

BETSY YOUNGQUIST

(1965-)

Born: Rockford, IL

Education: North Park University, 1987
Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude
Chicago, IL

University of WI-Madison, 1992
Masters of Arts, Art Education
Madison, WI

Selected Publications:

"Life on Earth", American Craft Magazine, August/September 2019.
"Artist Betsy Youngquist", NOLA Famous Podcast, Tatum Gardner, July 3, 2019.
"Meet Betsy Youngquist", Voyage Chicago, September 21, 2018.
"Surreal Assemblages by Betsy Youngquist Combine Human Features with Beaded Animals," Colossal, September 10, 2018.
"The Trail of Betsy's Beads", Our City, Our Story, Pablo Korona, April, 2018.
"Art in the Unknown", Where Women Create Magazine, June/July, 2018.
"Betsy Youngquist", VOLITION Magazine, July, 2016.
HEY !: 4 Degrees Art, HEY ! Team, Ankama Editions, 2016.
See Yourself X: Human Futures Expanded, Madeline Schwartzman, Black Dog Publishing, 2016.
"HEY ! 24", Cover, December 2015.
"DOLL collector: a manifesto", Tatyana Sazonova, 2014.
"Planet Youngquist: Land of the Fantastical", Art Doll Quarterly, Summer 2014.
"Inside Betsy Youngquist's Beautiful Beaded World", Digital Beadwork Magazine (Australia), April, 2014.
"Creative Rituals: Betsy Youngquist", Where Women Create Magazine, Nov./Dec./Jan. 2014.
"Artist Spotlight", Bead and Button Magazine, Dec. 2013.
Suzanne Golden Presents: Interviews with 36 Artists Who Innovate with Beads, Suzanne Golden, Lark Crafts, 2013.
Showcase 500 Beaded Jewelry : Photographs of Beautiful Contemporary Beadwork, Ray Hemachandra, Lark Books, 2012.
Featured Artist, Super Beadwork Magazine, Interweave Press, June/July 2011.
Bead International 2008, Ohio University Press, Cover, 2008.
500 Handmade Dolls, Lark Books, 2007.
"Expressive Treatments of Nature", Bead and Button Magazine, Spring 2005.
American Style Magazine, Cover, April 2005.
500 Beaded Objects, Lark Books, 2004.
"Dreaming Beaded Creatures", Bead and Button Magazine, June, 2003.
The Best in Contemporary Beadwork, Interweave Press, 2002.
"Beading Bravura", St. Louis Homes and Lifestyles Magazine, October, 2001.
Illinois Women Artists: The New Millennium, produced by The National Museum of Women in the Arts, Fall, 1999.

Selected Exhibitions:

Intricacies, Freeport Art Museum, Freeport, IL, 2019.
Hey ! modern art and pop culture, Halle St. Pierre, Paris, France. 2019.
Season of the Surreal, Patina Gallery, Santa Fe, NM. 2018-2019.
The Mystery of Secrets, The American Visionary Art Museum, Baltimore, MD. 2017-2018.
Toy Box-Inspiration Through Play, Illinois State Museum, Springfield, IL, 2017-2018.
Strung Together-Beads, People, and History, The Museum of Natural and Cultural History, The University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon. 2016-2017.
Surreal....So Real, Tory Folliard Gallery, Milwaukee, WI, 2016.
Shaping Lives: The Transformative Art of the Figure, Reece Museum, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN, 2016
Mosaic Arts International, The Women's Museum of California, San Diego, CA, 2016.
The People's Show, IL State Museum and Gallery, Lockport, IL, 2015.
International Exhibition "Fashion Doll", International Exhibition Center, Kiev, Ukraine, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015.
SOFA, Next Step Gallery, Chicago, IL, 2009, 2010, 2015.
Sketches, Journals, Preparations....EVERYTHING IN PLACE, IL State Museum, Lockport, IL, Springfield, IL, 2014-2015.
Curiosities and Things of Wonder, Carthage College, Kenosha, WI, 2014.
Sketches, Journals, Preparations....EVERYTHING IN PLACE, IL State Museum, Chicago, 2013.
Exquisite Menagerie, Rockford University, Rockford, IL, 2013.
Mosaic Arts International, SAMA, Tacoma, WA, 2013.
The Teapot Redefined 2012, Mobilia Gallery, Boston, MA, 2012.
Animal Nature, The Racine Art Museum, Racine, WI, 2012.
Mosaic Arts International, SAMA, Lexington, KY, 2012.
The Object Transcended, Tory Folliard Gallery, Milwaukee, WI, 2011.
SOFA, Lucky Girls Gallery, Chicago, IL, 2011.
ArtPrize, The Grand Rapids Public Museum, Grand Rapids, MI, 2011.
The Hine's Emerald Dragonfly Project, University of MI Hospital-Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor, MI, 2011.
Eccentric Insects: The Hine's Emerald Dragonfly Project, The Racine Art Museum, Racine, WI, 2010.
Rockford Artists at VIDA, The VIDA Museum, Borgholm, Sweden, 2009.
Crossing Threads, Crossing Boundaries, Northern Illinois University Art Museum, DeKalb, IL, 2009.
Light of the Moon, Solo Exhibition, Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL, 2008.
All About Beads, Pismo Gallery, Denver, CO, 2006, 2007, 2008.
Bead International, The Dairy Barn-Southeastern Ohio Cultural Arts Center, Athens, Ohio, 2008.
Invitational Exhibition, The National Liberty Museum, Philadelphia, PA. 2006.
Enchantment, John Kohler Arts Center, Kohler, WI, 2006.
Two Person Show, Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, WI, 2004.
Solo Exhibition, Rock Valley College, Rockford, IL, 2002.
Two Person Show, North Park University, Chicago, IL, 1999.
Illinois Woman Artists: The New Millennium, The National Museum for Women in the Arts, Washington, DC, 1999.
Passionate Obsessions, The Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, WI, 1998.

Selected Awards, Honors:

Fine Arts Hall of Fame Inductee, Rockford Public School District 205, Rockford, IL. 2019.
Cherry Creek Arts Festival, Denver, CO, Merit Award 2000. Second Place 2010. Juror 2015.
The Arrow Electronics Five Years Out Challenge-Innovation Award Juror, Denver, CO, 2015.
Lakefront Festival of the Arts, Milwaukee, WI, Artist Award, 2005, 2008, 2012, 2014, 2015.
Artist Adviser 2012-2014.
The Plaza Art Fair, Kansas City, MO, Invitational Award 2006. Gold Award 2008. Shared Best of Show 2009. 2016. Invitational Award 2010. 2013.
New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, New Orleans, LA, Best of Show 2003. Artist Award 2008. Juror 2009. Best of Show 2015.
Smithsonian Craft Show, Washington DC, 2005 .2015.
St. Louis Art Fair, Saint Louis, MO, First Place 2005. Best of Show 2006. First Place 2009. First Place 2014.
The Arrow Electronics Five Years Out Challenge-Innovation Award, Denver, CO, 2014.
Eco-Arts Award Finalist, 2014.
The Sausalito Art Festival, Sausalito, CA, First Place, 2012.
Mosaic Arts International, Lexington, KY, 2012, Juror's Award 2014.
Coconut Grove Art Festival, Coconut Grove, FL, Best of Show, 2009.
Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show, Philadelphia, PA, 2006-2009.
American Craft Council Show, Baltimore, MD, Award of Excellence, 2007.

Selected Collections:

Linda Hamilton, New Orleans, LA.
Tatyana Sazonova, Kiev, Ukraine.
Miyuki Bead Gallery, Fukuyama, Japan.
Arrow Electronics, Littleton, CO.
VIDA Museum, Borgholm, Sweden.
Behr Industries, Rockford, IL.
Dr. and Mrs. Timothy Johnson, Marblehead, MA.
Epic Systems, Madison, WI.
North Park University, Chicago, IL.
Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL.
The University of Chicago Comer Children's Hospital, Chicago, IL.
The University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI.