

RACHEL BENSON

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PORTFOLIO

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SUMMARY

Rachel Benson is an emerging artist, working primarily with fibers and watercolor. Her work focuses predominately on the subject of nature both in the form of landscapes and abstract designs. She captures the details and textures found in the natural world with a whimsical twist.

EDUCATION

2013 Bachelor of Arts: Studio Art, Minor in Theater Design Technology
Keene State College — Keene, NH
3.9 GPA Graduated Summa cum laude

Additional Coursework:

DeCordova Museum School, Danforth Museum School, Worcester Art Museum.
painting, fiber art, mixed media, drawing, photography, jewelry, selling your art,
2006-2016

Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, Deer Island, ME, Sculptural fiber, July 2009
Montserrat College of Art, Beverly, MA, Summer Pre-College Program, 2006

WORK EXPERIENCE

Fiber Artist, Groton, MA, May 2013 to present

Current Stores and Galleries:

Fruitlands Museum Store, Harvard MA

Hand Works Gallery, Acton MA

Gallery 529, Littleton MA

Periwinkle Glassworks, Acton MA

Artists Corner and Gallery, Acton MA

The Woolley Fox, Princeton MA

PERSONAL CARE ADVISOR, Northeast ACR life long support for people with disabilities,
July 2015-present

ART TEACHER, The Maker Farm, Westford MA, Summer 2015- present

ART TEACHER AND COUNSELOR, Camp Med-O-Lark -The Arts Camp of New England,
Washington ME, May-August 2014

ART TEACHER, COLOR*FULL- creative exploration for kids, Acton, MA, Dec 2013-2016

PROPS INTERN, Peterborough Players, Summer stock (paid position), Jun - Sept 2013,
Peterborough, NH Worked closely with the props master, designers, and artistic
director to create the props for each show.

THEATER TECH,

PROPS MASTER/DESIGNER, Keene State College, Sep 2011-May2013 Worked with
teachers/designers to create overall vision and then selected, altered, and/or built
props for each show.

PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER, First Parish Church of Groton, Groton, MA, Feb 2009 – Dec 2013

ART ASSISTANT, Art Space, Jennifer Maestre, Maynard MA, Jan 2009 – Dec 2011

INSTALLATION ARTIST -internship, Anthropologie, Framingham, MA, Jan-May 2011

COMMISSIONS

2013 - private commission, Fire hydrant, Creatively painted fire hydrant, Acton Childrens Museum, Acton MA
2012 - private commission, Friendship Weaving, Marika Sannicandor, Ayer MA
2012- private commission, Flower Steps, flowers painted on base boards of a stair case, First Parish Church of Groton, Groton MA
2013 - private commission, Weaving, two mixed media weavings, Chris Kennedy, Sudbury MA
2015- private commission, Iris, mixed media weaving, Joan Rubin, Healing Garden, Harvard MA
2016 - private commission, Beach, two large felted panels of the ocean, Carol Swift, Groton MA
2017 - private commissions, Cape Cod, felting and mixed media, Judy Cameron, Buffalo NY
2017 - private commission, Mountains and sky, felting and watercolor, Vicky Holtz, Lunenburg MA

EXHIBITIONS

Inspired Blooms, Gallery 529, Littleton MA, juried, group show, winter 2017
Expressions of Love, Handworks Gallery, Acton MA, Group Show, Winter 2016 & 2017
Princeton Arts Society 25th Anniversary Art Exhibit, Princeton MA, Group Show, Spring 2016 Honorable Mention
Fruitlands Museum Gallery, Artist of the Month, Harvard MA, Spring 2016
Mountain Side Market, Princeton MA, Duo exhibition, fall 2016
One Hundred Quilt Squares, Handworks Gallery, Acton MA, Group Show, Fall 2015 & 2016
Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery, Keene NH, Senior Show, Spring 2013 Carol House Gallery, Keene NH, Group Show, fall 2013
Mazmanian Gallery, Framingham MA, Group Show, Spring 2010
Won 3rd Place for sculpture, "Stuffed Ribs"

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Serafine, Wes. "KSC student lends a hand to help design 'The Tempest'." The Equinox 7 March 2013 [Keene NH] . Print.
Hand Works Gallery, Newsletter, Fall 2016
Fruitlands Museum, Gift Guide, Spring 2016
Hand works Gallery, Newsletter, Fall 2015

SKILLS

Needle felting, wet felting, sewing, painting - water color, acrylics, and oils, basic wood working and welding, mixed media, sculpture, installation, printmaking, knitting, crocheting, photoshop.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Princeton Arts Society