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## Leslie Tharp Resume

### Public Art

- 2024 *Grounded*, Cor-ten steel root-form composition, commissioned by the WellStar Fulton Hospital in Fulton Georgia
- 2022 *Tropical Passage*, laser cut, powdercoated, and backlit composition of tropical foliage. 5'x10', Hyatt Place Downtown Gainesville
- 2022 *Unbridled*, Forged and fabricated Cor-ten steel with vibrant cast glass inserts by collaborator Sarah Hinds. 8' x 2.5' x 10, Alachua County Equestrian Center
- 2021 *We are Woven*, 35' x 5' x 6", multi-panel cut metal composition designed to wrap 8' x 12' building at Hogtown Creek Headwaters Nature Park, Gainesville, FL
- 2021 *Roots*, 8'x7'x7' Cor-ten steel sculpture depicting plant roots with hidden outlines of insects and mammals that live in tall grass prairie ecosystems. Raymore, MO
- 2020 *Shands Healing Garden Welcome Sign*, 4' x 5' x 2' sculptural sign for Shand's Hospital Healing Garden, Gainesville FL
- 2019 *Lighted Gator*, 8.5' x 8.5' x 8.5', Large Alligator Sculpture Commissioned by the University of Florida.
- 2019 *Explore*, 9' x 16' x 5', Feature Wall for the Doral Glades Nature Museum. Doral, FL
- 2018 *Wave Bike Racks*, Three 4' x 3' x 2' wave inspired bike racks commissioned by Opus Coffee
- 2018 *Jungle Book*, 4' x 2 x 1.5' Three large sculptural animal busts commissioned by Mellow Mushroom Inc. , Clemson, SC
- 2016 *The Skunk Ape*, 7' x 4' x 2' privately commissioned full scale sculpture depicting Florida's mysteries Skunk Ape

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- 2016 *The Chase*, 14' x 14' x 14' inspired by Florida's rich aquatic life, located at the Shands Orthopedic Pediatric Center
  
- 2016 *Oak Tree Triptych*, 40" x 72" x 2" Highly Forged 3-piece metal panel, featuring imagery of a live oak tree. Located at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Gainesville, FL
- 2015 *Lift*, 20' x 20' x 20' Participant in the 2015 Temporary Sculpture Exhibition hosted and organized by the Scottsdale Public Art Commission.
  
- 2014 *Out of the Woods*, 6' x 10' x 3', Participant in Gainesville Main Street Artscape 18 month exhibition. Awarded by the Gainesville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department
  
- 2013 *Cloud Chandeliers*, 5' x 2' x 3' made in collaborations with Karen Tharp for Pizza Fusion restaurant in Naples, FL
  
- 2013 *Startle*, 7 x 15' x 3' Participant in the Atlanta Beltline Art on the Beltline Exhibition and acquired by Beltline Inc. in 2013.
  
- 2012 *The Giving Tree*, 13' x 6' x 2' located at the Gainesville Senior Recreation Center. Public Art created alongside the The City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department of Gainesville, FL
  
- 2011 *Roots*, 7' x 2' x 2' Forged and Fabricated Mangrove Root inspired bench for the Coral Gables Museum.
  
- 2010 *Cycle*, 10' x 8' x 8' an original Artwork in the public art collection of the University of Florida, located at the Small Animal Vet Hospital.

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## **Education**

Bachelor's in Fine Art from the University of Florida  
Journeyman Certification for Blacksmithing

## **Awards**

2019 City of Gainesville Individual Artist of the Year Award

## **Certificates**

Current Welding Certifications FWAC 3G 4G

## **Teaching and Demonstrating Experience**

Owner of [Fe]ver Metal Art Center and instructor of local hands on Blacksmithing and Welding Workshops

2023 - Instructor in pilot blacksmithing workshop series at Morean Workshop Space, St Pete

2023 – Instructor at Haystack Mountain School of Craft, Maine

2022- Featured demonstrator at the Northwest Blacksmith Association Annual Conference

2021 –2 week Iron Studio Technician Haystack Mountain School of Craft in Maine

2018-2022 Community Ed Instructor in Welding for Santa Fe College, Gainesville

2019- 2012 Beginning Blacksmithing Workshops taught out of Leslie Tharp Design's metal studio

2019 Teaching Assistant for John Rais at Haystack School of Craft in Maine

2018 Participant in the Society of Inclusive Blacksmiths' first gathering and founding

2018 Assisting Demonstrator Rachel David at SIMS

2018 Assisting Demonstrator Lisa Geertsen at Annual Quadstate Conference

2018-2019 Guest Instructor at The Maritime Museum in Cortez Florida

2014-2018 Teaching Instructor at Florida Artist Blacksmith Association Annual Conference

## **Contact for References**