



DAWNING MCGINNIS

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ARTIST STATEMENT

Dawning is an Oregonian interdisciplinary Artist who looks to nature, history, and culture for inspiration. She is particularly interested in painting, drawing, photography, ceramics, and writing. In addition to being a studio artist, Dawning is a skilled arts instructor. She offers arts classes to her community, and runs her own business offering boutique art experiences. Dawning is passionately active in her community, where she is an advocate for social justice and exposure to arts and culture.

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SKILLS

Teaching
Acrylic Painting
Drawing
Ceramics
Photography
Creative Writing
Illustrating
Digital Art

EDUCATION

Oregon State University

2011 - 2015

Bachelor of Liberal Arts

Honors: cum laude

Concentrated focused on studio art, psychology, and marketing

Other subjects studied: writing, cultural diversity, and communications

Portland Community College

2009 - 2014

Course work in studio art that turned into a part time job as ceramic studio faculty.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Dawning's Art Arts Instructor and Business Owner

2015–Current

Private and public art lessons. Boutique art experiences.

Walters Cultural Arts Center Arts Instructor

2018–2022

Acrylic painting, ceramics, drawing and open studio course instructor.

Arcane Cellars Resident Artist

2011–2021

Created art for marketing, product photography, mural, painted wine barrels, created videos, and photographed events. Additionally, created art events and managed visiting artists.

100th Monkey Art Therapy Studio Arts Instructor

2015–2016

Worked with many different therapeutic groups. Weekly groups of children, adults, adults with disabilities, and delinquent young adults using art as a way to express/focus feelings and thoughts. The focus was to be supportive, to help when artistic help was needed, and to encourage expression.

Portland Community College Ceramics Studio Faculty

2012–2015

Supervised kiln firings and students in the ceramic's lab.

ARTIST PROFILE

Dawning, being a talented writer, always has a story in mind. Through the many different mediums she uses, she attempts to convey her stories. Dawning is not only diverse in her use of mediums; she is also diverse in her themes and style. From an early age, Dawning has traveled extensively in an alternative way resembling Jack Kerouac's *On the Road*. Dawning's alternative lifestyle has given her in-depth contact with many different cultures and communities spurring her studies in cultural diversity, history, psychology, and mythology. Dawning's influences are best described as eclectic.

HOBBIES

Beach Raking
Beach Cleaning
Cooking
Roller skating
Paddle boarding
Kayaking
Hiking
Crafting
Sewing

LARGE SCALE ART PROJECTS

Artist-in-Our-Community Hillsboro, Oregon

2018

This project consisted of setting up a pop-up art studio at over 25 stops in a tour around the city of Hillsboro. Community members were invited to paint a 4"x6" picture. Those pictures were collected and turned into nine different mosaic murals. Participants were asked if they could be photographed with their paintings. The participant pictures were displayed with the mosaic murals during a two-month exhibition at the Walters Cultural Arts Center. Over 1000 people participated. The nine mosaic murals were donated to the city of Hillsboro.

Siletz Anamorphic Mural 20'x20' Tualatin, Oregon

2017

Mountain River Ranch Sign 2'x18' Rhododendron, Oregon

2016

Arcane Cellars Mural 8'x16' Salem, Oregon

2015

EXHIBITS

Dawning's Art Solo Exhibition June - August, 2023

Seaside Library - Seaside, Oregon

Creative Terrains Group Exhibition February - July, 2021

Hidden Creek - Hillsboro, Oregon

Past Interns Group Exhibition October - December, 2019

100th Monkey Art Studio - Portland, Oregon

Artist-in-Our-Community Public Art Project May - November, 2018

Hillsboro, Oregon

Dawning's Art Solo Exhibition March - June, 2018

Village Coffee - Portland, Oregon

Reflections Siren Nation Group Exhibition November, 2017

Portland's Center for the Arts - Portland, Oregon

Beaver Tales Touring group Exhibition February - September, 2019

Broadway Books - Portland, Oregon

Oregon State University - Corvallis, Oregon

510 Museum and Art Space - Lake Oswego, Oregon

Evening Art Walk - Seaside, Oregon

Oregon Zoo - Portland, Oregon

Astoria Art Walk (Art Loft) - Astoria, Oregon

North County Recreation Center - Nehalem, Oregon

Oregon Zoo Reception Center - Portland, Oregon

Dawning's Art Solo Exhibition May - September, 2016

Sunderland Flat - Portland, Oregon

Group Exhibition April, 2016

Splendorporium - Portland, Oregon

Group Exhibition December - January, 2016

Alberta Abbey - Portland, Oregon

The Big Chill Group Exhibition November, 2015

Grand Central - Portland, Oregon

Oddville! Group Exhibition November, 2015

Oakland, California

Juried Group Exhibition May of 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

Northview Gallery - Portland, Oregon