

Len Harris

Ribbons of Wood

My first career of forty years was as an aerospace engineer in industry and NASA. I performed engineering research and participated in major aeronautics and space development programs, including the Manned Lunar Mission and the Space Shuttle. I retired as Chief Engineer of the Aeronautics and Space Engineering Research Division at NASA. While working for NASA, I attended studio art classes at Montgomery College, Maryland. For years, my primary interest was oil painting along the Potomac river or at remote sites in Montgomery County, MD. One of the few pieces of sculpture I created while taking art classes was made of thin wood plies and is the origin of my current sculpture. I finally developed a technique to deal with large plies or ribbons of wood to achieve a light, free sculptural form.

Education

1950 BS/Civil Engineering, Stanford University

1954 PhD/Engineering, University of Illinois

1974-1980 Studio Art Courses, Montgomery College, Maryland

Awards & Shows

Solo Exhibit. Aug 2004, Glenview Mansion Gallery, Rockville, MD (juried)

Solo Exhibit. May 23-June 26, 2005, Katz Jewish Community Center, Cherry Hill, NJ (Invitational)

Solo Exhibit. July 8-Oct 7, 2006, Sculpture Atrium, Corporate Center at Tyson's Center (Invitational)

Solo Exhibit. Feb, 2010, Arts Club of Washington, Solo Show, (juried)

First Prize, Sculpture. Apr 2010, Infinity Art Gallery, Spring Expo 2010 (juried)

Solo Exhibit. Oct 22. 2011-Jan 28, 2012, Corporate Center at Tysons, VA, solo show (invitational)

First Prize. Feb 8-Mar 4, 2012, Arabesque, Gallery West, Alexandria, VA,, "15th Annual Juried Show"

Honorable Mention July 2012, Artavita on-line Gallery, 2nd Art Contest, Scullpture (Juried)

Artist Feature Award. June 2015, Art Design Consultants, "Blink", Art Comes Alive 2015 (juried)

First Prize, Sculpture. Nov 2015, Agave, Light, Space and Time Online Gallery, "Botonicals" (Jurioed)

First Prize, Nov6-19, 2015, Maryland Federatlon of Art @ Gallery B (juried) by Margery Goldberg

Selected Exhibitions

Feb 3, 2001, Touchstone Gallery, Touchstone Friends 2001

May 18, 2001, Arlington Arts Center, "All Media 2001" (juried)

May 19, 2002, Washington Sculptors Group "Sculpture Now 2002" (juried)

May 2, 2003, Washington Sculptors Group, "Sculpture Now 2003", (juried)

Sept 28, 2003, Target Gallery, "Layers" (juried)

Mar 27, 2004, US Botanic Garden, "Flora" (juried)

July 16, 2005, Rockville Arts Place, "Finding Your Way" (invitational)

Sept 4, 2005, Touchstone Gallery, "The Human Form" (juried)



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Mar 18, 2006, Arlington Arts Center, "Deja Vu: A New View" (Juried)
May 5, 2006, Washington Sculptors Group, "Sculpture Now 2006" (Juried)
Mar 4, 2006, Touchstone Gallery, "8th Annual All-Media Exhibition" (Juried)
Apr 26, 2006, Shippensburg Univ, "7th Annual National Exhibition" (juried)
Aug 20, 2006, Pittsburgh Society of Sculptors, "Inside=Out/Big & Small"" (juried)
Oct 7, 2006, Sculpture Atrium, Corporate Office Center at Tyson's Center, Solo Exhibit
Sept 2, 2006. Metropolitan Center for the Arts, Rockville, "Inspired by Animals (Juried)
Sept 2, 2006, Touchstone Gallery, "Mud, Sand & Straw" (Juried)
Dec 1, 2006, Greater Reston Arts Center, Arts Council @ Grace 2006, (Juried)
Mar 31, 2007, Arlington Arts Center, "" equinox" (Juried)
May4, 2007, Washington Sculptors Group, "Sculpture Now 2007 (Juried)
June 17, 2007, New Hope Arts, "Sculpture New Hope" (Juried)
July 28, 2007, Sculpture Atrium, Corporate Office Center at Tyson's II, two-person exhibit
Dec 12, 2007, Montgomery College, "Rhythm & Blue" (Juried)
May 1, 2008, Washington Sculptors Group, "Sculpture Now 2008. (Juried)
Mar 8, 2008, Touchstone Gallery, "10th Annual All-Media Exhibition" (Juried)
Oct 31, 2008, Washington Square, 'Sculpture' (Invitational)
Jan 24, 2009, Atrium 1800 Tysons Corporate Office, (invitational)
Aug 23, 2009, Radius 250, Artspace, Richmond VA (juried)
Sept, 2010 Sculpture Atrium, Corporate Office Center at Tyson's Corner (invitational)
Sept 2010, Sculpture in the 21st Century, Member exhibition, Towson University
Apr 9, 2011, Corporate Center at Tysons, VA, 3-person exhibit (invitational)
July24, 2011, Delaplaine Visual Arts Center 2011 Juried Exhibit (juried)
April 30th, Zenith Gallery, Full Circle, WDC

