

CURRICULUM VITAE

Phyllis Toburen (1948-)

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Education

B.A.

- 1970 History University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin
- 1966-67 Humanities University of Denver, Denver, Colorado

Post-Graduate Studies

- University Instruction: 1971-present

Applied Arts

- Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
(Acrylic painting, drawing, mixed media)
- Cardinal Stritch University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
(oil painting, drawing, batik, textile dying techniques)
- Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
(textile and surface design)
- University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
(off loom fiber techniques/surface and fabric design, textile sculpture)
- University of Denver, Denver, Colorado
(three - dimensional design, ceramics)

Professional Experience

- 2007- Present Owner and sole exhibitor, Phyllis Toburen Contemporary Abstract Art
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1996- 2000 Teacher's Assistant, Zubatsky Art Studio
Thiensville, Wisconsin (prepared workshops and curriculum)
- 1980- 1988 Owner, Artist Within
Milwaukee, Wisconsin (designed and marketed couture art to wear, managed
35 employees)

Awards/Honors

- 2007 Book Art Press Art Contest, Woodstock, New York
Second Place-All media (juried by Karen Whitman and Richard Pantell)
- 1986 American Craft Festival at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, New York,
New York, Special Honorary invitation to exhibit

Exhibitions

- 2008 Historic Third Ward Gallery Association, "New Beginning," Phyllis Toburen
Contemporary Abstract Art, (solo), Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 2008 Historic Third Ward Gallery Association, "Then to Now," Phyllis Toburen
Contemporary Abstract Art, (solo), Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 2008 "St. Andrews Invitational," (group show), Boca Raton, Florida
- 2008 Historic Third Ward Gallery Association, "Emergence," Phyllis Toburen
Contemporary Abstract Art, (solo), Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 2007 Historic Third Ward Gallery Association, "Components," Phyllis Toburen
Contemporary Abstract Art, (solo), Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 2007 Historic Third Ward Gallery Association, "Rising," Phyllis Toburen
Contemporary Abstract Art, (solo), Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 2007 Historic Third Ward Gallery Association, "Root's Renaissance," Phyllis
Toburen Contemporary Abstract Art, (solo), Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1986 Milwaukee Art Museum, "Fiber R/Evolution," (invitational group show),
Couture Art to Wear, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Media

- 1985 American Craft Council Show (national juried show), West Springfield,
Massachusetts
- 1985 Design Connection Gallery, "Unusual Happening," (solo show), Chicago,
Illinois
- 1985 Gallery of Wearable Art (group show), New York, New York
- 1984- Fashion Designer for Liz Ayres, Hostess, "More Show" with Bobby Rivers and
1986 Ayres, ABC Affiliate WISN TV Channel 12, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1984- Designed Wardrobe for Liz Ayres, "Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon," ABC
1985 Affiliate, WISN TV Channel 12, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1984 Bradley Pavilion of the Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, "Milwaukee
Designer Collective" (invitational group show), Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1984 The Jewish Community Center of Milwaukee, "Presents a Fashion Show by
Phyllis Cohen" (solo show), Couture Art to Wear, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1984 Cedarburg Art Guild (juried group show), Cedarburg, Wisconsin
- 1983- "Phyllis" Couture Knitwear, Trunk Showings, (solo), Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
1986 Chicago, Illinois, Great Neck, New York, Glenview, Illinois, Deerfield, Illinois
- 1983- "Phyllis" Couture Knitwear premieres on PBS Affiliate, Channel 36,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1983- Interview and modeling of couture gowns, "More Show" with Bobby
Rivers and Liz Ayres, ABC Affiliate WISN TV Channel 12, Milwaukee,
Wisconsin
- 1983 Bischoff's "Milwaukee Designer's Showcase" (invitational group show),
Couture Art to Wear, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1982 Charles A. Wustum Museum of Fine Arts, "Wearable Fibers 1982" (juried
group show), juried by Suzanne Berland, Racine, Wisconsin

Bibliography

Jirnkowic, Darlene and Costello, Maureen. "Exquisite Summer Sweater," Wisconsin Woman Magazine, Volume I, No. 2, May 1987, 20-23.

Mitz, Bea. "Phyllis Cohen Creates Unique Knitwear," Wisconsin Jewish Chronicle, Section 11, 24, August 1984: 20.

Sedley, Jeremy. "Phyllis Toburen," New Art International, Volume XII, 2007-2008 154-163.

Siros. "Talk of Design: Milwaukee: Phyllis Cohen," Eve Magazine, Volume No.3, Autumn, 1983: 33-46, 111.

Towell, Jean. "Crochet Artist Hooked on Detail and Blend of Fibers," The Milwaukee Journal, Lifestyle Section, 10, August 1981.

Woodburn, Judith P. "Dress to Impress," Milwaukee Magazine, February 1985, 106.

Conferences

2002 Cedarburg Cultural Center, Cedarburg, Wisconsin
Textile and Surface Design Conference

1982 Arrowmont School of Fine Arts, Gatlinburg, Tennessee
National Fiber Arts Symposium (nontraditional batik techniques),
(Graduate credits earned through the University of Tennessee-Knoxville,
Knoxville, Tennessee)

Community Service

1994- Donges Bay Elementary School, instituted and taught hands on Art Enrichment
2005 for student in grades Kindergarten to Fifth Grade, Mequon, Wisconsin

1994- Donges Bay Elementary School, Served as Artist in Residence, Mequon,
2005 Wisconsin

1994- Mequon-Thiensville School District, lobbyist for the expansion and extension
Present of art education programs in local school district, Mequon, Wisconsin

1984 "A Fundraising Extravaganza for The Ronald McDonald House," Grand
Ballroom, Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

- 1984 Live Gallery Productions “The Event: A Benefit For The Milwaukee Art Museum, The Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1984 Milwaukee Society of Models 31st Annual Benefit Fashion Show for the Association of Retarded Citizens, Grand Ballroom, Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1983 Milwaukee Chapter of Hadassah, “Donor Day Event for Hadassah,” Brynwood Country Club, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Gallery

- 2007- Phyllis Toburen Contemporary Abstract Art
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