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EDUCATION

- 1989 M.F.A. in Painting and Drawing; University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon.  
1971-1973 B.S. Degree in Art; Design & Environmental Analysis, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.  
1969-1971 Physics Major, Minor in Art; Denison University, Granville, Ohio.

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SELECTED EXHIBITIONS/AWARDS

- 2026 The Living Landscape: Bets Cole's Oregon, *Solo Show*, [Karin Clarke Gallery](#), Eugene, OR.  
2026 The Sea, Three Person Show, The Hoffman Center for the Arts, Manzanita, Oregon.  
2026 Vistas & Vineyards Plein Air Show, OSU Giustina Gallery, Corvallis, Oregon • **First Place Award**  
2026 & 2025 Art About Agriculture Annual Competition & Touring Exhibit, Giustina Gallery, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon.  
2025 Power of Paint, Invitational, Huntington Beach Art Center, Huntington Beach, CA.  
2025 Legacy Celebration, *Celebrated Artist*, [Maude Kerns Art Center](#), Eugene, Oregon.  
2025 Artworks Northwest Biennial, Invitational, Umpqua Valley Arts, Roseburg, Oregon.  
2025 19th Annual Emerald Spring Painting Exhibition, *A National Juried Show*, Emerald Art Center, Springfield, Oregon.  
2025 Portland Museum Rental Sales Gallery, Members Invitational Show, Portland, Oregon.  
2025 Brush with Nature's Palette, Womens Painters West Invitational, <https://womenpainterswest.org/gallery/>, California • **Second Place Award**  
2025 Seen: A Regional Figurative Exhibit, Invitational, [Maude Kerns Art Center](#), Eugene, Oregon.  
2025 Vistas & Vineyards Plein Air Show, Corvallis, Oregon • **Second Place Award**  
Portland Museum Rental Sales Gallery, Members Invitational Show, Portland, Oregon.  
2025 For the Love of Painting, Plein Air Painters of Lane County, Emerald Art Center, Springfield, Oregon.  
2024 Rugged Land and Rocky Shores, *Solo Show*, [Karin Clarke Gallery](#), Eugene, Oregon.  
2024 Pacific Threshold, Invitational, Giustina Gallery, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.  
2024 Waves of Creativity, WPW Invitational, North Coastal Art Gallery, Carlsbad, California.  
2024 High Desert to High Tide, *Solo Show*, Umpqua Community College, Roseburg, Oregon.  
2024 The Northwest Landscape, Invitational, [Karin Clarke Gallery](#), Eugene, Oregon.  
2024 Dreams and Imagining, WPW Invitational, Lois Lambert Gallery, Santa Monica, CA.  
2024 Vistas & Vineyards Plein Air Show, Corvallis, Oregon • **Honorable Mention**  
2024 Portland Museum Rental Sales Gallery, Members Invitational Show, Portland, Oregon.  
2024 & 2023 Art About Agriculture Annual Competition & Touring Exhibit, Giustina Gallery, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.  
2023 Artworks Northwest Biennial, Invitational, Umpqua Valley Arts, Roseburg, Oregon.  
2023 Raising Our Brushes, Women Painters West Invitational, Yuma Art Center, Yuma, Arizona.  
2023 Salem on the Edge Plein Air Invitational, Salem, Oregon.  
2023 Women Painters West Portrait Invitational, California Heritage Museum, Santa Monica, CA.  
2023 Oregon Society of Artists, Members Show, Portland, Oregon.  
2023 What a Relief! BIG INK Large-scale Woodblock Print Invitational, Cannon Gallery, Western Oregon University, Monmouth, Oregon.  
2023 Food is...Invitational, White Lotus Gallery, Eugene, Oregon.  
2022 **PLAYA Artist Residency**, Summer Lake, Oregon.  
2022 Capturing the Spirit of Woodland, Invitational, Blue Wing Gallery, Woodland, CA.

2022 Oregon Society of Artists Plein Air and Alla Prima Showcase, Portland, OR. • **Award of Excellence**

2022 Salem on the Edge Plein Air Invitational, Salem, Oregon.

2022 Eugene Biennial, Invitational, Karin Clarke Gallery, Eugene, Oregon.

2022 RURAL, Umpqua Valley Arts, Invitational, Roseburg, Oregon.

2022 Around Oregon Annual Invitational, The Arts Center, Corvallis, Oregon.

2022 Art in the Time of Corona Invitational, Dab Art, Los Angeles, California.

2022 2020 Hindsight Invitational, California Art Club, Bird Dog Arts, Tejon Ranch, CA.

2022 Celebrate Oregon's Diversity, Invitational, Giustina Gallery, OSU, Corvallis, OR.

2022 Environs: Plein Air Painters of Lane County Invitational, Maude Kerns Art Ctr., Eugene, OR.

2021 Right Angles & Raw Edges, *Solo Show*, Karin Clarke Gallery, Eugene, OR.

2021 Art About Agriculture Annual Competition & Touring Exhibit, Giustina Gallery, OSU, Corvallis, OR.

2021 Northwest Reflections, Online Show, Ocean Shores, WA. • **Award of Excellence**

2021 Everyday Inspiration: Still Life Invitational, Maude Kerns Art Center, Eugene, OR.

2021 Sitka Center for Art & Ecology Invitational, Portland, Oregon.

2021 Expressions West, Coos Art Center, Coos Bay, Oregon • **Honorable Mention**

2021 What Would Nature Do?, Invitational, The Arts Center, Corvallis, OR.

2021 Lighthouses, Wharfs, & State Parks: Coastal Landmarks of Washington, Oregon & California, Invitational, Elisabeth Jones Gallery, Portland, Oregon.

2021 Be Here Now Invitational, Maude Kerns Art Center, Eugene, OR.

2021, 2020 Vistas & Vineyards Plein Air Show, Corvallis, Oregon • **Award of Excellence, Best of Show**

2021-2017 Portland Museum Rental Sales Gallery Spring Show Invitational, Portland, OR.

2020 GATHERINGS: an art and poetry based experiment in giving and receiving, **Invited Artist**, [gatheringsproject.com](http://gatheringsproject.com).

2020 Art About Agriculture Annual Competition & Touring Exhibit, Giustina Gallery, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.

2020 Eugene Biennial, Invitational, Karin Clarke Gallery, Eugene, Oregon.

2020 Around Oregon Annual Competition, The Arts Center, Corvallis, Oregon.

2020 Big Ink: Printmaking Invitational, Eugene., Oregon.

2020 Oregon Coast Online Art Show, Visual Arts Center, Newport, Oregon.

2019 Visual Magic: An Oregon Invitational, **Featured Artist**, Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, Eugene, Oregon.

2019 Waiting for Spring Invitational, Giustina Gallery, Corvallis, Oregon.

2018 Alla Prima Westcliffe, Plein Air Event, Westcliffe, Colorado • **Sponsor Award**

2018 OSU150 Land Grant Festival Invitational, A Celebration of Oregon State University's Landscapes, Corvallis, Oregon.

2018 Member Invitational, Karin Clarke Gallery, Eugene, Oregon.

2018 Celebration of Oregon Juried Show, Giustina Gallery, Corvallis, Oregon.

2018 Sitka Center for Art & Ecology Invitational, Portland, Oregon.

2018 Vistas & Vineyards Plein Air Show, Corvallis, Oregon • **Best Drawing Award**

2017 Line, Value & Color, *Solo Show*, Karin Clarke Gallery, Eugene, Oregon.

2017 Microbiomes: To See the Unseen, Juried Show, The Arts Center, Corvallis, Or.

2017 Paint Snow Hill, Snow Hill, Maryland • **Best of Show & Artists' Choice Award**

2016 Around Oregon Annual Invitational, The Arts Center, Corvallis, Oregon.

2016 Artworks Northwest Invitational, Umpqua Valley Arts Center, Roseburg, Oregon.

2016 Confluence: Bets Cole & April Waters, Bush Barn Art Center, Salem, Oregon.

2015 The Power of Portrait, A Gathering of Uncommon Women, *Solo Show*, Karin Clarke Gallery, Eugene, Oregon.

2015 Los Gatos Plein Air Invitational, Los Gatos, California.

2015 Pacific Northwest Plein Air Festival, Hood River/Columbia Gorge, Oregon.

2015 Every Day Taste of Plein Air Invitational, LaSells Stewart Gallery, **Featured Artist**,

- Corvallis, Oregon.
- 2015 Umpqua Plein Air Paintout, Roseburg, Oregon.
- 2015 Vistas & Vineyards Plein Air Show, Corvallis, Oregon • **Award of Excellence**
- 2015 Tilikum Crossing Bridge Gala Opening, **Featured Painter**, Portland, Oregon.
- 2015, 2013, 2012 Paint Snow Hill, Snow Hill, Maryland • **Award of Excellence & Best of Show 2015**
- 2014 Paris in the Park Blocks Plein Air Invitational, Portland Art Museum, Portland, Oregon.
- 2014 Door County Plein Air Invitational, Door County, Wisconsin.
- 2014 David McCosh & The Oregon School of Landscape Painting Invitational, Karin Clarke Gallery, Eugene, Oregon.
- 2014 Publisher's Invitational Paint Out, Adirondack Mountains, New York.
- 2014 The Nakedness of the Subject, Three Person Figurative Show, Maude Kerns Art Center, Eugene, Oregon.
- 2013 Three Sides of a Coin, Three Person Show, Jacobs Gallery, Eugene, Oregon.
- 2013 Los Gatos Plein Air Invitational, Los Gatos, California.
- 2013 Paint Annapolis Plein Air Invitational, Annapolis, Maryland.
- 2013 & 2011 Vistas and Vineyards, Giustina Gallery, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon • **Best of Show & Award of Excellence**
- 2012 Art in the Open, Wexford, Ireland.
- 2012 Chincoteague Plein Air *Invitational*, Chincoteague, Virginia.
- 2012 Cannon Beach Plein Air Festival, **Featured Artist**, Cannon Beach, Or.
- 2012 Escalante Canyons Plein Air Art Festival, Escalante, Utah.
- 2012 Strokes of Genius, The Best of Drawing, Northlight Books, **Featured Artist**
- 2012 Women's Works Fine Art Invitational, Woodstock, Illinois. 2012
- 2012 Willamette Dreams, Karin Clarke Gallery, Eugene, Oregon.
- 2012 & 2010 Art of the West Invitational, High Desert Museum, Bend, Oregon.
- 2012 & 2011 Sitka Art Invitational, Portland, Oregon.
- 2011 In the Footsteps of Thomas Moran Plein Air Invitational Event, Zion National Park, Utah  
• **Purchase Award**
- 2011 Pacific Northwest Plein Air Invitational Event, Hood River, Oregon • **Honorable Mention**
- 2011 Mayor's Art Show, Jacob's Gallery, Eugene, Or. • **Director's Choice Award**
- 2011 Expressions West, Coos Art Museum, Coos Bay, Oregon • **Cash Award**
- 2011 40 Years of Excellence Invitational, LCC Art Gallery, Eugene, Oregon.
- 2011 Painting in Brittany, Solo Show, Karin Clarke Gallery, Eugene, Oregon.
- 2010 **Isabel Klots Artist 5-week Residency Program**, Rochefort-en-Terre, Brittany, France. Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2010 **Art in the Governor's Office Exhibition Award**, One Person Show, Invitation by The Oregon Arts Commission, Salem, Oregon.
- 2010 Au Naturel Invitational, The Nude in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Clatsop College Art Center Gallery, Astoria, Oregon.
- 2010 The Wetlands Invitational Show, Grays Harbor College & The White Sturgeon Gallery, Aberdeen & Vancouver, Washington.
- 2009 & 2010 Vistas & Vineyards, Plein Air Show, Giustina Gallery, Corvallis, Oregon • **Juror's Choice Award 2009 & ChaTeemawi Award 2010**
- 2009 Birds of a Feather, Sixth Street Gallery, Vancouver, Washington.
- 2009, 2008 & 2007 Art About Agriculture, A Juried Traveling Show, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon • **The Gene & Cande Buccola Award, The Betty Brose Art About Agriculture Award & The OSU Extension Director's Award**
- 2007 10<sup>th</sup> National Juried Art Exhibit, Baker Arts Center, Liberal, Kansas.
- 2007 The Gift of Plein Air, Three Person Show, Jacobs Gallery, Eugene, Oregon.
- 2006 Oregon State University **Permanent Landscape Collection**, Oregon Historical Society, Portland, Oregon.

- 2005 This Everlasting Valley, Willamette River Valley Farms Invitational Exhibit, Jacobs Gallery, Eugene, Oregon.
- 2005 BETS COLE: Portraits, *Solo Show*, LaFollette Gallery, Eugene, Oregon.
- 2003 Elemental/A Woman's Life and Her Art, Two Person Show, Jacobs Gallery, Eugene, Oregon.
- 2003 Celebrate Arts, A Juried Show, Florence Events Center, Florence, Oregon • **Merit Award**
- 2002 Crater Lake Centennial Exhibit, Schneider Museum, Ashland, Oregon.
- 2001 **Artists in the Park Residency**, Crater Lake National Park, Oregon.

Represented by

Karin Clarke Gallery, Eugene, Oregon

Portland Art Museum Rental Sales Gallery, Portland, Oregon

Freed Gallery, Lincoln City, Oregon

Bush Barn Art Center, Salem Oregon

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Bets's work has been included in many public and private collections including Oregon State University; University of Oregon; Umpqua Community College; M & T Bank & Investment Group in Baltimore, MD; and Marathon Coach and the Adell McMillan Collection in Eugene, OR. Several of her pieces have been featured in *Visual Magic: An Oregon Invitational* published by the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, *This Bountiful Place* published by Oregon State University, *David McCosh: Learning to Paint is Learning to See* by Roger Saydack, *Microbiomes: To See the Unseen* published by The Arts Center in Corvallis, Oregon and *Strokes of Genius, The Best of Drawing*, published by Northlight Books and most recently in *Pacific Threshold: Sandgren & Sandgren, Painting the Oregon Coast with Friends 1978-2023*.