

Barbara Sosson

Education:

1963–67 Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts (PAFA), Philadelphia, PA

1965 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME

1969 –71 The Philadelphia College of Art, PA (now named the University of the Arts), B.F.A. Degree

Collections:

Represented in private and public collections including:

Aramark Corporation, Philadelphia; Capitol One Corporate Offices in Delaware; Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA; Fellowship of PAFA, Philadelphia; Fidelity Bank, Philadelphia; Insurance Company of North America, a CIGNA Corporation, Houston, TX; Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis, Philadelphia; The State Museum in Harrisburg, PA; WIP Radio Station, Philadelphia; Woodmere Art Museum, Philadelphia; and the Amber Road Corporation, Shanghai, China.

Commissions:

2016 Awarded commission to paint two Donkeys for the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia (Iowa & Texas)

2013–14 Corporate competition awarded \$25,000 to paint five canvases on the subject of the Tea Route, each 30" square for the Amber Road Corporation's Shanghai, China Office. Juried by the PAFA Faculty & Amber Road Corporation

Awards & Scholarships:

2015, '12, '08, '07, '06, '05, '02, '01, '00, 1988 National Competition Awards for the design of fine art publications as owner of Sosson Design (1972 – 2016)

1968 Mary Butler Memorial Award, Painting, PAFA, Annual Exhibition by invitation
The W.I.P. Radio Purchase Prize, Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia

1967 The Thouron Prize and The Gimbel Prize, PAFA, Philadelphia

1966 The William Emlen Cresson Memorial Scholarship for Travel Abroad and The Marion Higgins Prize, PAFA, Philadelphia

1965 Scholarship to the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME
The Charles Toppan Prize for Drawing, PAFA, Philadelphia

1963–67 Four-year, full paid, Board of Education Scholarship to PAFA for painting

Service & Memberships:

2019-23 President of the Fellowship of PAFA

2017-19 Vice President of Communications of the Fellowship of PAFA

2017-22 Serving as an elected member of the PAFA Alumni Council

2015-16 Vice President of Communications, Da Vinci Art Alliance, Philadelphia

Current member of the Philadelphia Museum of Art; the Barnes Foundation; Museum of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts

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Curated Exhibitions:

- 2020 Organized *Virtual Gallery for the Fellowship of PAFA* (three month shows with guest curators)
2020 Organized *FAME [Fellowship Annual Members Exhibition]*, Hot-Bed Gallery,
Juror, Rebecca O'Leary
2019 Organized *FAME*, Hot-Bed Gallery, selected Juror, James Oliver
2016 "*SIX*" *An Exhibition of Large Scale Works* at the Da Vinci Art Alliance, Philadelphia
2015 "*3*" *An Exhibition of Three PAFA Alumni* at the Da Vinci Art Alliance, Philadelphia

Selected Exhibitions:

- 2018 *Garden Bouquet Revisited*, Hot-Bed Gallery, Philadelphia, Juror, James Oliver
Rail Park Benefit, 990 Spring Garden, Philadelphia, curated by Bridgette Mayer
2016 "*SIX*" *An Exhibition of Large Scale Works* at the Da Vinci Art Alliance, Philadelphia
2015 "*3*" *An Exhibition of Three PAFA Alum* at the Da Vinci Art Alliance, Philadelphia
2006 *Paintings of the Countryside of France*, The Cosmopolitan Club, Philadelphia
1982, '83 *Central Divide Series I & II*, Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
1978 *Recent Paintings and Drawings*, The Wallnuts Gallery (later named Sande Webster Gallery),
Philadelphia
1973, '72, '69 Ballinger Architects, Philadelphia
1971 *Abstract Paintings*, Philadelphia College of Art, Philadelphia
1969 *The Mill Gallery Exhibition*, Carversville, PA

Invitational Group Exhibitions:

- 2023 *Sensuous Shapes & Mimicry*, Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
2021 *Bouquet*, Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
2020 *Dance of Shapes: FMC Tower*, Philadelphia
2016 *SIX An Exhibition of Large Scale Works*, Da Vinci Art Alliance, Philadelphia
2015 *3 An Exhibition by 3 PAFA Alum*, Da Vinci Art Alliance, Philadelphia
Benefit for Project Home, Jed Williams Gallery, Philadelphia
2016, '14, '12, '10 *Dear Fleisher*, 4 x 6 inches of Art, Fleisher Art Memorial, Philadelphia
Small Worlds, The Plastic Club, Philadelphia
2015, '14, '12 *Art Unleashed*, Uarts, Philadelphia
2007 *WWCC 30th Anniversary Show*, Philadelphia, organized by Thomas Duffy
2005 *65th Annual Members' Exhibition*, Woodmere Art Museum, Philadelphia
Group Exhibition, Workerman Gallery, Manayunk, PA
2004, '05 *Post Open Studio Tours*, Philadelphia
2003 *Pennsylvania Academy-Alumni Works on Paper Invitational*, the Free Library of Philadelphia,
organized by the Women's Board of PAFA
The Unbroken Circle, A Tribute to Quita Brodhead, Wayne Art Center, Wayne, PA,
organized by Bill Scott
2001 *Passionate Palettes*, Selections from the Permanent Collection, Woodmere Art Museum,
Philadelphia, organized by Michael Schantz, *Director*
1997 *Left Brain/Right Brain*, Artforms Gallery, Manayunk, PA
Artists Helping Artists, former McIlhenny Mansion, Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia,
organized by The Women's Committee and the PAFA Fellowship

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Invitational Group Exhibitions continued:

- 1977 *Brick by Brick Exhibition*, PAFA, Cherry Street Gallery, Philadelphia
1997–85 *Annual Open Studio Tours*, 915 Spring Garden Studios, Philadelphia
1996 *Invitational Drawing Exhibition*, Smith College, Northampton, MA, organized by
Martha Armstrong
1992 *6 Plus*, Catherine Starr Gallery, Philadelphia
1989 *Hobson Pittman, The Teacher*, The Woodmere Art Museum, Chestnut Hill, PA
1985 *Greater Harrisburg Arts Festival '85*, The State Museum of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg
1984 *Hobson Pittman: Painter (Students of Pittman)*, Peale House Galleries of PAFA, Philadelphia
1983 *Landscape*, Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
Landscape, Cheltenham Art Centre, PA
1982 *Three Rivers Salutes Three States*, Three Rivers Arts Festival, Pittsburgh, PA
10 Studios/20 Artists, Muse Foundation Invitational, Philadelphia
1981 *New Generation Artists*, Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
1981–67 Invited to the *Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts' Annual Fellowship Exhibitions*,
Furness Building Galleries, Philadelphia (1974 exhibition at Museum of the Philadelphia
Civic Center)
1980 *Color and Watercolor*, Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia
1975 Chester County Art Association, Chester, PA
1969 Crest College, Allentown, PA
1968 *Young Philadelphians*, The Kenmore Galleries, Philadelphia, Guest Curator: Hobson Pittman
1967 *Angry Arts*, The Ethical Society of Philadelphia

Juried Group Exhibitions:

- 2022 *125th Fellowship Annual of PAFA*, Anne Bryan Gallery, PAFA, Philadelphia,
Juror: Audrey Flack
2021 *124th Fellowship Annual of PAFA*, Gross McCleaf Gallery, Philadelphia,
Juror: Rebecca Segall
2021 *SUMMERHOUSE, HOT•BED Gallery*, Philadelphia, Juror: Bryan Hoffman
H2O, Mid-Atlantic 3rd Annual Regional Show, Virginia Beach, VA,
Juror: Vanessa Thaxton-Ward
2020 *123rd Fellowship Annual of PAFA*, HOT•BED Gallery, Philadelphia, Juror: Rebecca O'Leary
2019 *122nd Annual Exhibition of PAFA [FAME]*, HOT•BED Gallery, Philadelphia,
Juror: James Oliver
2000 *103rd Alumni Exhibition of PAFA*, Philadelphia, Juror: Randall Exon
1993 *96th Annual Juried Exhibition of PAFA*, Woodmere Art Museum, Philadelphia, Jurors: Wolf
Kahn and Emily Mason
1989 *48th Annual Awards Painting Exhibition*, Cheltenham Art Centre, PA, Juror: Lisa Phillips,
Curator, Whitney Museum of American Art, NY
1989 *92nd Annual Fellowship Exhibition of PAFA*, The American College Gregg Conference
Center, Bryn Mawr, PA, Juror: Frank Hyder
1988 *91st Annual Fellowship Exhibition of PAFA*, Port of History Museum, Philadelphia,
Juror: Rafael Ferrer
1987 *The Philadelphia Eye*, Pace University, Fingesten Gallery, New York City, Juror: Peter Fingesten
1984 *Cheltenham Art Centre Annual Exhibition*, PA

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Juried Group Exhibitions continued:

- 1982 *18th Juried Exhibition*, Allentown Art Museum, PA
Philadelphia Art Dealers Select, The Philadelphia Art Alliance
- 1981 *Beaver College Drawing Annual*, Glenside, PA (later named Arcadia University)
- 1980 *The Philadelphia Art Alliance 1st Bi-Annual Juried Members' Show*; traveled to Glassboro State College, Westby Art Gallery, NJ
- 1978 *Paperworks Exhibition*, Cheltenham Art Centre, PA, Juror: Martha Zelt
- 1977 *Rutgers National Drawing '77*, Camden, NJ, Jurors: Ilya Bolotowsky, Lee Bontecou, and Marcia Tucker
- 1975 *Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Juried Fellowship* at Woodmere Art Museum, Philadelphia, Painting Jurors: Lois Eaton Dollin, Robert Barfield, and Paul Keene
- 1968 *Abstract*, The Philadelphia Art Alliance ■