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Born 1952 in Washington, D.C. Graduated from Wheeling College, 1974, B.A., English. Graduated from University of Maryland, 1978, M.A., English. From 1978 through 1983, worked as a Technical Writer in the Washington area and New York City businesses, including PRC, General Electric Information Services, and Bankers Trust.

In 1983, I married and moved to Heidelberg, Germany. The family moved to Sindelfingen, Germany in 1985. From 1985 through 1993, I worked as a Technical Writer for Hewlett Packard, GmbH, in Sindelfingen. My two children, Anna (26) and Daniel (23) were born in Germany. We moved from Germany to Paris, France in 1993 as a corporate move for my husband.

In 1995, we moved to Ridgefield where I worked as a realtor and copy editor, in addition to numerous volunteer organizations, including the Newcomers Club, National Charity League and Meals on Wheels. Studied watercolor and drawing in Ridgefield.

In 2001, we moved to London. I was on the board of the American Women of Berkshire. I studied watercolor and life drawing with various artists while in England.

Back in Ridgefield since 2003, I have continuously attended figure and still life classes at the Silvermine Art School, studying with Frank Bruckmann, Dean Fisher, William Nathans, Wendy Shalen, Mary Beth MacKenzie and others. In 2005-2006, I worked as an event planner at Seven Bridges Foundation in Greenwich, a private non-profit museum containing a collection of sculpture and contemporary paintings. Since 2008, I have been a member of the board of the Ridgefield Guild of Artists. Since 2010, I have been an auxiliary board member of the Ridgefield Arts Council.

Exhibitions History

2003	Group Show, Ridgefield Library
2004 and on	Student Exhibitions at Silvermine Art School, New Canaan, CT
2005 and on	Member Shows at Ridgefield Guild of Artists, CT Student Exhibitions at Rowayton Arts Center, CT
2006	105 th New Haven Paint & Clay Juried Show
2006	Emerging Artists Exhibition, Darien CT
2008	New Haven Brush & Palette Annual Juried Portrait Show
2008	Society of Creative Arts of Newtown CT Juried Show
2009	Solo Show, Ridgefield Guild of Artists, CT
2009	32 nd Annual Ridgefield Guild of Artists' Juried Show
2010	New Rochelle Artists Association Juried Show "Farm" Juried Show, Carriage Barn Arts Center, New Canaan, CT Rowayton Arts Center Annual All Media Juried Exhibition
2011	Ridgefield Guild of Artists' Annual Member Juried Show "Continuum Gender Identity" Juried Show, RGA, Ridgefield, CT Ridgefield Guild of Artists' Pop-Up Gallery "The Art of the Marys" curated 2-person exhibition at the Ridgefield Guild of Artists Westport Downtown Merchants Assoc. Art About Town Show, exhibited in children's store on Main Street and participated in plein air demonstrations during the event
2012	Rowayton Arts Center Juried Show Post Odyssey Exhibition, Ridgefield Guild of Artists Harvest Exhibition, Gilbert & Bennett school Westport Downtown Merchants annual Art About Town, exhibited in the Tavern on Main Greenwich annual Art to the Avenue, exhibited at the Miele Store New Canaan Art to the Avenue, exhibited in Bob's Sports store