saks Fifth Avenue, Portland OR, 1990
Ornaments, Santa Fe NM, 1990
Aaron Faber Gallery, New York NY, 1990
North View Gallery, Portland Community College, Portland OR, 1987
Elements Gallery, Greenwich CT, 1985
Woods-Gerry, Providence RI, 1985
Cenci Palace, Rome Italy, 1984–1985
Monmouth Museum, Lincroft NJ, 1984
Four-Play in 3-D, Cyclorama, Boston MA, 1983
Equine Art Gallery, Portland OR, 1989–1990
Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, Portland OR, 1990

PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES (SELECTED)

Japan National Television NHK, Japan 2026
Suspilne National Television, Ukraine, 2023
Suspilne Community News Pershyi Zahidnyi, Lviv Ukraine, 2023
We Are Ukraine National Television, Ukraine, 2023
We Are Ukraine Community Television, Lviv Ukraine, 2023
*“A’s Alchemy” (poem by SS concerning Artemisia Gentileschi), Oltrarno
Gaze, Florentine Press, Florence Italy, 2022*
Gentry, Menlo Park CA, 2016
*Lapidary Journal, Fort Collins CO, August 2000, June, August 2001, May
2002, May 2003, December 2008*
500 Wedding Rings, Lark Books, New York NY, 2007
500 Rings, Lark Books, New York NY, 2006
500 Earrings, Lark Books, New York NY, 2005
Oregon Focus Magazine, Portland OR, 2003
Dish Magazine, New York NY, 2003
KOAC 89.7 FM Radio, Portland OR, 2003
*Bridal Guide Magazine, New York NY, March/April and July/August 2002,
March/April and May/June 2003*
Modern Jeweler Magazine, Madison WI, April 2002, April 2003
Niche Magazine, Sacramento CA, Spring 2000, Spring 2003
Basel Magazine, Basel Switzerland, January 2002
Luxury International, Spring 2002
JQ (Jewelers’ Quarterly), Sonoma CA, 2002
Rj Magazine, London England, July 2002
Jewelry Connoisseur, New York NY, Summer 2002
Oregon Art Beat, Oregon PBS Television, Portland OR, November 2002
Instore Magazine, New York NY, April, October, and December 2002

KPAM AM 860 Radio, Portland OR, 2002
WXII 12 Television, Raleigh NC, 2002
World Gold Council's Couture Catalog, New York NY, 2002
National Jeweler Magazine, New York NY, 2002
Flair Magazine, Stroudsburg PA, 2002
Couture International Jeweler, Geneva Switzerland, June/July 2001
Professional Jeweler Magazine, New York NY, July 2001
Jewelers Circular Keystone, New York NY, June, September, December 2001
AJM Magazine, Providence RI, May 2001
Business Journal, Portland OR, 2000
Women's Journal, Portland OR, 2000
The Pearl Book, GemStone Press, Woodstock VT, 1996
The Oregonian, Portland OR, 1990
Conquistador Magazine, USA, 1989
Arabian Horse World, Templeton CA, 1988
Chronicle of the Horse, Middleberg VA, 1983, 1984

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

European Action for Ukraine, Brussels Belgium 2026
Pneuma Art Foundation, Florence Italy, 2025
American Coalition for Ukraine, Washington, DC, 2025–present
Idea FabLabs, Santa Cruz CA, 2017–2018
Pacific Art League, Palo Alto CA, 2017–2019
American Crafts Council, Minneapolis MN, 2014–2017
AVAAZ International, 2012–present
Consciousness Hacking, Silicon Valley CA, 2012–2014
Oregon Construction Contractors' Board Member, Salem OR, 2007
International Cultic Studies Association, Bonita Spring FL, 2000–present
Women's Jewelry Association, United States, 1990–2002
Contemporary Design Group, Unites States, 1990–2002
Portland Institute for Contemporary Art, Portland OR, 1995–1998

PROFESSIONAL AND NON-PROFIT SERVICE

Presented lecture *Art of Resilience, from the War Zone*, Noom Summit, Princeton University, Princeton NJ 2026

Presented lecture *Art of Resilience, from the War Zone*, Rotary Club of Los Altos, Los Altos CA 2026

Public Fundraiser for Ukraine, Los Altos Fine Art in the Park, Los Altos CA 2026

Advocate, American Coalition for Ukraine, Washington DC 2025–present

Advocate, European Action for Ukraine, Berlin Germany 2026

Proposed and co-curated *Amidst Cries from the Rubble: Art of Loss and Resilience from Ukraine*, an exhibition of contemporary Ukrainian trench art, Museum of International Folk Art, Santa Fe NM 2024-2025

Sasha Samuels, chief designer Sasha Samuels Artist + Designer, Contemporary jewelry and object design, master goldsmith, painter, sculptor, mixed media artist, Portland OR 1990 to present, Italy (Rome, Arezzo, Naples and Florence) 1990 to present, Silicon Valley CA 2013 to present.

Personal humanitarian missions to Ukraine, painted and gifted portraits to defenders recovering from battle injuries, Lviv Ukraine 2023, 2025

Private Fundraiser, Superhumans Rehabilitation Center in Lviv, Ukraine, Portola Valley CA, 2025–present

Avanti Retreat, co-hosted abuse recovery workshop for women, Tuscany Italy 2023

Private fundraiser, World Central Kitchen Ukrainian refugee relief efforts, Mill Valley CA, 2022, Redwood City CA 2022

National COVID Frontline Worker Award (Creator), 2020

Menlo Charity Horse Show (Executive Producer of two fundraising films benefitting Vista Center for the Blind) Atherton CA 2014, 2015; Art Director for gala auction dinner, 2014

International Cultic Studies Association, Annual International Conference, Trieste Italy, Contributed Lecture, 2000

Artisanal Wine Sellers, Newberg OR, Wine label illustration, 2008

Renovated and sold homes, Portland OR, 2006, 2007 and Corrales NM, 2019

LANGUAGES

English, Fluent

Italian, Fluent spoken, intermediate reading/writing

Spanish, Intermediate spoken, intermediate reading/writing