

Sun Smith-Foret



Sun Smith-Foret is a professional studio artist, teacher and independent curator. She has been formally active in textile construction, quilts, sculpture, functional and amuletic objects since finishing graduate school at Washington University.

"...this work is from self-taught traditional textile techniques begun in childhood and pursued throughout my domestic life. Knotting is a recent acquisition in my skill set and came from direct observation of the work of Jane Sauer, a former studio mate and decades-long friend and colleague. I have studied non-Western art forms, especially Survival Arts of the Pyramid Lake Paiutes by Margaret M. Wheat, and basketry of American and Canadian native tribes, global contemporary basketry, and the earth-focused spiritual aesthetic of Australian aboriginal artists. Vernacular African architecture also informs the work, as do repetitive rhythmic drumming and dance." - Artist Statement

Education

- 1992 M.S.W. Mental Health and Family Therapy, George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis MO
1986 M.F.A. Printmaking & Painting, School of Fine Art, Washington University
1983 B.A. History of Art & Archeology, School of Arts and Sciences, Washington University

Selected Exhibitions

- 2020 The Sheldon Gallery, St. Louis, MO
2019 Cedarhurst Center for the Arts, Mitchell Museum, Mt. Vernon, IL
2018 Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO
The Lambert Gallery West, Lambert International Airport, St. Louis, MO
Audubon Center at Riverlands, West Alton, IL
2016 Jacoby Arts Center, Alton, IL
Audubon Center at Riverlands, West Alton, IL
Great Rivers National Museum, Alton, IL
St. Louis Artists' Guild, St. Louis, MO
2015 Florissant Valley Community College, Florissant, MO
2013 Schmidt Art Center, Belleville, IL
Stevens College Gallery of Art, Columbia MO
2012 Lewis and Clark Community College, Alton, IL
Cedarhurst Center for the Arts Mitchell Museum Gallery, Mt. Vernon, IL
Regional Arts Commission Gallery, St. Louis, MO
2011 St. Louis University Museum of Art, St. Louis, MO
Rockhurst College Gallery of Art, Kansas City, MO

