

Susan Fortenberry – BayouRain Creations – Artist Biography

Retail Consignments

Apr 2008 - Jul 2014 – sold jewelry on consignment at Shreveport Regional Arts Council’s ArtSpace gift shop in downtown Shreveport, LA.

Jul 2008 – Jan 2009 – sold jewelry on consignment at Joey Black’s T Jolie gift shop.

Nov 2008 – Oct 2012 – sold jewelry on consignment at Chemistry Hair Salon.

Jan 2010 – May 2012 – sold rosaries and prayer bead necklaces on consignment at Alice & Caroline’s Jacob's Well gift shop in Shreveport, LA.

Feb 2010 – sold sign language jewelry at the Betty & Leonard Phillip’s Deaf Action Center in Shreveport.

Jul 2013 – Nov 2013 – sold jewelry on consignment at Olive Street Thrift.

Oct 2013 – Sep 2014 – sold jewelry on consignment at the Naked Bean Café coffee shop.

Feb 2014 – Oct 2014 - sold jewelry on consignment at the vintage store Needful Things.

Oct 2014 & Oct 2015 – wholesale sales of artifact leather bracelets to Candace Alexander of Alexander Art Studio in Lake Charles for retail in her stores.

May 2017 – Nov 2021 - sold jewelry at Shreveport Regional Arts Council’s ArtSpace gift shop in Shreveport, LA.

May 2016 – **Present** - selling capacitor & resister jewelry and fashion show runway jewelry at artist shop Agora Borealis in Shreveport, LA.

Group Art Shows

Mar 2012 - One of the featured artists on display for the National Women’s History Month Exhibition “Fashionable Delights” program at the Multicultural Center of the South in Shreveport, LA.

Feb 2013 – “Portals” installation for the Entrepreneur Exhibition in the Emerging Artists gallery group show at SRAC’s Central ArtStation.

Jan 2016 - Mar 2016 – Selected for the Rainforest Art Foundation’s group event *Abstract Nature Mixed Media Exhibition* in the Marlene Yu Museum in Shreveport, LA.

Oct 21 - 28, 2016 – One of two featured artists for “The Art of the Macabre” show at The Agora Borealis in Shreveport, LA.

Apr 18 – 24, 2017 – *Relax and Unwind Miniature Challenge* at Agora Borealis in Shreveport.

Group Art Shows continued...

Oct 13 – Nov 4, 2017 – *InGraved*, a SRAC coolspace exhibit in Shreveport celebrating 100 years of history of Forest Park Cemetery.

Mar 2 – May 5, 2018 – entered “Thoughts and Prayers” art piece in the *Critical MASS 6* competition & exhibition at Shreveport Regional Arts Council’s ArtSpace.

May 11 – Jul 14, 2018 – “Thoughts and Prayers” art piece transferred to the Shreveport Regional Airport with the other Critical Mass 6 pieces from SRAC for display in conjunction with the Miss USA & Miss Teen USA pageants. The TSA (Transportation Security Administration), an agency of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, refused to allow the piece to be installed.

Aug 30 – Oct 16, 2018 – *Collector’s Eye*, a SRAC ArtSpace group exhibit featuring two of my pieces purchased by a local Collector in the past two years along with a new statement piece.

Mar 13 – July 2, 2020 – entered “American Shaman” art piece in the *Critical MASS 8* competition & exhibition at Shreveport Regional Arts Council’s ArtSpace.

Jul 25 – Sept 19, 2020 – entered “Fractured” art piece in the *Quarantime* exhibition at Shreveport Regional Arts Council’s ArtSpace. This show featured artworks created by the Northwest Louisiana Roster Artists during the COVID-19 “pause.”

Mar 26 – May 22, 2021 – entered “Android Coronation” art piece in the *Critical MASS 9* competition & exhibition at Shreveport Regional Arts Council’s ArtSpace.

Feb 4 – Mar 19, 2022 – entered “memorans familia” art piece in the *Critical MASS 10* competition & exhibition at Shreveport Regional Arts Council’s ArtSpace.

Art Festivals & Other Venues

2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 & 2012 - Donated jewelry for auction at the Philadelphia Center’s *Annual Action Against AIDS* benefit.

Nov 2009, 2010 & 2011 – Artist vendor at the Highland Jazz & Blues Festival in Shreveport, LA.

Spring & Fall 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 - artist vendor at the Texas Avenue Makers Fair in downtown Shreveport, LA.

Oct 2011, Nov 2012, Nov 2013 & Oct 2014 – artist vendor at Noel Methodist Church’s *Greater Gift Market* in Shreveport, LA.

Nov 2011, Nov 2012 & Dec 2013 – artist vendor for *Art from the Heart of Highland* group artist show at First Presbyterian Church of Shreveport as part of the Highland Cultural Arts District in the Highland Neighborhood of Shreveport, LA.

Jul 2013 – vendor for Shreveport Zombie Walk in Shreveport, LA.

Art Festivals & Other Venues Continued...

Nov 2013 – Selected as one of the “Mini-art Pieces” project artists to be vended out of an art truck by SRAC during the Maker’s Fair/UNSCENE event.

Dec 2013 – Artist vendor at SRAC’s UNSCENE Juried Arts Market in downtown Shreveport.

Dec 2013 – Artist vendor at the Highland Restoration Association’s Holiday Tour of Homes Art Market at the home of Liz Swaine & Steve Culp on Southern Avenue in Shreveport, LA.

Nov 2014 – artist vendor at *The Day of the Dead Festival / Dia de los Muertos* event presented by the Multicultural Center of the South and Voces Castellanas at the Columbia Park in Shreveport, LA.

Apr 2015 – Artist vendor at the Southern Hills Business Association’s annual music festival at the Southern Hills park in Shreveport, LA.

May 2015 – Artist vendor at the annual Highland Handmade market in the Highland neighborhood in Shreveport, LA.

Sep 2015 & Aug 2016 – Artist vendor at the Juried Arts Market for SRAC’s Stan Lewis Music Festival in downtown Shreveport.

Jun 2015 – Selected artist location for home studio tours for SRAC’s *Common Culture Shreveport Bossier Artist Studio Tours* event.

Feb 2016 – H.O.S.T.S – artist vendor at Highland Open Studio Tour monthly event.

Apr 2016 – artist vendor for Shreveport Bossier Geek Fair held at Centenary College.

Oct 2016 – artist vendor for SBC Zombie Walk: Love & Brains in Bossier City, LA.

Oct 2016 – artist vendor at *The Day of the Dead Festival / Dia de los Muertos* event presented by the Multicultural Center of the South and Voces Castellanas at the Columbia Park in Shreveport, LA.

Dec 2015 – Artist vendor at the Bossier Arts Council’s Heart the Art: Bizarre Street Party in Bossier City, LA.

Dec 2016 – artist vendor for Shreveport Downtown Development Authority’s Downtown ArtWalk at the Remington Suites Hotel.

Apr 2017 – artist vendor for SRAC’s Big Event Artist Mural unveiling at the Texas Avenue Maker’s Fair.

Apr 2017 – artist vendor for Shreveport Downtown Development Authority’s Downtown ArtWalk at Minicine?.

Apr 2017 – artist as part of Shreveport Regional Arts Council’s *NWLA Artists Studios Tour* event.

April 2017 – 3rd Annual Agora Borealis Fashion Show “Shrevepunk Fashion and Art Show” at 601 Spring Street – jewelry designer for five runway “looks.”

Art Festivals & Other Venues Continued...

May 2017 – artist vendor for Shreveport Downtown Development Authority’s Downtown ArtWalk at the Remington Suites Hotel.

Jun 2017 – H.O.S.T.S – artist vendor at Highland Open Studio Tour event.

Sep 2017 – H.O.S.T.S – artist vendor at Lotus Studios for Highland Open Studio Tour event.

Oct 2017 – artist vendor for SBC Zombie Walk at Bossier Mall in Bossier City, LA.

Nov 2017 – artist vendor for Shreveport Downtown Development Authority’s Downtown ArtWalk at Central ArtStation.

Dec 2017 – artist vendor for Highland Restoration Associations Home Tour.

Mar 2018 – artist vendor for Shreveport Downtown Development Authority’s Downtown ArtWalk at SRAC’s Central ArtStation.

April 2018 – 4th Annual Agora Borealis Fashion Show “Micro/Macro” Fashion and Art Show” at the Marlene Yu Museum – jewelry designer for 10 runway “looks.”

May 2018 – artist vendor for Shreveport Downtown Development Authority’s Downtown ArtWalk at SRAC’s ArtSpace.

Aug 2018 – artist vendor for Artist Market for Artist Sunday at All Souls.

Dec 2018 – artist vendor for Festivus event at All Souls.

Feb 2019 – artist vendor and art lecturer for SRAC’s “Art Collector’s Home Tour”.

Oct 2019 – artist vendor for *SBC Zombie Walk* “Outbreak” at East Bank festival plaza in Bossier City, LA.

Oct 2019 – artist vendor of Dia de Los Muertos jewelry at the *Logan Mansion Monster Ball* in downtown Shreveport.

Feb 2020 – artist vendor for Carnival Art Market for Artist Sunday at All Souls.

Dec 2019 – H.O.S.T.S – artist vendor at Highland Open Studio Tour event.

Professional Memberships, Education & Honors

Aug 2011 – Present – Member of Ark-La-Tex Gem & Mineral Society.

Oct 2011 – 2-day metal-smithing class at the Gem & Mineral Society to work with jewelry torches, fabricate metal, set stones and work with sterling silver.

Professional Memberships, Education & Honors Continued...

Apr & Jun 2012 – 2-day classes in precious metal clay metal techniques specializing in fine silver & copper at the Gem & Mineral Society.

Aug 2012 – Oct 2012 - Arts Council of New Orleans' *Visual Artists as Entrepreneur* Training Program through the Shreveport Regional Arts Council.

Sep & Oct 2012 – Student in Kelly Rae Robert's "Flying Lessons (Tips & Tricks to Help Your Creative Business Soar)" eCourse.

Sep 2012 - Selected to be *Juried Roster Artist* with the Shreveport Regional Arts Council's Northwest Louisiana Artist Registry by national art critic Robert Pincus. Term is Oct 2012 – Sep 2017 (extended thru Dec 2017).

Apr 2017 – Designated a *Collectible Artist* by the Shreveport Regional Arts Council for a period of 3 years after two Shreveport collectors elected to collect my work.

Oct 2017 – Awarded "Best of Discipline: Visual" for entry "Memento Mori" at Shreveport Regional Arts Council's ArtSpace exhibition *InGRAVED Celebrating 100 Years of Forest Park Cemetery* group art show and contest.

Dec 2017 - Selected to be *Juried Roster Artist* with the Shreveport Regional Arts Council's Northwest Louisiana Artist Registry by national art critic Robert Pincus. Term is Dec 2017 – Dec 2022.

Jun 2018 – PMC class at Shreveport Regional Arts Council's ArtSpace in Shreveport, LA. Work included jewelry torches, kiln firing and other work with fine silver.