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I have always been interested in the fiber arts realm. Both of my grandmothers instilled their love of sewing and art in me and I can remember sitting on Grammy Carrie's bed as a toddler with a scrap of cloth, threaded needle, her box of buttons and happily sewing buttons on that cloth as she did her work in the kitchen. Little did I know she was keeping me out of her hair at the time - I was having fun and enthralled by the colors and patterns on the buttons. Grammy Lee would get me embroidery kits and help me learn the stitches when I was a bit older. Everything grew from there - sewing, embroidery, knitting, spinning, weaving, felting, you name it. A majority of it is self taught, I took individual lessons in spinning and weaving to get the basics down and have run from there with it all. I'm still stymied by how to bring the iridescence of a crow's wings into my fiber, or the exact color of a found mushroom in the woods on my walks. My husband has gotten used to my constant stops to take photos of some of the strangest items I find that spark an idea - whether it be the color, the curve of an item, the composition of old and new together, there's no telling what will strike my eye. I think I've stayed within the fiber arts realm because I'm a very tactile person and love the feel of the fiber and working with it from the raw form all the way to finished. I love to paint, or color, with roving. I love to mix my own colors by blending rovings or dyeing my own, it's quite often a "let's see what happens if..." moment! I'm still playing and learning as I go because I fully believe we continually learn no matter how advanced you are in your field.

Skies Exhibition, Colors of Humanity Gallery, <https://www.colorsofhumanityartgallery.com> : March 2023

Holiday Ornament Show/Sale, Annmarie Gardens, Dowel, MD: 2015, 2022

The Heart of it All Exhibition, Annmarie Gardens, Dowel, MD: 2022

Artists in Action, Annmarie Gardens, Dowell, MD: 2019-2023

When Darkness Falls Exhibition, Annmarie Gardens, Dowel, MD: 2019

Artwalk, Leonardtown, MD: 2016, 2019

Folksy Exhibition, Annmarie Gardens, Dowel, MD: 2019

Salon des Refuses Exhibition, Annmarie Gardens, Dowel, MD: 2019

Kindred Exhibition, Annmarie Gardens, Dowell, MD: 2017

Swarm Exhibition, Annmarie Gardens, Dowell, MD: 2016

Threads Exhibition, Annmarie Gardens, Dowell, MD: 2016

New View FiberArts, Artist, Leonardtown, MD: 2014-2021, fiber arts, seamstress