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Public Art and Private Collection

Tropical Passage, 9' x 5' x 3". Hyatt Place Hotel, laser cut panel describing a variety of tropical flora.
August, 2022, Gainesville, FL

Dawn to Dark, four 2' x 2' laser cut compositions for the Hyatt Place Hotel
August, 2022, Gainesville, FL

Unbridled, 7' x 9' x 4', In collaboration with Sarah Hinds - Full sized horse made of corten steel and thickly cast glass. June 2022, Gainesville, FL

Roots, 8' x 8' x 8'. Inspired by the root system of the tall grass prairies in Missouri. Made of corten.
August, 2021, Raymore, MO

Root Study, 8' x 5' x 3'. Sculpture study, made in the process of creating *Roots*. Donated to Grow Hub
2022, Gainesville, FL

Shands Healing Garden Entry Sign, 5' x 4' x 2'. Hand-forged bird, butterfly, leaf, and passion flower details. Gainesville, FL

We Are Wove, 32' x 5' x 4", Laser cut metal panels wrapping a building at Hoggtown Creek Headwaters Nature Park in Gainesville, FL

Lighted Gator, 8.5' x 8.5' x 8.5', Large Alligator Sculpture Commissioned by the University of Florida.
Dec. 2019, Gainesville, FL

Explore, 9' x 16' x 5', Feature Wall for the Doral Glades Nature Museum.
June 2019, Doral, FL

Wave Bike Racks, Three 4' x 3' x 2' wave inspired bike racks commissioned by Opus Coffee
November 2018, Gainesville, FL

Jungle Book, Three large sculptural animal busts commissioned by Mellow Mushroom Inc.
March 2018, Clemson, SC

Out of the Woods, Participant in Deland Sculpture Walk Exhibition.
March 2017, Deland FL

Gold Leaf, Commissioned and Created for the Marriott Hotel in Gaithersburg, Maryland.
Dec. 2017, Gaithersburg, MD.

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Branching, Public Art Handrails for Barr Hammock Preserve through the Alachua County Forever Land Conservation Program and the Environmental Protection Program and in collaboration with artist John Patterson.

Sept. 2016, Gainesville FL

The Skunk Ape, privately commissioned full scale sculpture depicting Florida's mysteries Skunk Ape,
June 2016, Gainesville FL

The Chase, a large scale outdoor sculpture inspired by Florida's rich aquatic life, located at the Shands Orthopedic Pediatric Center in Gainesville, FL

April 2016, Gainesville, FL

Oak Tree Triptych, Highly Forged 3-piece metal panel, featuring imagery of a live oak tree. Located at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Gainesville, FL

January 2016, Gainesville FL

Out of the Woods, Participant in Gainesville Main Street Artscape 18 month exhibition.

December 2014, Gainesville FL

Lift, Participant in the Belle Art outdoor sculpture exhibition in Scottsdale, AZ

2014, Scottsdale AZ Leslie Tharp Designs

Three site-specific sculptural sign-holder created for the City of Gainesville Hogtown Creek Headwaters Nature Park alongside the Art in Public Places Trust and the Gainesville Parks Department.

August 2013, Gainesville FL

Cloud Chandeliers and Expanded Steel Lighting Pendants designed for and installed at the Pizza Fusion restaurant in Naples, FL in collaboration with paper artist Karen Tharp.

July 2013, Naples FL

Roots, winner of the 2012 Coral Gables Benchmarks Design Competition, and located at the Coral Gables Museum.

Sept 2012, Coral Gables FL

Startle, Acquired by Beltline Inc. in 2013.

April 2013, Atlanta GA

The Giving Tree, an original Artwork commissioned by and in the public art collection of the City of Gainesville, located at the Senior Recreational Center.

June 2012, Gainesville FL

Cycle, an original Artwork in the public art collection of the University of Florida, located at the Small Animal Vet Hospital.

May 2011, Gainesville FL

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Awards

2019 - City of Gainesville Individual Artist of the Year Award

Teaching and Demonstrating Experience

2023 Instructor at 2-week workshop in Haystack School of Craft in Maine
2022 Demonstrator at the Northwest Blacksmith Association Annual Conference
2020 Owner of [F]elver Metal Art Center and instructor of hands on Metalworking Workshops
2019 Community Education Welding Instructor at Santa Fe College's Welding Certification Program
2020 1 week Guest Instructor for one week at the Appalachian School of Craft in Tennessee
2020 2 week Iron Studio Technician Haystack Mountain School of Craft in Maine
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 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

Education

2021 Welding Certifications in FCAW 3D 4D
2016 Journeyman Certification for Blacksmithing
2008, University of Florida Bachelor's in Fine Art Degree