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Education

* B.A. (Hons) Cl. I in Applied Arts, University of Hertfordshire, 2010
* BTEC Diploma in Art and Design (Merit), Huntingdon Regional College, 2005

Work Experience

* Textile Technician at Kimbolton School, 2005 - 2017
* Registered Mental/General Nurse, 1975 to 1995

Exhibitions

**2023**

Old Chapel Gallery 16th May - 13th July 2023

Prism ‘Wrapped’, The Art Pavilion, Mile End Park Clinton Road, E3 4QY 19th April -1st May

**2022**

* Hanging by a Thread: a Portrayal of Poverty (solo exhibition), Knitting and Stitching Show, Harrogate Convention Centre, Kings Road, Harrogate HG1 5LA (Nov 17th – 20th)
* Hanging by a Thread: a Portrayal of Poverty (solo exhibition), Knitting and Stitching Show, Alexandra Palace, London N22 7AY (Oct 6th – 9th)
* Color Play, Swiss Fiber Art, Galerie Kalina, Am Platzl 1, 94209 Regen, Germany (July 2nd – 30th)
* Transformations, Society of Designer Craftsmen, Bankside Gallery, 48 Hopton St, London SE1 9JH (June 15th – 26th)
* Reflection, Open Gallery, 18 Rawson St, Halifax HX1 1NH (May 28th – June 18th)
* Prism, Untold, The Art Pavilion, Mile End Park Clinton Road, E3 4QY (April 6th – 18th 2022)
* Janus Revisited, Cupola Gallery, 178, 178A Middlewood Rd, Sheffield S6 1TD (Mar 18th – April 23rd)
* Doncaster Art Fair (Virtual Exhibition), Doncaster, South Yorkshire (Mar 10th – April 30th)
* Women United Art Movement, We Create, (Virtual Exhibition), Czech Republic (Jan 2nd – 23rd 2022)

**2021**

* Second part of Beyond The Knitting & Stitching Show 2021, Self Portrait Competition, Harrogate (18th – 21st Nov 2021)
* Designer Crafts from the Society of Designer Craftsmen, RBSA Gallery, Jewellery Quarter, Birmingham (Nov 2nd – 13th 2021)
* Prism, In Search of Possibilities, The Art Pavilion, Mile End Park, London (Oct 21st -31st 2021)
* First part of Beyond The Knitting & Stitching Show 2021, Self Portrait Competition, Alexandra Palace, London (Oct 7th – 10th 2021)
* My Story, British Textile Biennial, Blackburn Cathedral, Blackburn (Oct 1st - 31st 2021)
* 160th Annual Open Exhibition 2021, The Society of Women Artists (Virtual Exhibition) (Sept 21st – Dec 21st 2021)
* 130th Open Exhibition, Lovely gallery, Margate, Kent (Sept 11th – Oct 9th 2021)
* ‘Excellence’, Society of Designer Craftsmen, The Oxmarket, Chichester, West Sussex (Aug 3rd – 15th 2021)
* Textile Exhibition, Berkhamsted Got Talent, Open Doors Community Space and Café, Berkhamsted, Herts (July 13th - Aug 7th 2021)
* Eye of the Beholder, Cultural Centre of Cape Cod (Virtual Exhibition) 307 Old Main St, South Yarmouth, MA 02664, USA July 9th – Aug 13th 2021)
* Threaded 111, Envision art online gallery, Texas, US (July 1st – 31st 2021)
* Doncaster Art Fair, "Art as a Response to Mental Health 2021" (Virtual Exhibition) (June 2nd – July 25th 2021)
* Broadway arts festival, 2021 Open Art Competition, Theatre barn, Bretforton, Evesham (June 4th – 13th 2021)
* Absent gallery - Spring Open 2021 (exhibiting in a 3D virtual and interactive world) Somerset (Mar 19th – May 16th 2021)
* Letchworth Open,Broadway Gallery, Letchworth, Herts (Jan 9th – Mar 14th 2021)
* ‘’2020'' - Instagram Exhibition (Bobby Forsythe) (Dec 1st 2020 – Jan 31st 2021)
* International Art Show Raleigh, Raleigh, North Caroline, US (Dec 3rd - Jan 3rd 2021)

**2020**

* Swiss Fiber Arts, Klostertorkel Gallery Klostertorkel Maienfeld / Vorderwinkel 6 / 7304 Maienfeld, GR, Switzerland (Dec 5th –19th 2020)
* Swiss Fiber Arts, Un/Framed, Kunstraum Gallery, Winterthur, Switzerland (Oct 3rd – 10th 2020)
* Society of Women Artists 159th Open Exhibition virtual exhibition (Sept 22nd - Dec 30th 2020)
* Society of Designer craftsmen, INTO THE LIGHT, THE OXMARKET, Chichester, West Sussex (Aug 24th – Sept 6th 2020)
* Prism textiles, in search of (im)possibilities virtual exhibition (May 12th – July 31st 2020)
* Hertfordshire Open 2020 virtual exhibition (July 6th – Aug 31st 2020)
* Textile Exhibition at the Open Door, High Street, Berkhampsted Herts (Jan 21st – Feb 15th 2020)

2019

* The Gentle Explosive Art of Yarn Bombing, St Pancras Hospital, London (25th October 2019 - 10th January 2020)
* The International Contemporary Stitched Art Exhibition, The Clerkenwell Gallery, London (2th - 17th Nov 2019)
* Fragility, RBSA Gallery, 4 Brook Street, Birmingham B3 1SA (8th October to 19th October 2019)
* Fragility**,** Prism, Hoxton Arches, Hoxton, London E2 8HD (28th May - 9th June 2019)
* Harley Open, Harley Gallery, A60 Mansfield Road, Welbeck, Worksop, Notts (21st January – 24th March 2019)
* ‘A few of my favourites’, Upstairs Gallery, Berkhamsted, Herts (15th January - 2nd February 2019)

2018

* The Art of Caring, St Pancras hospital, Conference Centre gallery, 4 St. Pancras way, London, NW1 0PE (20th July – 20 October 2018)
* The Hand of the Makers, Society of Designer Craftsmen Summer Exhibition, Chelsea College of Art & Design , London SW1P 4JU (2nd - 21st July 2018)
* Broadway Festival 2018, Little Buckland Gallery, Little Buckland, Broadway, WR127JH (7th - 17th June 2018)
* Transient, Prism, Hoxton Arches, Hoxton, London E2 8HD (30th May - 10th June 2018)
* Handmade, Lovelys gallery, 248, Northdown road, Ciftonville, Margate, Kent CT9 2PX (7th - 28th April 2018)
* Sewing Circle Rethread, St Pancras hospital, Conference Centre gallery, 4 St. Pancras way, London, NW1 0PE (5th November 2017 – 11th January 2018)

2017

* Another view exhibition, Prism, Hoxton Arches, Hoxton, London E2 8HD (18th - 29th October 2017)
* A Letter in Mind - A sense of Place, Oxo Tower Wharf, Bargehouse Street, South Bank, London (28th September – 1st October 2017)
* Festival of Quilts, NEC, Birmingham (10th – 13th August 2017)
* The Art of Caring, St Pancras hospital, Conference Centre gallery, 4 St. Pancras way, London, NW1 0PE (20th July - 19th October 2017)
* The Art of Caring, St.George's Hospital London (3rd -12th May 2017)
* Another View Exhibition, RBSA Gallery, 4 Brook Street, Birmingham B3 1SA (29th April - 13th May 2017)

2016

* Collect Connect retrospective, Kensington and Chelsea College, London SW10 0GS
* A Letter in Mind - A view on Nature, Oxo Tower Wharf, Bargehouse Street, South Bank, London,
* Designer Crafts at the Mall 2016, Mall Gallery, London
* The Art of Caring, St Pancras Hospital, Conference Centre Gallery, 4 St. Pancras Way, London, NW1 0PE
* The Lichfield Prize 2016, Emporium Gallery, Lichfield, Staff.
* Fracture Exhibition, Prism, Hoxton Arch, Hoxton, London
* University of Hertfordshire Alumni exhibition 2016, University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, Herts
* Art of Caring 2016, The Rose Theatre, Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey
* Agenda, Prism textile group, Hiscox Art Café, The Hiscox Building,1 Great St. Helen's, London, EC3A 6HX

2015

* Extreme Fibers: Textile Icons and the New Edge,Dennos Museum Center, Traverse City, Michigan, USA
* A Letter in Mind - The Art of a Journey. Oxo Tower Wharf, Bargehouse Street, South Bank, London,
* "Anatomy For Life" 2015, (Brighton and Sussex Medical School) Brighton Jubilee Library, Brighton
* Extreme Fibers: Textile Icons and the New Edge, Muskegon Museum of Art, 296 W Webster Ave, Muskegon, MI 49440, USA
* Electric Open 2015, Electric Picture House, Cross Street, Congleton, Cheshire CW12 1HQ
* Lines of Communication, Prism, Hoxton Arch, Hoxton, London
* Art of Caring, The Rose Theatre, 24-26 High Street, Kingston-upon-Thames, KT1 1HL.
* Sweet Art, Y Not, International Women's Day, Espacio Gallery, 159, Bethnal Green Road, London E2 7DG
* "COIN CUSINE" ... du cote des ustensiles; a touring European exhibition visiting 3 locations in France, Germany and the Czech Republic

2014

* "COIN CUSINE" ... du cote des ustensiles (continued) – touring exhibition visiting 10 locations in France and Germany
* Open Art 2014 - Black Swan Gallery, 2 Bridge Street, Frome, Somerset BA11 1BB.
* Solo Exhibition “Madonna and Child” in Bradford Cathedral, Bradford
* A Letter in Mind, Oxo Tower Wharf, Bargehouse Street, South Bank, London,
* Knitting and Stitching Show 2014, Prism Textiles showing in: London, Dublin and Harrogate
* Solo exhibition 2014, Artistsmeet Contemporary art gallery, Watersmeet, Rickmansworth
* Code Decode, Prism, Mall Gallery, London
* Designer Crafts at the Mall 2014, Society Designer Craftsmen, Mall Gallery, London

2013

* Fiberart International 2013; a touring US exhibition showing at (1) San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, San Jose, California, US and (2) Exhibition of Contemporary Fiberart, Pittsburg, PA, US
* NN Open Exhibition, Number Nine, Guild Road, Northampton
* Madonna and Children - Stitched Stories, Derby Cathedral Center, Derby
* Open Exhibition, Letchworth Arts Centre, Letchworth, Herts
* Shoosmiths Art Prize, MK Arts for Health, Milton Keynes, Bucks
* Harley Gallery Open Exhibition 2013, Harley Gallery, Welbeck, Worksop, Nottinghamshire

2012

* Contemporary Craft Open 2012, Unit twelve, Tixall Heath Farm, Tixall, Stafford
* Making Stories', ArtVanGo Studio, Knebworth, Herts
* 'Culture Cloud', New Art Exchange, Nottingham
* 'Labour of Love', Solo exhibition, Beetroot Tree Gallery,Draycott, Derbyshire
* Saltaire Arts Trail, Open House, Saltaire, Bradford
* 15th international Open, Womanmade Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA
* Exhibition, for the work on the theme 'H is for' Harley Gallery, Welbeck, Worksop, Nottinghamshire
* Designer Crafts at the Mall 2012, Society Designer Craftsmen, Mall Gallery, London

2011

* Art in Woodstock 2011, Woodstock
* Craft in the Bay Summer Show 2011, The makers guild in Wales, Cardiff
* 15th Annual Exhibition 'Her Story' The Link Gallery, Winchester
* Hertfordshire Open Exhibition 2011, University of Hertfordshire Galleries at the Museum of St. Albans, St. Albans
* Art ,Design and A taste of Summer, Blenheim Palace, Oxford
* RBSA 'Prize' exhibition, Royal Birmingham Society of Artists, RBSA Gallery, Birmingham
* Rising Stars 2011, New Ashgate Gallery, Farnham
* The Women's Art Show 2011Fairfields Art Centre, Basingstoke
* Contemporary Textile 2011,Landmark Arts Centre,Teddington

Articles and Publications

Books

* 'Women: Inspiring Quotes & Artistic Responses' volume 1, Nicole Wild, Wild House Publishing, Dec 2019
* ‘Quotes’, Mike Healey and Andy Wild (eds.), Strawlitter Productions, 2019
* Artbook 'Depth/Tiefe' Curated By Claudia Jaeggi, A Project For The Swiss Embroiderer's Guild, 2019
* Textile Art Around The World, Ellen Bakker, 2015 (An overview of the various disciplines and techniques from within the textile world presenting 160 artists from around the globe)
* Handmade in Britain: Contemporary Artisans, Piyush Suri, 2012 (A book investigating crafts-people and their work in fields such as jewelry, ceramics, textiles, furniture and other craft)

ArticleS

* Socially Conscious Stitching, Embroidery Magazine, volume 72, May/June 2021
* Be Creative with Workbox Magazine, Issue 185, February 2020
* Art Habens Art Review, Biennial Edition – <https://issuu.com/arthabens/docs/biennial.ed.vol.ii>
* Fiberart Now, Textile Fiber Forum Magazine 122 – [https://pocketmags.com/textile-fibre-forum-magazine/textile-fibre-forum-issue-122#](https://pocketmags.com/textile-fibre-forum-magazine/textile-fibre-forum-issue-122)
* Aran Illingworth | Artsbeat – Derbyshire's free arts magazine – artsbeatblog.com/tag/aran-illingworth/
* Fiberart International, vol 3 issue 1, Fall 2013
* Pittsburgh Post-Gazette from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, p 61, May 10, 2013
* Aran Illingworth: Embracing Indian heritage - <http://www.textileartist.org/embracing-indian-heritage/>
* BBC Wales report on Crafts in the Bay 2011
* Fairfields Art Centre, Basingstoke: Fairfields' fine show by ladies by Joanna Mace, 10/03/2011 in the Basingstoke Gazette

Videos

* https://www.arnolds-attic.co.uk/2020/07/aran-illingworth-meet-the-artist.html

Awards

* Outstanding work: Women United Art Prize 2021
* Best in show artist: Envision Arts, Threaded III, 2021 (awarded for work 'East of Eden')
* Highly commended: The Knitting and Stitching Show’ 2021 (awarded for stitched self portrait)
* The People’s Prize: Broadway Festival 2018 open exhibition, Little Buckland Gallery, Little Buckland, Broadway 2018 (awarded for work ‘Fractured Memory – Who Is That?’)
* Best in Show Prize (based on visitors’ votes): Lovely Gallery, Open Exhibition 2017, Margate, Kent (awarded for work ‘The Three Graces’)
* The People’s Prize at the ‘H’ themed exhibition, Harley Gallery, 2012, Wellbeck, Notts (awarded for work ‘Madonna and Child’)
* University of Hertfordshire Alumni Prize, Hertfordshire Open Exhibition, 2011, St Albans, Herts (awarded for work ‘I’m a Big Girl Now’)