

**LINDA K. McCRAY, MFA**

6 Park Place ♦ Clancy, MT 59634 ♦ 406 933-5537 ♦ Lmccray@artmt.com♦ MontanaDesignsUnlimited.com

**CURRICULUM VITAE**

**EDUCATION**

- 2007 The University of Montana, Missoula, Missoula, MT,  
MFA in Fine Arts, Painting and Drawing
- 1981 Washington State University, Pullman, WA, B.A. in Fine Arts,  
Cum Laude

**TEACHING AND SPEAKING EXPERIENCE**

- 2007-present Adjunct Faculty, The University of Montana-Helena College of Technology,  
Helena, MT, Figure Drawing, Abstract Painting, Art Fundamentals, InDesign  
Desktop Publishing, Small Business Entrepreneurship (online)
- 2010 Instructor, *Artists Celebrating Christ*, The University of Mary, Bismarck, ND  
Facilitator, *Lent Retreat*, Blessed Trinity Catholic Community, Missoula, MT
- 2009 Presenter, Form/Reform: The National Conference on Environment and Art for  
Catholic Worship, *The Marketing and Advertising Way* and *Contemporary  
Art and Its Place in Catholic Worship*, San Jose, CA  
Lecturer, Carroll College, *Spiritual Art History: Icons to Contemporary Spirituals*,  
Helena, MT  
Lecturer, The University of Montana-Helena College of Technology, *The History of  
Art from Life and Beyond*, Helena, MT
- 2008 Lecturer, Carroll College, *Contemporary Art & Its Place in Catholic Worship*,  
Helena, MT  
Facilitator, *Advent Art & Faith Retreat*, Saint Mary Catholic Community, Helena, MT  
Instructor, *Advent and Christmas Art for Sacred Space Workshop*, Flatiron Gallery,  
Billings, MT  
Lecturer, Saint Mary Catholic Community, *Contemporary Images of the Virgin Mary*,  
Helena, MT  
Instructor, *Chalk Technique Workshop*, Chalk Up Helena, Helena Public Art  
Committee, City of Helena, MT  
Instructor, Gifted Institute, Carroll College, Helena, MT,  
Pastels, Mosaic, Origami & Watercolor  
Facilitator of Group Art Project, Intergenerational & RCIA Groups, *Pentecost  
Window Installation*, Saint Mary Catholic Community, Helena, MT  
Mega-Session Presenter, *The Way of the Cross through Heart and Hand:  
Deepening Personal Devotion through Making Art*, Catholic Youth  
Conference, Diocese of Helena, Helena, MT
- 2007 Adjunct Faculty, Carroll College, Helena, MT, Watercolor  
Graduate Assistant, Instructor (responsible for entire course), The University of  
Montana, Missoula, Missoula, MT, Art Appreciation  
Lecturer, The University of Montana-Helena College of Technology,  
*Aggiornamento*, Helena, MT
- 2006 Lecturer, Miles Community College, *Behind & Beyond*, Miles City, MT  
Lecturer, University Congregational Church, *Made Manifest*, Missoula, MT
- 2002-2003 Adjunct Faculty, Carroll College, Helena, MT  
Desktop Publishing, Autumn 2002 & Spring 2003  
Design, Autumn 2002 & Autumn 2003
- 2003-2004 Faculty Advisor, Carroll College Art Club, Helena, MT
- 2003 Instructor, Gifted Institute, Carroll College, Helena, MT  
Drawing, 2003

**RELATED EXPERIENCE, MEMBERSHIPS, CONFERENCES, RESIDENCIES**

2009-present Artist-In-Residence, Blessed Trinity Catholic Community, Fr. Ed Hislop, Pastor, Sister Mary Jo Quinn, Liturgist/Music Director, Missoula, MT

2008-present Association of Consultants for Liturgical Space  
Liturgy Committee, Saint Mary Catholic Community, Member  
Liturgical Art and Environment Committee, Saint Mary Catholic Community, Member

2007-present EnVisionChurch.org: Sacred Art and Architecture Shaping Catholic Liturgy and Spirituality, Member

2007-present Christians in Visual Arts, Member

2006-present Toastmasters, Member, Competent Communicator Toastmaster 2007

1987-present Business Owner, Illustrator and Graphic Artist of Designs Unlimited

2009 *Art from Life and Beyond*, The University of Montana-Helena College of Technology, Exhibition Curator

2008 Home Show, Missoula Building Industry Association, Juror

2007-2008 Spiritual Committee, Saint Mary Catholic Community, Member

2004-2008 Helena Public Art Committee, Helena City Commission, Chair

2007 Form/Reform: The National Conference on Environment and Art for Catholic Worship, Milwaukee, WI, Attendee

2001-2007 Stewardship Advisory Council, Catholic Diocese of Helena, Art Consultant

2006 Tour of Homes, Hamilton Building Industry Association, Juror

1987-2004 Helena Advertising Federation, President 2003-2004

1985-1987 Art Director of Montana West Advertising Agency

1984-1985 Illustrator and Book Designer of Falcon Press Publishing Company

1979-1980 President of the Washington State University Art Student Union.  
Organized activities, mediated between faculty and students, represented students at weekly faculty meetings and held weekly Art Student Union meetings. Activities: visiting artists, talent show, costume party, movies, discussion hours with guest faculty, art parade, undergraduate show and opening.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

2009 Special Guest Liturgical Artist, *Artists Celebrating Christ*, University of Mary, Bismarck, ND, National Juried  
Special Recognition, *11<sup>th</sup> Annual Judeo-Christian International Juried Online Art Exhibition*, Upstream People Gallery, Omaha, NE, International Juried

2007 Odyssey of the Stars Art Scholarship, The University of Montana, Missoula, Missoula, MT

2006 International Catholic Stewardship Conference, Honorable Mention, 2006 Diocese of Helena Stewardship Campaign, Design and Digital Photography  
Avis Mitchell Scholarship in Visual Arts, The University of Montana, Missoula, Missoula, MT  
Laura Bergh Barrett Scholarship, The University of Montana, Missoula, Missoula, MT

2005 National Council of State Housing Agencies National Competition, First Place Award for Program Excellence, Montana Housing Solutions: Designing for Comfort & Quality, Design and Illustration  
Fellowship Award, Soroptimist International of Helena, Inc.

2004 Fell Oskins Scholarship  
Montana ADDY Awards, Gold ADDY in Advertising Industry Self Promotion, Design  
Montana ADDY Awards, Silver ADDY in Advertising Industry Self Promotion, Design

1999 The Benjamin Franklin Award, National, 2nd Place History Book, Great Lodges of the Canadian Rockies, Book Design and Illustration

1998 The Benjamin Franklin Award, National, 1st Place History Book, Great Lodges of the West, Design

- Montana ADDY Awards, Citation of Excellence in Letterhead Package, Design and Illustration
- 1994 Montana ADDY Awards, Citation of Excellence in Industry Self-Promotion, Design and Illustration
- 1991 Helena ADDY Awards, Silver ADDY in the Specialty Category, Design
- 1990 Helena ADDY Awards, Silver ADDY in the Print Category, Design
- Helena Advertising Federations, Special Recognition Award
- 1987 The Benjamin Franklin Award, National, Best 4-Color Design Book, Montana on My Mind, Design
- The Benjamin Franklin Award, Regional Area Book, Montana on My Mind, Design
- Rocky Mountain Book Publishers Association, 1st Place Guide or How-To Book, Hiker's Guide to Arizona, Design & Illustration
- 1980 Gold Medal Painting, Art on the Gren-12<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts and Crafts Festival, Coeur 'd Alene, ID
- Jack A. Winter Art Scholarship, Washington State University
- 1979 1<sup>st</sup> Place Drawing, Undergraduate Show, Washington State University
- 1978 1<sup>st</sup> Place Painting, Undergraduate Show, Washington State University
- James E. Bayeat Memorial Art Scholarship, Washington State University
- 1977 National Candidate Key Award Water Color, Spokane Scholastic Art Competition
- National Candidate Key Award Oils, Spokane Scholastic Art Competition
- Place Award Ink Drawing, Spokane Scholastic Art Competition
- Place Award Pastel Drawing, Spokane Scholastic Art Competition
- Place Award Oils, Spokane Scholastic Art Competition
- Honorable Mention Oils, Spokane Scholastic Art Competition
- Honorable Mention Pencil Drawing, Spokane Scholastic Art Competition
- James E. Bayeat Memorial Art Scholarship, Washington State University
- 1976 1<sup>st</sup> Place Watercolor Color, Spokane Scholastic Art Competition
- Best Junior Award, Spokane Scholastic Art Competition
- High School Creative Arts Summer Series Scholarship, Eastern Washington State University

## EXHIBITIONS

### Solo Exhibitions

- 2009 *To Form Anew*, First Boulder Valley Bank, Boulder, MT
- Agape: Abstract Spiritual Paintings of Love*, Carroll College, Helena, MT
- 2008 *The True Light*, Flatiron Gallery, Billings, MT
- Dust to Dust*, The University of Montana-Helena College of Technology, Helena, MT
- Passion to Pentecost*, Curated by Father Ed Hislop, Blessed Trinity Catholic Community, Missoula, MT
- 2007 *Windows*, D. Carlson Woodworker and Browning Kaleczyc Berry and Hoven, Helena, MT
- Aggiornamento: Opening the Windows*, MFA Thesis Exhibition, The University of Montana, Missoula, Missoula, MT
- Rebirth*, Curated by Father Ed Hislop, Holy Family + Pope John XXIII Parish, Missoula, MT
- Aggiornamento*, The University of Montana-Helena College of Technology, Helena, MT
- 2006 *Behind and Beyond*, Miles Community College, Miles City, MT
- Made Manifest*, University Congregational Church, Missoula, MT
- 2005 *Recent Paintings*, Myrna Loy Center, Helena, MT
- 2003 *Recent Paintings*, Carroll College, Helena, MT
- 2002 *Recent Paintings*, Signature Art Gallery, Watertown, SD
- 2001 *Recent Paintings*, Myrna Loy Center, Helena, MT
- 2000 *A Signal of Time*, Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT
- Recent Drawings & Paintings*, Spirit of Montana Gallery, Missoula, MT
- 1999 *Recent Drawings & Paintings*, Spirit of Montana Gallery, Missoula, MT

1998 *Recent Drawings & Paintings*, Spirit of Montana Gallery, Missoula, MT  
 1997 *Recent Drawings & Paintings*, Big Sky Java, Montana City, MT  
 1992 *Recent Drawings & Paintings*, Modern Reproductions, Helena, MT  
 1983 *Recent Drawings & Paintings*, Art Chateau, Butte, MT  
 1977 *Recent Drawings & Paintings*, Cheney Cowels Museum, Spokane, WA

### Two-Person Exhibitions

2001 *Viewpoints from Montana*, Myrna Loy Center, Helena, MT

### Group Exhibitions

2010 *Liturgical and Sacred Art Exhibition*, Springfield Art Association, Springfield, IL, Juried  
*Invitational Salon Exhibition of Small Works*, New Arts Program, Kutztown, PA, Invitational  
*Artists Celebrating Christ*, University of Mary, Bismarck, ND, National Juried  
*12<sup>th</sup> Annual Judeo-Christian International Juried Online Art Exhibition*, Upstream People Gallery, Omaha, NE, International Juried

2009 *Celebrating Creation on the Prairie*, First Presbyterian Fine Arts Festival, Bismarck, ND, National Juried  
*Light Fantastic Exhibition*, The Main Street Gallery, Groton, NY, National Juried  
*Motivation: Behind Good and Evil*, Caladan Gallery, Cambridge, MA, National Juried  
*A Fine Line*, Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts, Fredericksburg, VA, National Juried  
*Invitational Salon Exhibition of Small Works*, New Arts Program, Kutztown, PA, Invitational  
*Artists Celebrating Christ*, University of Mary, Bismarck, ND, National Juried  
*11<sup>th</sup> Annual Judeo-Christian International Juried Online Art Exhibition*, Upstream People Gallery, Omaha, NE, International Juried  
*Powerful & Fragile Earth*, Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts, Fredericksburg, VA, National Juried  
*Juried Biblical Art Exhibition*, White Stone Gallery, Philadelphia, PA, International Juried

2008 *Artist Exhibition*, 2008 University of Dallas Ministry Conference, Dallas, TX, Invitational  
*Invitational Salon Exhibition of Small Works*, New Arts Program, Kutztown, PA, Invitational

2007 *Annunciation to the Shepherds, Artists Depictions of Christmas Night, from A.D. 1306 – 2007*, Christianity Today International, ChristianityToday.com, Carol Stream, IL, Online, Juror: Katelyn Beaty, International Juried  
*Crèche Exhibit*, EnVision Church, Georgetown Center for Liturgy, Georgetown University, Washington D.C. Online, Juror: Johan van Parys, Director of Liturgy and the Sacred Arts at the Basilica of St. Mary, Minneapolis, Minnesota and the Artistic Director of EnVisionChurch, International Juried  
*Invitational Salon Exhibition of Small Works*, New Arts Program, Kutztown, PA, Invitational  
*Exploring Spirituality*, The Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts, Fredericksburg, VA, National Juried

2006 *12<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition*, Gallery of Visual Arts, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT, Juror: John Calsbeck, Assistant Curator and Preparator, Missoula Art Museum, Juried  
*Art Sagrado '06*, Concordia University, Austin TX, National Juried, Jurors: David Kroft, Director, Gallery at Concordia, Austin, TX and Eric Gibbons, Painter, Austin, TX

- 2005 *38th Annual Art Auction and Exhibition*, Yellowstone Art Museum, Billings, MT, Juried  
*Art Auction Exhibition*, Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT, Juried  
*Montana Sweepings*, Hawthorne School, Invitational  
*Portraits of Railroaders*, Penn State University, Altoona, PA, Invitational  
*11<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition*, Gallery of Visual Arts, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT  
*10<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Student Art Exhibition*, Gallery of Visual Arts, The University of Montana, Missoula, MT
- 2004 *Big Sky, Wind and Wheat*, Lewistown Art Center, Lewistown, MT, Juried. Juror: Jessica Hunter Larsen, Paris Gibson Square
- 2000 *Governor's Cultural Foundation Group Show*, Governor's Executive Residence, Invitational
- 1998 *Smithsonian Artrain*, Studio Artist, Missoula, MT, Invitational
- 1995 *Minitreasures: Miniature Works of Western Art Exhibition*, Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT, Invitational
- 1995 *Meadowlark Art Review '95*, Helena, MT, Juried
- 1994 *Eleventh Annual Gallery '76 National Juried Art Exhibit*, Wenatchee, WA, Juried  
*Meadowlark Art Review '94*, Helena, MT, Juried  
*Electrum Juried Art Show*, Helena, MT, Juried  
*Featuring Montana Contemporary Artists*, Copper Village Museum and Arts Center, Anaconda, MT, Juried
- 1993 *Electrum Juried Art Show*, Helena, MT, Juried
- 1985 *Electrum Juried Art Show*, Helena, MT, Juried  
*Works by Helena Artists*, Custer County Art Center, Miles City, MT, Juried
- 1982 *Fourth Annual Arts Exhibition*, Missoula Museum of the Arts, Missoula, MT, Juried
- 1980 *Art on the Green, 12th Annual Arts and Crafts Festival*, Coeur d' Alene, ID, Juried  
*Four Person Show, Gallery II*, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, Invitational  
*Undergraduate Show*, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, Juried
- 1979 *Undergraduate Show*, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, Juried
- 1978 *Undergraduate Show*, Washington State University, Pullman, WA, Juried
- 1976 *Lincoln Mutual Savings Bank*, Spokane, WA, Juried  
*Arts and Crafts Harvest Festival*, Spokane, WA, Juried

#### **ART IN THE PUBLIC EYE**

- 2009 Covenant Presbyterian Church, Austin, TX, Permanent Collection, Acrylic Painting  
Saint Mary Catholic Community, Helena, MT, Permanent Collection, Acrylic Painting  
Saint Olaf Catholic Church, Minneapolis, MN, Fall Ordinary Time Installation, Reproduction on Canvas
- 2007 Montana Museum of Art and Culture, The University of Montana, Skaggs Building, Missoula, MT, Permanent Collection, Acrylic Painting  
Blessed Trinity Catholic Community, Missoula, MT, Fr. Ed Hislop, Pastor, Acrylic Triptych Painting above Baptismal Font and Acrylic Paintings above Sacred Oils
- 2006 Helena Regional Airport, Permanent Collection, Acrylic Painting
- 2001 Crossroads Sports & Fitness, Lobby Mural, Acrylic
- 1998 Crossroads Sports & Fitness, Bike Area & Weight Lifting Area Murals, Acrylic
- 1997 Crossroads Sports & Fitness, Track Area Mural, Acrylic
- 1984 Washington State Arts Commission, Works for Public Places, Lakes Elementary School, Lacey, WA, Oil Painting

1984 Washington State Arts Commission, Works for Public Places,  
Bellingham School District #501, Voc-Tech Building,  
Bellingham, WA, Oil Painting

#### **PUBLISHED ARTICLES**

2009 *Windows to the Spirit, Ministry & Liturgy*, Volume 36 Number 9, November 2009,  
San Jose, CA

2008 *A Brief History of Spiritual Art*, EnVision Church, Georgetown Center for Liturgy,  
Georgetown University

2007 *Where have liturgical paintings gone? Part II: Bringing Back Paintings for God's  
Sake*, EnVision Church, Georgetown Center for Liturgy, Georgetown  
University

*Where have liturgical paintings gone? Part I: The Fall of Liturgical Paintings*,  
EnVision Church, Georgetown Center for Liturgy, Georgetown University

*Be Not Afraid of Contemporary Spiritual Art*, EnVision Church,  
Georgetown Center for Liturgy, Georgetown University

*Passing On The Faith Through Contemporary Visual Language*,  
EnVision Church, Georgetown Center for Liturgy, Georgetown University

#### **PUBLISHED ILLUSTRATIONS IN BOOKS, MAGAZINES & CALENDARS**

2009 *Salt of the Earth: A Christian Seasons Calendar 2009/2010*,  
University Hill Congregation in Vancouver, Canada

1999-2008 *Helena Building Industry Association Parade of Homes*, book

2003 *Montana Housing Solutions: Designing for Comfort & Quality*,  
cover and book

2002 *Union Tank Car Company Calendar*, calendar

1999 *Great Lodges of the Canadian Lodges*, book

1998 *Your Mobile Home: Energy and Repair Guide for Manufactured  
Housing*, book cover

1997 *Great Lodges of the West*, book

*Managing Fibromyalgia: A Six-Week Course on Self Care*, cover and book

1993 *Olympic: Ecosystems of the Peninsula*, book

1992-1994 *Montana Magazine*

1990-1994 *Montana Stock Growers Magazine*

1992 *Pick and Shovel Magazine*

1987 *The Hiker's Guide to Arizona*, book

*Miscellaneous Paraphernalia and Other Poems*, book cover

#### **STUDIO PROFICIENCIES**

**Painting and Drawing** Abstract and Representational Acrylic and Watercolor Painting,  
Pen and Ink Drawing, Technical Drawing including Perspective Architectural  
Rendering

**Computer Art** Digital Photography, Digital Imaging, Desktop Publishing, Digital Graphics

**Teaching** Online, Traditional Classroom, Workshops, Retreats