



# OKANOGAN REGION ARTS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

## ARTIST PROFILE

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**Mixed Media/Book Arts**

All Districts

**Preferred Age:** Grades K-8

**Possible Curricular Ties:** Language Arts, Science, Geography, Ecology

### **Residency Suggestions:**

Art Books: Create different styles of binding from a simple yet elegant Japanese Stab binding or circle accordion to more advanced forms. Books can be used to illustrate nearly any area of study that you are currently working on.

Paste Papers / Marble Papers: Create beautiful paste papers to be used as pages in journals, book covers, wrapping paper, cards, etc.

Mixed Media Collage: Create a collage using a variety of media. Explore collage elements using photos and other ephemera. When collage is finished we will seal it in a coat of beeswax.

Art Doll Figure: Create a canvas/muslin freeform shaped figure using multiple materials to decorate form. Learn to do simple sewing, create dimension and shape, use a variety of tools i.e. paper, text, paint, crayons, photos, fiber, sewing machine, needle and thread.

**Supplies:** 6 x 6 canvas or art board, acrylic/tempera paint, brushes, glue sticks, PVA glue, decorative papers, gesso, beeswax, access to sink, large, medium weight paper, sharpie pens, wallpaper paste, ink, lightweight canvas, yarn, sewing machine, parent volunteers if possible.

### **Professional Development Workshops for Teachers: Handmade Books**

Handmade books are an excellent way to showcase student artwork, poetry, and original writing. Teachers will learn several techniques for constructing books (including Japanese stab binding, accordion binding, hand stitched binding, and more advanced forms). Lessons are replicable with students ages K-6. Teachers will learn how to inspire students to think creatively through book construction, drawing, painting, and writing.

### **Teaching Experience:**

2000-2001 Trillium Waldorf School, Port Townsend, WA.-various mediums

2001-2003 Swan School, Port Townsend, WA-various mediums/projects

2003-present Methow Valley Elementary-various mediums/projects

**Artist's Statement:** Since early childhood creating things with my hands has been a part of my life whether it was forming bowls out of mud from the field or sewing clothes for a doll. As an adult my passion for art has grown, blossomed and taken on many different shapes and hues over the years. There seems to be no limit to the combination of mediums and techniques to explore. My goal is to give children an opportunity to discover the unique, true expression of their creative hearts.