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MISSION STATEMENT

I believe my mission as an artist is to witness; that I have a responsibility to speak for those who have lost their voice, or have never found it. Having been well taught by older women artists, I also feel a responsibility as a poet and photographer to lend a hand to the younger ones coming up. Words and images are both tools and weapons, I believe in using them with integrity and honesty, because long after I am gone, my work will still stand.

AWARDS

- 1st prize, National Doll-Artist Photography Competition, Syracuse, NY, Julie Good-Krüger **August 1991**
- 1st prize, Dewitt Ryder Park Butterfly Photo Competition, Syracuse, NY **June 1995**
- 1st place & Honorable Mention, National League American Penwomen Poetry & Art Competition, Syracuse, NY **April 2005**
- 2nd place, Rebecca Eddy Memorial Writing Competition, Canastota, NY **October 2005**
- 3rd place & Honorable Mention, National League American Penwomen Poetry & Art Competition, Syracuse, NY **May 2006**
- 1st place, Rebecca Eddy Memorial Writing Competition, Canastota, NY **October 2006**

PHOTO CREDITS

- One Woman Photo Show and Poetry Reading, Philadelphia, PA **October 1993**
- Photograph accepted into juried show through ASPCA, Everson Museum, Syracuse, NY **October 1993**
- One Woman Photo Show, Cazenovia NY **September 2005**
- Photograph accepted into juried show through the National League American Penwomen **May 2006**
- Presented in Gallery opening for Chartwell Studios, LLC, Sharon Springs, NY **June 2006**
- One Woman Photo Show, Petit Library, Onondaga County Public Library System, Syracuse, NY **July 2006**
- One Woman Photo Show, Canastota Public Library, Canastota, NY **October 2006**
- One Woman Photography Exhibit and Poetry Reading, SUSHI BLUES Hamilton, NY **April 2007**
- One Woman Photography exhibit Morrisville Public Library, Morrisville NY **September 2007**
- Autumn art show Hamilton, NY by Mad-art Co-op juried acceptance only **October 2007**
- Permanent Photography Installation, Lipe Art Park, agri-CULTURE Show, Syracuse NY **December 2007**
- Fall/Winter Syracuse Peace Council/ Plowshares Art Show and Sale Nottingham High School, Syracuse, NY **December 2007**

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PUBLICATION BACKGROUND

- First published in 1968, continued to publish in small presses, and magazines through the 1980-1990's. Continued as columnist for Breed fancier journals; Devon Rex Newsletter, Journal of Pot-Bellied Pig Breeders
- 2007 editor; manuscript memoirs, journal articles
- 2007 currently showing on websites: www.simplyartgalleries.com, <http://www.petfinder.com/shelters/forgotten.htm>, photoshelter.com
- 2008 appearing in poetry anthology "coevolution 2", Turtle Ink Press, Syracuse, N.Y.

1968 – Present

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member of the Tri-County Arts Co-Op, Cobleskill, NY 2006, by invitation only
 - Member of the Canastota Writer's Group 2005-2006
 - Fellowship June 2007 Colgate Writers workshop by juried acceptance only
 - Downtown Writers Center, YMCA, Syracuse, NY
 - Member MAD-art Cooperative, Hamilton NY juried acceptance only
 - Fellowship June 2008 Colgate Writers workshop by juried acceptance only
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