

Gary Olds

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016 - Present Self Employed Artist

- Exploring connection between the mediums of clay, metal, fiber, leather, wood, and textiles.
- Experienced in use of pottery wheels and ceramic studio equipment; also textile weaving; yarn spinning; felting; knitting; papermaking; bookbinding; leathercraft; metalwork; wood turning; various heritage life skills.
- Lecturer and instructor of art and craft subjects.
- Art consultant; Judge, Juror of regional art events.

2012 – 2013 Graduate Assistant, University Gallery, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville IL

- Responsible for gallery set-up and maintenance.

2003 – 2016 Director/Programs Coordinator, Art & Craft Center, Scott Air Force Base IL

- Responsible for all facets of art center management: financial, staffing, education programming, equipment.
- Facilitated largest art and craft program in United States Air Force.
- Lecturer and instructor of various art and craft subjects.
- Art consultant; Judge, Juror of regional art events.

1997 – 2002 Corporate Director of Human Resources, Jim's Formal Wear Company, Trenton IL

- Responsible for life cycle human resource management for largest wholesale formal wear distributor in the nation, with regional distribution centers in eight states.
- Member of corporate strategic planning panel.

1989 – 2002 Owner, Olde Frame Cellar and Gallery, New Baden and O'Fallon, IL

- Art dealer, picture framer, art installation coordinator.
- Experienced in multiple aspects of the art and framing industry.
- Lecturer and instructor of various art and craft subjects.

1977 – 1997 Lieutenant Colonel (retired), United States Air Force

- Key positions held included Chief Inspector, Office of the Inspector General; Squadron Commander; Director of Personnel; Headquarters Executive Officer.

- Responsible for the morale and welfare of personnel under my command and their families while pursuing operational success.
- Special experience in strategic planning, customer/supplier relationships, process management, goal-setting, results measurement, counseling.

EDUCATION

Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville IL, MFA candidate (21 credits), 2013

- Specialty: Ceramics and Metals

McKendree University, Lebanon IL, BFA, 2003 (Magna Cum Laude)

- Specialty: Fibers and Textiles

Golden Gate University, San Francisco CA, MBA, 1981 (With Distinction)

- Specialty: Management and Economics

Golden Gate University, San Francisco, CA, BA, 1977 (Cum Laude)

- Specialty: Management

Finlandia University, Hancock MI, AA, 1973

- Specialty: General Business

AWARDS, HONORS

Award of Merit, Leather – Schmidt Art Center Exhibit, 2018

Award of Excellence, Metal Sculpture -- Schmidt Art Center Exhibit, 2017

Kendall Award of Excellence, Metals -- Southern Illinois University, 2013

Best of Category Award, Ceramics -- United States Air Force Exhibit, 2013

Best of Category Award, Textiles -- United States Air Force Exhibit, 2009

Fine Art Student of the Year -- McKendree University, 2003

Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society Inductee -- McKendree University, 2003

Innovator of the Year Award, Jim's Formal Wear Company -- Trenton IL, 2002

Superior Service Award, Jim's Formal Wear Company -- Trenton IL, 2001

Numerous United States Air Force awards for meritorious service, 1977-1997

Officer of the Year -- United States Air Force Alaskan Air Command, 1987

Best Personnel Office in the Air Force Award -- Eielson AFB AK, 1986

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Juried Artist, Best of Illinois Artisans Program (Illinois State Museum)

Arts Council of Southwestern Illinois (Trustee)

Artisan Guild of Southern Illinois (Past President)

O'Fallon Illinois Arts Commission (Member)

Fairview Heights Arts Council (Member)

Midwest Salute to the Arts Art Festival (Competition Committee Chair)

HOBBIES

Genealogy, beekeeping, all-grain brewing, the study of pioneer and colonial rural home life, bicycling.