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Summary

I'm an Appalachian artist and educator. Moved to Richmond at the beginning of 2026. Originally from Tennessee and having spent the last three years in Eastern Kentucky, I'm a young artist with a background in painting and drawing and am now exploring sewing, mixed media, and plastics. I am passionate about education and believe education is empowering and life-changing.

Education

Covenant College

B.A. in Biblical and Theological Studies

2018-2022

Professional Experience

Artist in Residence at *Pine Mountain Settlement School*

Bledsoe, KY

Aug 2025 - Jan 2026

- Taught workshops and classes for children and adults
- Designed merchandise
- Created and posted content for social media
- Curated an exhibit, *The Thread That Ties Us All*
- Painted a series of murals highlighting PMSS's history

Social media content creator at *OH WOW GAMES*

Remote

June - Sept 2025

- Created content for four social media platforms
- Recorded and edited short form content
- Acted as a consultant for trends and age-appropriate content

Contract Arts & Agriculture Educator at *Pine Mountain Settlement School*

Bledsoe, KY

March - June 2025

- Taught workshops and classes for overnight camps and day field trips to elementary students including: blockprinting, natural inks, woodworking, nature journals, cooking, knife skills, cultural food education and access

Food Education Member with *FoodCorps*

Hazard, KY

Aug 2023 - July 2025

- Led school-wide taste tests, managed a school garden, and taught elementary students
- Collaborated with community partners to plan events and programming
- Wrote grants and worked with donors to secure supplies and funding for the school garden

NALCAP English language conversation assistant at *CC Sagrados Corazones*

Torrelavega, Cantabria, Spain

Oct 2022- June 2023

Skills & Qualifications

- Self-motivated and capable of planning, leading, and completing projects either by myself or with a team
- Experienced with managing classrooms of any age and any size, maintaining a safe and interactive environment for all kinds of learners
- Excellent at creating a working schedule and organizing projects
- Practiced in creating events for small to medium groups, and in pulling in other community members or teams to support
- Comfortable with creating short-form content, including written posts and videos, for Facebook, Tiktok, Twitter, Instagram, and Bluesky
- Effective with photo, video and audio editing via Capcut and Photoshop
- Experience with website creation via WordPress
- Adept with creating graphics, fliers, and designs on Canva and ProCreate that give information cleanly and invitingly
- Good with writing, team collaboration, and communication via Google Suite, Discord, Microsoft, and Slack
- Skilled with sewing and a beginner with pattern drafting and garment construction
- Practices blockprinting, bookbinding, papermaking, painting, multi-media, and drawing

Community Work

Pathfinders Board Member

Perry County, KY

Oct 2024 - Dec 2025

- Create programming like full moon hikes, runs, outdoor family events, and fundraising events for local trail systems

Community Garden Manager for Bobby Davis Park

Hazard, KY

March 2024 - July 2025

- Established the 300 sq. ft. community garden
- Started a local composting project working with one restaurant, one coffeeshop and neighbors to take their compost

Perry County Farmer's Market Board Member

Perry County, KY

Jan 2025 - Dec 2025

- Assist on market day with the food assistance programs, as well as with break down of the market
- Support outreach by creating flyers and social media posts to spread word about upcoming events

Classes I've taught

Blockprinting: An Introduction - *Southeastern KY Community College* Dec 2025

Bookbinding Intro: French Link Stitch, using recycled materials - *Pine Mountain Settlement School* Sept 2025

Sewing Your Halloween Costume with kids ages 8-18 - *Pine Mountain Settlement School* Fall 2025 - 6 week course

Nature Journals: Practicing presence - *Pine Mountain Settlement School* Mar 2025

Identity Masks: Intro to a Local Artist and Workshop - *Hindman Settlement School* for the Ironwood Youth Writers Conference June 2025

Natural Dyes: Foods & Their Colors - FoodCorps Feb 2024

Other topics I've taught...

Cooking, Knife Skills

Handmade Paper

Blockprinting

Nature Journals

Cyanotypes

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Zines

Classes/Workshops I've Attended

Floor Loom Weaving - *Pine Mountain Settlement School* - weeklong Dec 2025

Painting with Mordants - Arrowmont - weekend class Nov 2025

Gel plate printing and bookbinding - John C Campbell - weekend class July 2025

Oil Painting - ArtStation - 6 week course Oct-Dec 2024

Pottery Beginner on the wheel - ArtStation - 8 week course Feb-Apr 2024

Celebrating Cultural Inclusion in School Gardens - kidsgardening.org 2024

Landscape Design for Youth Gardens - kidsgardening.org 2023

Exhibitions

Curated "The Thread That Ties Us All" at *Pine Mountain Settlement School*, Bledsoe, KY Dec 2025, planning to travel to five other locations (libraries, museums, colleges)

“Woven in Her Womb” - The Gloaming, Pine Mountain Settlement School, Bledsoe, KY, October 2025

“Monk” - Shadows of Adolescence, Stoveworks, Chattanooga, TN (curated by Melisande Cross and Larkyn M.); July 2023

“Blood Orange, Blue Cat” - Shadows of Adolescence, Stoveworks, Chattanooga, TN (curated by Melisande Cross and Larkyn M.); July 2023

Curated “Reflections” at Jerusalem University College, Jerusalem, Palestine; Dec 2021