

## Curtis G. Woody

I am a mixed media collage painter, drawing inspiration from historical connection points that join individuals, families, generations and communities. I create highly textured and intricately detailed original art pieces that are intended to breathe new life into and enhance the unique characteristics of a common historical heritage. Life is a circle and I take pleasure in salvaging the old to create something new, asking the viewer to recognize the past while appreciating the here and now. My paintings are research-based collages and layers which are fabricated in a variety of ways. I highlight impactful images and play close attention to minute details. Some paintings start with hand cut museum board blocks that are painted, embellished, scratched and merged together. I used an assortment of found objects, old books, aged photographs, buttons, letters, vintage newspapers and rusty metal combined with an assortment of artistic mediums. The meaning of the attached elements often becomes clearer to me as they are assembled. The result is a continual search for balance between spontaneity and historical relevance. My richly layered work invites viewers to step in closer, explore details, and create or reflect on their own stories of connection. Because of the multi-layering it is my expectation that the paintings become thoughtful, spiritual, interesting and sensitive creations.

### Selected Exhibitions

- "A Sketch of Slavery in the District of Columbia" – Dumbarton House, 2018
- "Unraveling Their Stories" – Laurel Historical Society Museum, MD 2017
- Group Show, "Resist" Nationally Juried Show – Zenith Gallery, Washington DC 2017
- Group Show, "Living on the Land, Vol.2" – Boyden Gallery, St. Mary's College of Maryland 2017
- Group Show, "The Way We Work" – Salisbury University Art Galleries, MD 2017
- "Carnival: Celebration of African Diaspora" Art Impact USA, Inc. Pepco Edison Place Gallery – DC 2016
- "Art-O-Matic", Prince George's County Parks & Planning – New Carrollton, MD 2015
- "The American Flag in Contemporary Art" -Zenith Gallery/DC Chamber of Commerce – DC 2015
- Historical Strayhorn Jazz & Art Exhibition, We Act Radio – Washington DC 2015
- "Emancipation & Education: Opportunities for Change" Exhibition, Bowie State University, MD 2015
- "Prince George's Sampler", Arts Exchange at Gateway Arts Center, North Brentwood, MD 2014
- "100 Signs of Peace from the West Gallery Show", Father Ryan Arts Center, Mckees Rocks, PA 2014
- "Direct Current", Montpelier Arts Center, Laurel MD 2014
- 'Old Sandy" Gallery Exhibition, Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring MD 2014
- "A Case of Red", House Office Building, Annapolis MD 2014
- Spring Stockley Gardens Arts Festival, Norfolk, VA 2014
- "Emancipation: Meditation on Freedom", District of Columbia Arts Center, Washington DC 2014
- "Anniversary Party" Art Exhibition, Just Lookin Art Gallery, Hagerstown, MD 2014
- Port Warwick Arts Festival, Newport News, VA 2013
- "The Urban Life of DC", Art Show, DC Economic Partnership & Zenith Gallery, Washington DC 2013
- "Fresh" Zenith Gallery, Washington DC, 2013
- "Outside the Book", One Man Exhibition, Oxon Hill Branch Library, Oxon Hill, MD 2013



- “Black History Month Exhibition”, Harmony Hall Regional Center, Ft Washington, MD 2012
- “A Struggle for Dignity, An Artistic Exploration of Slavery and Emancipation”, Prince George’s County African American Museum & Cultural Center, North Brentwood, MD 2012
- 1st Biennial Maryland Regional Juried Exhibition, University of MD University College, Adelphi 2012
- Black Women’s Bar Association Auction, Washington DC 2012
- Gallery Serengeti, Group Exhibition– Capitol Heights, MD 2010
- Washington International Fine Art Festival National Harbor, MD 2010
- Group Show, “Paper”-Montpelier Arts Center – Laurel, MD 2009

## Private Collections

- DGS Percent for Art, Boone Elementary School – Washington DC, 2018 Mixed Media Mural
- DGS Percent for Art Program, Watkins Elementary School – Washington DC, 2018 Mixed Media Mural
- Art Bank 2017, DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities – Mixed Media Quilt Painting
- DGS Percent for Art, Watkins Elementary School – Washington DC, 2017 Mixed Media Mural
- Maryland Transit Administration Art-in-Transit – Purple Line Project, 2017 Mural (In progress)
- Tanger Outlet Visitor Center, National Harbor – Mixed Media Mural
- Project 1619, Inc. Hampton, VA – Mixed Media Quilt Painting
- PGC Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission – Mixed Media Quilt Paintings
- Bowie State University Collection, Mixed Media Quilt Painting
- Clayton Lang, Associate Professor of Arts & Director of Galleries at Bowie State University – Mixed Media Quilt Painting
- East River Jazz Fest Collection, Washington DC, – Mixed Media Quilt Painting
- Sandy Spring Museum Collection, Sandy Spring, MD – Mixed Media Quilt Paintings
- Law Office of Stan Derwin Brown, L.L.C., Largo, MD – Mixed Media Quilt Paintings
- Dr. Roger Wortham, MD, New Orleans, LA – Mixed Media Quilt Paintings
- Art Bank 2013 – DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities – Mixed Media Quilt Painting Prince George’s County African American Museum & Cultural Center, Mixed Media Quilt Painting – North Brentwood, MD
- University of Maryland University College, Mixed Media Quilt Paintings – Adelphi, MD Bryan Cave LLP – Mixed Media Quilt Paintings - Washington DC
- Housing Initiative Partnership, Inc. “Eat on the Arts” Mixed Media Paintings on Table Tops – Hyattsville, MD
- Honorable Senator Ulysses Currie, District 25, - Drawings - Annapolis, MD
- Arts in Public Places – “Building and Sustaining Families” Acrylic Mural – County Service Building, Hyattsville,
- General Motors, - Drawing of Signature Chevy SSR – Detroit. MI
- Madame Leah Tutu, Wife of Archbishop Desmond Tutu – Drawing – South Africa
- NBA Basketball Player “Dock Rivers” – Drawing- Atlanta, GA
- Enoch Pratt Free Library, Glass Etchings - Baltimore, MD
- Honorable Alexis Herman, Former Secretary US Dept. of Labor – Drawing – Washington DC
- Savage Aesthete Art Collection – Drawings & Mixed Media Quilt Painting, Pittsburgh, PA



## Honors and Awards

- Artist Fellowship, Individual Artist- Prince George's Arts & Humanities Council 2017
- Individual Artist Award in Visual Arts: Works on Paper - Maryland State Arts Council 2016
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- Grant Award—Arts in Community and Art Development- Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council 2013
- Harlem Remembrance Foundation Love Award for Visionary Service, Prince George's County, MD 2013
- Grant Award—Arts in Community and Art Development, Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council 2012
- Purchase Award – Artomatic – Crystal City, VA. MNCPPC Dept. of Parks & Recreation 2012
- Merit Award – Fairhope Arts & Crafts Festival, Fairhope, AL 2008
- Second Place – Virginia Fall Foliage Festival, Waynesboro, VA 2007
- Honorable Mention – Summer fair, Cincinnati, OH 2006
- First Place – Syracuse Arts and Craft Festival, Syracuse, NY 2005
- First Place – Park Avenue Summer Festival, Rochester, NY 2004
- Grant Award– Art in Public Places, Prince George's County, Hyattsville, MD 2003

## Published Articles

- Prince George's Suite Magazine – *"The Woodys: Artists In Residence"* Prince George's County, MD 2013
- Prince George's County Memorial Library System *"Current News & Events"* 2012
- Arts Opportunities Magazine *"Artist of the Month Cover"* MNCPPC Arts & Heritage Division 2012
- The Prince George's Sentinel – 2012
- The Gazette Star – *"Pieces of the Past"* Prince George's County, MD 2012
- The Gazette Star – *"Waterfront Gallery"* Prince George's County, MD 2010

## Teaching & Professional Experiences

- Artist in Residence, Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring, MD
- Artist in Residence, Maryland National Parks & Planning Commission & MD State Arts Council, Forestville High School, Forestville, MD 2013
- Grant Juror, Maryland State Arts Council, Baltimore, MD 2008
- Artist Workshop, Prince George's County Arts Council 2007

## Education

- Associate of Applied Arts Degree in Commercial Arts – TNCC, Hampton, VA 1971

