

Resume of **David K. Austin.** 305 S. Adams, Ypsilanti, MI 48197, **1.231.330.7993**

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Various experiences:

Owner of Muddypaw Sculptures and Ponds: Company produces public and private artwork in addition to creating limited products and numerous garden ponds and landscapes.

Creator of fine art in Sculpture, Painting, Public Art and Pottery for 20 years.

Started the Northern Michigan Artist Market in 2003 with 4 other partners..

Managed, expanded and created a sustainable Boyne Highlands Cross Country Ski program for five seasons.

Started 4 annual cross country ski races and events at Boyne Highlands, Michigan.

Served on Petoskey City Council.

Worked with Professional Potter, Patrick Dragon.

Briefly worked in a custom tile manufacturer in Seattle, Washington.

Started Binder Winter Park Ski Team.

Traveled throughout United States and Germany.

Cross Country Skied in Junior Olympics, Lake Placid, New York.

General Contractor work.

Earned a living as a drummer in a band for several years.

Freelanced and worked in agencies for 10 years as a Graphic Designer.

Community Support:

Empty Bowls

Hospice of Little Traverse Bay

Education:

1989 to 1994 **BFA in Ceramics** December 1994

Northern Michigan University

Marquette, Michigan 49855

1987 to 1992 **Graphic Design major**, reached senior level, no degree.

Northern Michigan University

Marquette, Michigan 49855

1985 to 1986 **Drafting and Advertising Internship at Hilltop Advertising**

Calhoun Area Vocational Education Center

Battle Creek, Michigan 49018

Scholastic Awards:

1990 to 1994 **Department of Art and Design- four years plus in a row**

Undergraduate Scholarship Award

Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Michigan 49855

Workshops, lectures and classes presented:

2007 Taught a hands on workshop on creating a pond less water feature, Harbor Springs High School, Harbor Springs, MI

2007 Taught workshop on Creativity and teapot making, Battle Creek Art Center, Michigan.

2006 Lecture and workshop on the aesthetics of natural materials and water, Charlevoix Evening Garden Club, Charlevoix, Michigan.

2004 Taught ceramics from my studio, Petoskey, Michigan.

2004 Lecture on aesthetics and technical aspects of water gardens,

Emmett County MSU Master Gardener Program, Michigan

2003 Outdoor sculpture workshops, Battle Creek Schools, Michigan.

2002 Beaver Island Light House School Ceramics Workshop, With the Crooked Tree Arts Center, Petoskey, Michigan.

2002 Tile and Architectural Installation taught. Clayworks, Lansing, Michigan.

2001 Kellogg Community College, taught workshop and lectured on the creative process, Battle Creek, Michigan.

2000 Taught beginning to advanced ceramics classes, Crooked Tree Arts Center, Petoskey, Michigan.

1995 Apprenticed an aspiring potter, Harbor Springs, Michigan.

1995 W.K. Kellogg Expert in Residence Program, taught workshops throughout the Battle Creek district, Battle Creek Art Center and gave multiple lectures on art and creativity.

1994 Taught community ceramics program for children, City of Marquette, Michigan.

1994 Taught ceramic classes, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Michigan.

1994 Apprenticed an aspiring potter, Marquette, Michigan.

1993 Children's aesthetic workshop through the U.P. Children's Museum and created "Critter Cove" reptile display, Marquette, Michigan.

Exhibitions:

- Fall 2007 **“Arts for the Spirit, 3”**
12 Sculptural Teapots, one man show.
Oakwood Health system, Dearborn, MI
- Fall 2007 **“Arts for the Spirit, 2”**
12 Paintings, one man show.
Oakwood Health system, Dearborn, MI
- Summer 2007 **“Arts for the Spirit”**
10 Paintings, one man show.
Oakwood Health system, Dearborn, MI
- Spring 2007 **“Michigan All-Media Show”**
1 Large Painting
Battle Creek Art Center, Battle Creek, MI
- Winter 2007 **“Mad Hatter’s Tea Party Exhibition”**
3 Sculptural teapots
Armory Art Center, West Palm Beach, FL
- Winter 2007 **“Baltimore Clayworks: 100 Teapots III”**
1 Sculptural Teapot
Baltimore, Maryland
- Fall 2006 **“Night Visions” @ TheCoconino Center for the Arts**
1 Painting
Flagstaff, Arizona
- Fall 2005 **Cielo Gallery**
2 person show, sculptural installations and pottery.
Ishpeming, Michigan
- Summer 2005 **East Jordan Arts Center invitational**
“The vessel show”, a sculpture piece.
East Jordan, Michigan
- Spring 2002 **Crooked Tree Art Sales Gallery**
Two Person Show, sculptures and pottery
Petoskey, MI
- August 2001 **Essence and Form: The First Movement**
One man show of figurative work, drawings and sculpture.
Kellogg Community College, Battle Creek, MI
- January 2001 **Volume and Form**
Three person show, sculptures and pottery.
McCune Arts Center, Petoskey, Michigan
- July 1997 **Passages**
Three person show,
Environmental sculpture fountains and hand cut tile
Gallery 316, Petoskey, MI
- December 1994 **Graduating Exhibit**
Lee Hall Gallery, sculptures and pottery.
Best of Show Award
Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI
- February 1993 **LSAA Glacier Glide**
Installation Piece titled “Gateway”
First place award in Ceramics
Presque Isle., Marquette, Michigan
- 1992 **Gallery 236**
Three ceramic objects with one award
Marquette, Michigan
ASL Annual Juried Exhibit
“Monument to Her”
Best of 3D Award
Marquette, Michigan
Idols, Icons, Martyrs Juried Show
Two ceramic objects with one Best of Show
Gallery 236, Marquette, Michigan

Grants received:

Numerous Michigan Council of the Arts grants to teach workshops and projects.
United Arts Council of Calhoun County
Irving S. Gilmore Foundation
W.K. Kellogg Expert in Residence Program

Notable Public and Private Sculpture Collections:

City of Saline

Two multi-media Sculptures, One is 6' diameter, other is 12" diameter by 5' tall.

Marquette City Public Park Sculpture and Water Feature

Marquette, Michigan

Jane Hiebel memorial fountain, 20'x10' with 3 10' sculpted mixed media trees with "rain" falling from the branches. Multiple lighting. Seven low relief ceramic panels of the arts, bronze coated.

Detroit Area Private Collector

Several Paintings

Tom Bahra

Mackinaw City, Michigan

29'x18" Carved ceramic pillar water tower inside the house.

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Portage Public Library

Portage, Michigan

38'x15' low relief sculpture with water fall, 8.5'x5'dia. central seating and 15'x10' sculptural arc element, two 7'x2'x8" low relief elements.

W.K. Kellogg Expert in Residence Program

Battle Creek Public Schools, Springfield Middle School

"Compassion, Tolerance, Understanding"

100'x200' Sculptural Installation and landscaping

Educational Sculpture Workshops and Exhibition Project

Michigan Council of the Arts Grant, Calhoun County

United Arts Council

Outdoor Education Center, Battle Creek Public Schools

4' Sculptural sign and teaching educational workshops

U.P. Children's Museum

Marquette, Michigan

15'x20'x5' Sculptural environmental pond system

Stocking Funeral Home

Harrison, Michigan

5.5'x32"x26" sculptural fountain and a 6'x10'x6" sculptural memorial tree

Rossell Funeral Home

Flushing, Michigan

5'x32"x32" sculptural fountain

Kathleen Conover

Marquette, Michigan

3'x4' Sculptural water fountain

4' Sculpture titled, "Monument to Her"

Rita Hodgens

Marquette, Michigan

Numerous ceramic objects

Michigan Fair, gift shop

Marquette, Michigan

5'x30" sculptural water fountain

Sweet Water Café, restaurant

Marquette, Michigan

11'x4'x2' sculptural water fall

Gallery representation:

Ariana, Royal Oak, Michigan

River's Edge Gallery, Wyndotte, Michigan

The Coffee Gallery, Spring Lake, Michigan

Northern Michigan Artist Market, Petoskey, Michigan

Silver Crow Gallery, Marquette, Michigan

Battle Creek Art Center, Battle Creek, Michigan

Publications of my art:

Traverse Magazine

Numerous regional newspapers and newscasts

Public Television's Michigan Magazine

Ceramics Monthly

The Christian Science Monitor, a center spread and article of my sculpture.

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