

LORI ANN LABERGE

CONTEMPORARY FIBER ART

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ARTIST STATEMENT

Two words: color and texture. These are what drive me to create. The vast variety of palettes available, the soothing feel of fiber in my hands, and the calm meditative motion of an age old art form lead me on a journey of creation.

Observing land from an aerial perspective has led to a series of striped works. This, in turn, has led to exploring the use of stripes in other works. One thing always leads to another, allowing for constant experimentation.

Mountain themes came about as my husband and I built a new home along the Blue Ridge Parkway. These pieces are vivid and alive, exaggerating the natural color and beauty of nature. I can hardly wait to see what comes next and where the love of creating will lead me on its never-ending journey.

ARTIST BIO

Lori was born and raised in the state of Vermont. She graduated from Trinity College with a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in Art History. She was a participant in an Art Therapy program and a Small Business Certificate recipient. She currently resides in Spruce Pine, NC enjoying life in the mountains.

Lori's artwork has received multiple Best of Show, First, Second, Third, and Honorable Mention awards. She has shown her work in juried shows on the national level and in both juried and non-juried shows on the local level. Lori has exhibited work in juried shows at the Wayne State University's Elaine L. Jacob Gallery in Detroit, MI, the American Craft Council's 2006 Spotlight show at the Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, Nicole's Studio and Art Gallery in Raleigh, NC, the Lee Hansley Gallery's "The Triangle's Best Art" show in Raleigh, NC, as well as other venues. Her work has been photographed for "Shuttle, Spindle, and Dye-pot" magazine, been mentioned in "Our State" magazine and been featured in "The Chatham News."

She was involved with the N.C. Arts Incubator participating as a resident artist and member of the jurying, gallery, and work committees for four years. Lori now works out of her home studio creating contemporary pieces of fiber art employing the techniques of traditional rug hooking. All pieces created are hand-dyed, hand-hooked, and have either a hand-whipped finish or are placed in a gallery type frame.

Lori's contemporary fiber art can be found at TRAC Gallery in Burnsville and Spruce Pine, NC, Southern Spirit Gallery in Salisbury, NC, through shows and through her website. She is an exhibiting member of the Carolina Designer Craftsmen. Lori works for galleries and on commission creating both decorative and art pieces.

RESUME

Education:

--B.A. in Psychology, minor in Art History, Small Business Certificate recipient, participant in Art Therapy program, Trinity College, 1987.

Exhibitions:

- TRAC gallery, "New Artist's Exhibit", March 26-April 17, Burnsville, NC 2010
- Carolina Designer Craftsmen Show and Masterworks, juried, Nov., Raleigh, NC 2009
- N.C. Arts Incubator, "Chatham Rabbit", Siler City, NC, 2009
- Chatham Arts Gallery, "Elements: Animal and Environment", juried member, Pittsboro, NC, 2009
- Carolina Designer Craftsmen Show, juried, Nov., Raleigh, NC 2008
- Chatham Arts Gallery, "Objects of Desire", juried member, Pittsboro, NC, February 2008
- The HandMade House at The Ramble showhome, 2 pieces chosen for exhibit through Grovewood Gallery, October 2008-January 2009, Asheville, NC
- Artspace, "Fine Contemporary Crafts", juried, November 22, 2008-January 12, 2009, Raleigh, N.C.
- Andrews Art Museum, "Textiles—Craftsmanship and Creativity", invitational, Andrews, NC,

October 4 – October 31, 2008

- N.C. Arts Incubator, "Styles of Hooked Rugs", solo invitation, August, Siler City, N.C., 2008
- N.C. Arts Incubator, featured artist, juried, May/June, Siler City, NC, 2008
- UNC Surgical Associates, invitational, April/May/June/July, 2008
- Chatham Arts Gallery, "Fibers, Arts & Textiles", juried member, Pittsboro, NC, November, 2007
- Horizon Cellars Winery, two-person show, invitational, Chatham County, October, 2007
- Visual Arts Exchange, "Room with a View", Raleigh, NC, 2007
- Chatham Arts Gallery, "A Touch of Red", juried member, Pittsboro, NC, 2007
- Alamance County Arts Council, "Spring Textile Exhibition", invitational, Graham, NC, 2007
- N.C. Arts Incubator, juried, "Holiday Art", 2006
- Elaine L. Jacob Gallery, juried exhibit, "Back to the Floor", Detroit, MI, 2006
- Fine Arts League of Cary, Annual Juried Show, Cary, NC, 2006
- American Craft Council Spotlight 2006, juried competition, Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, 2006
- Chatham Arts Gallery, juried member, "Fall Fibers", Pittsboro, NC, 2005
- Nicole's Studio and Gallery, juried exhibit, "True Tails on Cats and Dogs", 2005
- Fine Arts League of Cary, Member's Holiday Show, Cary, NC, 2004
- Lee Hansley Gallery, juried exhibit, "The Triangle's Best Art", Raleigh, NC, 2004
- Jordan Hall Arts Center, "Fabulous Forgeries", Cary, NC, 2004
- Orange County Arts Commission, "Compositions in Wool", invitational group, 2004
- Nicole's Studio and Gallery, juried exhibit, "True Tails on Cats and Dogs", 2003

Awards:

- Finalist, FiberArts Magazine Artist Studio Contest, 2007
- Honorable Mention, Annual FALC Juried Show, 2006
- Best in Show and First Place, N.C. State Fair, 2005
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- National Award Participant, "Art Underfoot", Orange County Arts Commission, 2001

Publications:

- Exhibition catalog, Artspace "Fine Contemporary Craft", November, 2008
- Shuttle, Spindle & Dyepot, Fall 2006, rug featured
- "Our State", July, 2006, article on N.C. Arts Incubator
- Chatham Record, October 2005, feature article

Public Promotion of Art Events:

- N.C. Arts Incubator events
- Page Walker Arts and History Center
- N.C. Museum of History-Artist at Work Series
- Fine Arts League of Cary, Teen Show co-coordinator 2008

Teaching:

- N.C. Arts Incubator-beginner, advanced, hooking and dye classes 2007-2009

Associations:

- Carolina Designer Craftsmen juried exhibiting member
- HGA member
- TRAC juried artist member
- N.C. Arts Incubator, resident artist, gallery committee, work committee, jury committee, and sales 2005-2009
- Member American Craft Council
- Piedmont Rug Hookers Guild, held 4-year secretarial post

Representations:

- TRAC gallery, Burnsville and Spruce Pine, NC
- Southern Spirit Gallery, Salisbury, NC