

# TILLY WOODWARD

## EDUCATION

- MFA University of Kansas, 1982
- BFA Kansas City Art Institute, 1980
- Phillips Academy, Andover, 1975

## EXHIBITIONS / INSTALLATIONS, selected (\* = solo)

2021

Compelling Ground: Landscapes, Environments and Peoples of Iowa, Brunnier Art Museum, Iowa State University, Ames  
Shelter, Olson Larsen Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa

2020

For Us/By Us, Hudson River Gallery, Iowa City, Iowa  
Animals, Olson Larsen Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa

2019

Art/Action/Iowa, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa  
Everyday Joy, University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics & Grinnell College Museum of Art  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition, Olson Larson Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa  
A Closer Look, Stewart Gallery, Grinnell, Iowa\*

2018

Small Works, Olson Larsen Galleries, Des Moines, Iowa  
Small Things, Quad Cities Arts, Moline, Illinois\*  
Mural Project: Grinnell Regional Hospital, Grinnell, Iowa

2017

I, too, am America, Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, Iowa. Curated by Jared Ledesma.  
Small Works, Olson Larsen Gallery, West Des Moines, Iowa

2015

Tribute Flowers, Bucksbaum Center for the Arts, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa. Installation created with area school children  
Small Things, CSPA Gallery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa\*  
Nests & Eggs, Grinnell Regional Health Center, Grinnell Iowa\*  
Iowa Artists, Offices of the Lieutenant Governor, State Capitol, Des Moines, Iowa  
40/40: Recent Acquisitions to the Permanent Collection, Brunnier Art Museum, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa  
Sparkle Truck, Fall Art Market, West Des Moines, Iowa  
New Work, Olson Larsen Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa



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2014

35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show, Olson Larsen Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa  
Group Show, Strawtown Gallery, Pella, Iowa

2013

New Work, Olson Larsen Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa\*  
Small Things, Second Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa\*  
Sparkle Truck, Art Stop, Des Moines, Iowa  
Portraits of Dubuque, CSPA Gallery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

2012

Small Works, Olson Larsen Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa  
Sparkle Truck, Art Stop, Des Moines, Iowa  
Portraits of Dubuque, CSPA Gallery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

2011

Paintings, Grinnell Regional Hospital, Grinnell, Iowa\*  
Sparkle Truck, Fun Show, ICON Gallery, Fairfield, Iowa  
Sparkle Truck, Art Stop, Des Moines, Iowa  
Small Works, Olson Larsen Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa\*

2010

Group Exhibition, Olson Larsen Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa  
Paintings, Olson Larsen Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa\*  
Faces and Voices Project, Des Moines Science Center, Des Moines, Iowa\*  
Sparkle Truck, Art Stop, Des Moines, Iowa

2009

Group Exhibition Olson Larsen Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa  
Iowa Realism, ICON Gallery, Fairfield, Iowa  
Below the Surface: A 21<sup>st</sup> Century Look at the Prairie, Falconer Gallery, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa.  
Curated by Lesley Wright  
Small Paintings, Grinnell Community Hospital, Grinnell, Iowa\*  
Pharmaceutical Windows, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa (installation)  
Sparkle Truck, Art Stop, Des Moines, Iowa

2008

Shelter, Olson Larsen Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa  
Large Works, ICON Gallery, Fairfield, Iowa  
2008 International Small Works Show, Emerald Gallery, Fairfield, Iowa  
Paintings, Olson Larsen Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa\*  
Paintings and Projects, Mayor's Art Gallery, Grinnell, Iowa\*  
[LoveResponds], Joe Rosenfield Center, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa  
Ice Wall, Joe Rosenfield Center, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa

2007

Martin Luther King Luminary Project, Joe Roesenfield Center, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa  
Birds, Olson Larsen Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa  
International Small Painting Exhibition, Rose Gallery, Fairfield, Iowa  
Women's Work, Teeple Hanson Gallery, Fairfield, Iowa  
Grand Reopening Group Show. Icon Gallery, Fairfield, Iowa  
Group Exhibition, Olson Larsen Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa

2006

Woodward and Sierra, Kunstenaar Gallery, Pella, Iowa  
Holiday Group Show, Olson Larson Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa  
Gates of Eden Gallery, Peoria, Illinois\*  
New Work, Olson Larson Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa  
KAA Gallery, Kirksville, Missouri  
Ribbon Monument, Iowa Mosaic Diversity Conference, Ames, Iowa\*  
Ribbon Monument, Whispers and Screams Conference, Ames, Iowa\*  
Ribbon Monument, Crisis Intervention Services, Pella, Iowa\*  
Ribbon Monument, Maytag Student Center, Central College, Pella, Iowa\*  
AIDS Portrait Project /Day of the Dead Installation in collaboration with Ricky Quijano, The AIDS Project of Central Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa

2005

Paintings, Unity Gallery, Marharishi University of Management, Fairfield, Iowa\*  
Paintings, Ashford University, Clinton, Iowa\*  
Made in Iowa, curated by Mel Andringa, CSPA Gallery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa  
Land and Water, Olson Larson Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa  
Ribbon Monument, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on White Privilege, Central College, Pella, Iowa\*  
(multi)faceted (multi)dimensional (multi)cultural exhibition, Arts + Literature Laboratory, New Haven, Connecticut  
The Paper Crane Project. Pella, Iowa

2004

Icon Gallery 151, Fairfield, Iowa  
Faculty Exhibition, Mills Gallery, Pella, Iowa  
American Saddle Horse Museum, Lexington, Kentucky (Catalog)  
Carl Meyers, Lexington, Kentucky  
Dee Teeters, Springfield, Illinois  
Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art, Kansas City, Missouri

2003

Large and Small Paintings, Iowa State Memorial Union Gallery, Ames, Iowa\*  
East Village Storefront Public Art Project, Des Moines, Iowa  
Group Show, Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art, Kansas City, Missouri



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2002

New Paintings, ArtHouse, Des Moines, Iowa\*

Hearts and Flowers, ArtHouse, Des Moines, Iowa

Conference on White Privilege Paintings, Central College, Pella, Iowa\*

2001

Paintings by Tilly Woodward, Huntington Museum of Art, Huntington, West Virginia\*

Colors of Conscience: Iowa Artists in the Spirit of Corita, CSPA Gallery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

New Paintings, CSPA Gallery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa\*

Fresh, Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art, Kansas City, Missouri

Gallery Artists, Art House, Des Moines, Iowa

AIDS Portrait Project, John R. Grubb YMCA, Des Moines, Iowa\*

2000

Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art, Kansas City, Missouri

Percival Gallery, Des Moines, Iowa

Faculty Exhibition, Mills Gallery, Central College, Pella, Iowa

Impressions: Cultivating Vision, Harvesting Memory, Preserving Hope, Blanden Memorial Art Museum, Fort Dodge, Iowa

#### GRANTS AND HONORS

2013 Outstanding Museum Art Educator. Awarded by the Art Educators of Iowa in association with the National Art Education Association.

2012 Grinnell College Staff Prize Fellowship to Ghana for Service at Challenging Heights, Winneba, Ghana. Three weeks working with students ages 4 – 17 recently rescued from child slavery to teach bookmaking as a micro-finance project and vehicle for personal expression through drawing and writing.

2012 Grinnell College Award for Excellence in Service to Students and Student Affairs

2007 Vermeer Foundation: Grant to create murals with Vermeer employee children and Central College art education students for the Vermeer Health Center.

2006 Governor's Award for Excellence in Cultural Programs: This award was given in recognition of the Pella Community Art Center, which served over 17,000 in 2006 through a variety of visual and performing arts programs.

2006 Iowa Model Program for Out of School Arts Education, Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs. The Pella Community Art Center and its student-centered approach to art education was featured in a Report to the Governor and General Assembly on the Status of Out-of School Arts Programming for Youth, submitted by the Iowa Arts Council Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

2006 Americans Who Tell the Truth by Robert Shetterly (featured individual): This nationally traveling portrait series features individuals selected for their work in social justice.

2002 Iowa Arts Council Arts Build Community Award: Individual Artist. For founding the Pella Community Art Center and community-based art projects addressing social justice issues in Iowa and their use as teaching tools for tolerance and compassion.

2002 Central College Faculty Achievement Award for Professional Development

2001 Walter Gropius Master Artist for excellence in the field of painting, Huntington Museum of Art

2000 Governor's Volunteer Award for outstanding service to the State of Iowa in the field of education

1996 National Endowment for the Arts, Fellowship for Drawing

1994 Peter H. and E. Lucille Gaass Kuyper Foundation, Project Grant: The Big Art Project. A mural project involving every student pre-k through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in Pella's three public elementary schools.

1993 Des Moines Art Center, Edmundson Award for Works on Paper

1992 Iowa Arts Council, Project Grant: Portraits of Dubuque: A project created in response to racial violence in Dubuque, Iowa involving community member in nominating one another for small acts of neighborliness resulting in 92 pastel portraits, 3 x 2' each, bearing the nominee's name and good deed. The portraits traveled en masse to 50 locations within Dubuque, including every school, and were used as a teaching tool for tolerance and compassion for others. The goal of the project was to involve the community in being able to see that the ability to do good that all people possess, regardless of race, religion, age, gender, or socio-economic status. The project traveled widely beyond Dubuque as well.

INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS written in support of arts education and exhibitions

2021 Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation, Grinnell College Museum of Art. For support of summer art and literacy programs.

2021 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Grinnell College Museum of Art. For support of art and literacy activity bags for underserved children and youth.

2020 Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation, Grinnell College Museum of Art. For support of summer art and literacy programs.

2020 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Grinnell College Museum of Art. For support of Summer art and literacy programs focused on Our Voice: Celebrating the Coretta Scott King Awards.

2010 National Endowment for the Arts, Culturing Community, Projects about Place, Falconer Gallery. For a support of an exhibition involving community members working with artists to create artwork about their work experiences and contributions to their community.

2010 Poweshiek County Healthy Choices Grant, Falconer Arts Outreach in the Parks, Falconer Gallery. To support free student-centered summer arts programming for children of Grinnell, Iowa in parks throughout town.



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2007 Iowa Arts Council: Funding for Eulenspiegel Puppets performance and residency at Pella Community Schools, Pella Opera House and Pella Community Art Center.

2006 Pella Community Foundation: Funding for technology improvements at Pella Community Art Center, including computers and editing software.

2006 Humanities Iowa Grant: Funding for Ed LeCocq Exhibition and educational programs, Joan Kuyper Farver Art Gallery, Pella, Iowa.

#### PROJECTS

2021: Did We Make It

Hole in the Head Review. A chapbook of ekphrastic poetry in collaboration with Ralph James Savarese <https://www.holeintheheadreview.com/did-we-make-it>

2019: Everyday Joy (part two)

An installation created in collaboration with over 300 children to celebrate the life and memory of Mollie Tibbetts, and play forward the idea of joy and beauty in the world. Grinnell College Museum of Arts.

2019: Everyday Joy (part one)

Over three hundred children created four murals installed at University of Iowa Hospitals, including teens in dialectical behavior therapy at the University of Iowa Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Outpatient Clinic, and children at Grinnell College Museum of Art, Unity Point/Grinnell Regional Hospital Day Camp, Drake Library, Davis School, and Grinnell Area Summer Camp. The project was supported by the Mollie Tibbetts Memorial Fund for Child & Adolescent Psychiatry and UI Stead Family Children's Hospital.

2018: Amazing Iowa Women

Portrait of Connie Wimer, commissioned by Katy Swalwell for her children's book, Amazing Iowa Women.

2015: Tribute Flowers

An installation of tribute flowers created by local school children suspended from the ceiling of Bucksbaum Center for the Arts, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa.

1999-Current: The Sparkle Truck

This project has involved hundreds of people of all ages covering a pickup truck completely in Elmer's glue and glitter.

2009: Pharmaceutical Windows

An installation of pills created for Joe Rosenfield Center's Symposium on the pharmaceutical industry, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa.

2008: [LoveResponds]

Created with Grinnell College students in response to hate crimes on campus. Installed in Joe Rosenfield Center, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa

2008: Ice Wall

An 8 x 8' ice wall with images of the Arctic projected on it that melted over the course of three days. Created for Joe Rosenfield Center's Symposium on Global Warming, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa.

2007: Martin Luther King Luminary Project

Installation created for the anniversary of Martin Luther King's address at Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa.

2007: Vermeer Foundation Mural

Created with Vermeer employee children and Central College art education students for the Vermeer Health Center.

2005 – 2007: The Ribbon Monument

A traveling installation of thousands of ribbons inscribed with the stories of rape and sexual assault survivors created for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on White Privilege at Central College, Pella, Iowa and toured to multiple locations.

2005: Paper Crane Project.

Workshops were held at Webster, Pella Community and Christian High Schools in Pella, Iowa to create 5,570 paper cranes displayed in locations throughout Pella to help promote Central College Theatre Department production of One Thousand Paper Cranes.

2002: Portrait Project

A series of large portraits painted in oil representing diverse people and religious practices for 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of White Privilege at Central College, Pella, Iowa.

COLLECTIONS (selected)

Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts

Adhikaar, Woodside, New York

Brunnier Art Museum, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

Central College, Pella, Iowa

Central Iowa AIDS Project, Des Moines, Iowa

Challenging Heights, Accra, Ghana

CSPS Gallery, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, Iowa

Educate! Boulder, Colorado

Encounter, Jerusalem, Israel

Essmart, Bangalore, India

Farm Bureau Financial Service, Des Moines Iowa

Global Press Institute, San Francisco, California

Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa

Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, Missouri

Mattie Rhodes Counseling and Art Center, Kansas City, Missouri

Meredith Corporation, Des Moines, Iowa

Northcutt Gallery, Eastern Montana State University, Billings, Montana

Pella Corporation, Pella, Iowa



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Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Third Reformed Church, Pella, Iowa  
United Church of Christ, Grinnell, Iowa  
United Missouri Banks, Kansas City, Missouri  
University of Iowa Hospitals, Iowa City, Iowa  
University of Iowa Art Museum, Iowa City, Iowa  
University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota  
Vermeer Manufacturing, Pella, Iowa  
West Publishing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota