

Suzi Ballenger

EDUCATION

2018 **MFA** Candidate, Artisanry: Fibers, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
1980 **BA** Public Affairs/Journalism, Keene State College

EXPERIENCE

Present **Owner.** Realfibers Handwoven, North Kingstown, RI
Present **Instructor of Record, 2D Foundations.** UMass Dartmouth, Dartmouth, MA
Present **Instructor of Record, Intro to Weaving.** UMass Dartmouth, Dartmouth, MA
2010-present **Weaving Instructor.** Slater Mill Museum, Pawtucket, RI
2015-2016 **Studio Technician, Fibers.** UMass Dartmouth, Dartmouth, MA
2011-2015 **Artist in Residence & Extended Day Provider.** MET School, Providence, RI
2001-2015 **Teaching Assistant.** Saunderstown Weaving School, North Kingstown, RI
2013, 2012 **Artist in Residence.** Coventry High School, Coventry, RI
2008 **Artist in Residence.** Lonsdale Elementary School, Lincoln, RI
2007 **Visiting Artist.** Penland School for Crafts, Penland, NC
2006 **Studio Assistant.** Penland School for Crafts, Penland, NC.

AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIPS

2015 **Yeager Scholarship,** UMass Dartmouth, Dartmouth, MA
2013 **US Design Patent #8596303 Supplementary Beater for Handloom**
2011 **New England Weaver's Seminar** Biennial Exhibit, Smith College, Amherst, MA
Judge's Choice, Popular Choice, First Place in Shawls, Creativity & Innovation, Most Creative Use of a Traditional Weave Structure,
2004 **Pawtucket Arts Center,** Pawtucket, RI *Most Creative & Innovative*

EXHIBITIONS

2017 **Women, Art and Fibers: Contemporary Responses to Abolition and the Underground Railroad,** University Gallery, UMass Dartmouth, Dartmouth, MA
2016 **Textile Talent, New York Textile Month,** Governor's Island, New York, NY
2016 **Active Imagination: Artists Respond to Global Challenges**
Crapo Gallery, UMass Dartmouth, New Bedford, MA
2014-2016 **American Textile History Museum,** (Invitational), Lowell, MA
2015 **The Apron as Metaphor,** Gallery 244, CVPA, New Bedford, MA
Co-curator & exhibitor
2014 **Forty Years Interpreting Tradition,** Hera Gallery, Wakefield, RI
2014 **Fiber in the Present Tense,** New Bedford, MA
2012 **Techno Craft,** Hera Gallery at the Jamestown Art Center, RI
Co-Curator & exhibitor
2011 **The World's Smallest Art Gallery,** Peace Dale, RI. Solo exhibit
2010 **Diverse Dreams, Diverse Weaves,** Hera Gallery, Wakefield RI

PUBLICATIONS and PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 Textile Society of America Symposium, Panel Presentation
- 2014 *Handwoven Magazine*, September/October
- 2014 *Handwoven Magazine*, March/April
- 2011 *Handwoven Magazine*, March/April