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Education:

- Received Dean Anderson Outstanding Educator Alumni Award, 1984
 - Masters in Education, University of Maryland, College Park
 - Masters Equivalency in Early Childhood Education, University of Maryland
 - B.S. in Early Childhood Education, University of Maryland
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- ❖ Received several scholarships: State of Maryland, Charles Mathias, and University of Maryland Sorority
 - ❖ I have also taken various kinds of Continuing Education courses throughout the years: philosophy, the arts, and private lessons.
 - ❖ I received a scholarship to “Pursuing the Good Life Seminar” at the Aspen Institute in Aspen, CO: August 20-25, 2006, where the human spirit can flourish.

Currently Working On/Pursuing:

- ❖ The Power of the Arts in Our National Parks project is in development for Grand Canyon National Park, AZ, Grand Tetons National Park, WY, and Glacier National Park, MT.

NOTE: For Grand Canyon National Park, in conjunction with Imagination Celebration, the first part of *American the Beautiful* project. Children’s education & arts program in Fort Worth, TX, May 2-6, 2011.

- ❖ Having my children’s musical plays, *Our Garden of Dreams* and *Our Hearts in the Woods*, produced with Imagination Celebration, Fort Worth, TX and other partnerships – Shelburne Farms, VT.
- ❖ Having my children’s opera, *My Prairie Home*, produced – USDA National Grasslands.
- ❖ A children’s program, *Our World For Peace*, produced.
- ❖ A Children’s Forest, Shelburne Farms, VT.
- ❖ Writing the biography of George Robert Phillips for children – to be illustrated by Oklahoma students and published in Oklahoma’s Learning Tree. He was the first State Forester of Oklahoma (and my late husband). He planted the first tree on the Nation’s Shelter Belt Program.
- ❖ Projects with the future Native American Culture Center and Museum in Oklahoma City, OK, and the Museum of the Red River, in Idabel, OK— beginning with my Indian baskets collection in conjunction with teaching and

- living out culture. Working on a possible Native American Children's Garden of Trees and Plants at this site, and possible Arts Celebration connecting cultures.
- ❖ My "O's" painting installed at The National Osteoporosis Foundation in Washington, DC.
 - ❖ World's Children's Forest (an Arts and Humanities Alliance) and Children's Rock Garden (an Arts and Humanities Alliance).
 - ❖ A children's program *Our World for Ocean's and Peace* with The Consortium for Ocean Leadership and a commissioned painting for Ocean Leadership.
 - ❖ Having my *Wondrous Sky – Airspace* produced, possibly with the National Wildlife Federation.
 - ❖ A program of songs and dance for the *Desert Dunesong* – Death Valley National Park, CA and other desert parks working together.
 - ❖ Having my *Cutie Charmer's Cafe Cabaret* produced as a musical.

Work & Creative Experiences:

- ❖ The Children's Garden of Oklahoma curriculum, published by the Oklahoma State Department of Agriculture Forestry Services, is printed in my honor.
- ❖ *My Canyonland Charms* performed by the Washington County School District – Fine Arts Committee on April 10, 2007 at the Tuacahn Amphitheater, near Zion National Park, UT.
- ❖ The USDA Forest Service's 100th Birthday in 2005 – a celebration program, an opera – *New Century Creators*. New writing, music, and dance for:
 - April 30, 2005 – Lake Arrowhead, CA, San Bernardino National Forest
 - May 7, 2005 – Carbondale, IL, Shawnee National Forest
 - June 3, 2005 – The Smithsonian Folk Life Festival, on the Grand Stage
The National Mall, Washington, DC
 - June 30, 2005 – Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, Washington, DC
 - November 2005 – Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN
- ❖ Art Exhibits, July 2005
 - The Lombardi Cancer Center, Georgetown Hospital, Washington, DC, in conjunction with the children's event
 - Teaism, Washington, DC
- ❖ Three of my paintings installed in the USDA District Forest Office Visitor Center, Broken Bow, OK – 2008-09
- ❖ Children's Garden at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN – June 2, 2008. My program for children, *Art Activity Through Nature*, will be held each year on the June anniversary, starting in 2009.
- ❖ My painting, "The Children's Trees," used for the program and t-shirts as a focus for an arts program in Lake Arrowhead, CA – April 2005.
- ❖ Painting selected for use in a Starlight Project fundraiser.
- ❖ Four of my paintings installed in the Charlton Building of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN—2008
- ❖ Duke University, NC, Gallery Show – July 2007
- ❖ My painting, "Into the Land Imagination" for Imagination Celebration's 20th Anniversary, Dallas/Ft. Worth, TX – March 2008

- ❖ Two watercolors installed at the Children’s Inn, National Institute of Health (NIH), Bethesda, MD—2006
- ❖ Eight of my watercolors are installed in the Children’s National Hospital Center, Washington, DC—2006
- ❖ A patriotic celebration at Arrow Springs Elementary School, Broken Arrow, OK—November 14, 2002. The Arts Team – based on my eagle book and new writings of mine – new music, dance, and visual arts.
- ❖ Children’s Garden of Oklahoma was coordinated with Arrow Springs Elementary School art’s program using my material (with their interpretation) to introduce the Fine Arts & Sciences curriculum with Oklahoma’s Forestry Services. Program was sung and danced, with the visual arts – my text, and I dramatized *The Song of The Earth* – April 25, 2002.
- ❖ A very special Children’s Garden and Tree Planting for forest firefighter who died volunteering in the Wyoming big fires of 2000. Battiest, OK – March 2001. Wrote and painted in *My Little Garden* and *Beauty Garden Happiness Tree*; painted illustrations for these songs, which were performed for this ceremony.
- ❖ Initiated and organized 100th Birthday Celebration of the Society of American Foresters—November 17, 2000, at the National Children’s Hospital, Washington, DC Wrote *Thanks for the Forest*, *My Little Forest*, and *Starflowers of America* which all were performed; murals were painted for this program..
- ❖ Since 1997, I (with some school children) have created an opening flyer for each State Forester to open their Annual Meeting of the National Association of State Foresters.
- ❖ Did monodrama proposals for *A Children’s Forest* in every state:
 - *Our Children’s Forest, Where Children and The Arts Play*, NASF Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah – 1997. A large mural was painted for this event.
 - *Oh, What a Wonderful Day* and *Children of the Forest* were sung at The National Association of State Foresters Annual Meeting by a Peruvian School Chorus – I wrote the lyrics.
- ❖ Initiated The Children’s Gardens of Oklahoma with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Forest Services – 1996. From this, a teacher’s guide for Project Learning Tree is being written – 2008-2009. My painting “Abstract of the Forest” will be the cover.
- ❖ Wrote *Starflowers of Oklahoma* for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture Forest Services –1996.
- ❖ Wrote *King of the Forest* – the dedication poem for The George Robert Phillips Demonstration Forest in Broken Bow, Oklahoma – 1995.
- ❖ Volunteered as receptionist at The National Museum for Women in the Arts, Washington, DC—1993—1996.
- ❖ Created and presented an Arts Snow Program for the Smithsonian Associates Workshop – 1993.
- ❖ Organized and began Kids for Kids Program for the children of The Children’s Inn, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, -1992.
- ❖ Wrote the children’s books:
 - *The Children of the Forest* – 1997

- *The First Sunbeam of Summer* – 1996
 - *The First Leaf of Fall* –1996
 - *The First Tulip of Spring* –1995
 - *The First Snowflake of Winter* – 1987
 - *The Bald Eagle’s Flying Shadow* – 1983
- ❖ Coordinated various Fourth of July celebrations based on my book, *The Bald Eagle’s Flying Shadow*. Event locations include: The Brea, CA – 1982; Washington, DC – 1983, 1984, 1985; Frederick, MD – 1984; Seward, NE – 1987.
 - ❖ Made a slideshow, *K-Kids*, based on my kindergarten teaching and philosophy, with the University of Maryland, Department of Education – 1986.
 - ❖ Organized and directed Community Children’s Valentine Celebration at Children’s Hospital, National Medical Center, Washington, DC – 1984.
 - ❖ Designed a cut-glass eagle ornament, which premiered at The Brea, CA Fourth of July Ceremonies, 1982. It is my understanding that one is in President Ronald Reagan’s permanent eagle collection.
 - ❖ Won recognition for a poem created for WGMS, classical music station in Washington, DC—1982.
 - ❖ Won 3rd place in Georgetown Commercial District Christmas Window Contest, Washington, DC –1977.
 - ❖ Taught kindergarten for 15 ½ years in Montgomery County Public Schools, Maryland.

All through these works I have created, by writing, dancing, singing and painting, my way to express that life is art, art is life –the importance of kids, our earth, and the arts—to help make us more human, peaceful, and beautiful.

1. May 2009 – presentation for The National Grasslands main meeting. Arts & Nature – *My Prairie Home*, USDA Forest Service, for this musical play.
2. Working with the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway on an arts project with Imagination Celebration MN and WI and other partners.
3. Spring 2009—a new painting for The Peds section
 - a. The Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN –“Make a Happy Place.”
 - b. four of my Children’s Trees Seasons’ paintings for St. Mary’s Peds Hospital—The Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN—2010
4. June 2008 initiated The Mayo Clinic annual Children’s Garden & Arts Celebration (annually in the spring)
5. October 2009 initiated The Mayo Clinic annual Children’s Garden Planting (annually in the fall)
Developing a children’s park of trees The Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN
5. A film series on nature – *Arts & Earth*, with youth & children performing in these natural settings, celebrating the earth – by The Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN (beginning with my programs in various places).
6. May 2009: Wall, SD – National Grasslands Visitor Center
Installed one of my “Prairie Home” paintings, for the center.
7. My painting, “Trees for Peace,” was installed at Waterton International Peace Park,

- Canada—May 2010 in honor of Glacier National Park—100th Birthday.
This was a joint venture with the Boys Scouts, and the painting will be shared by both sides of the park (American & Canadian) as a source of inspiration.
8. Beginning a project for the earth and youth, *Our National Guard U.S.A.*
 9. Working with Alaska Geographic on the pilot program Children's Forest in the Chugach National Forest, AK
 10. Participant & Artist-in-residence for the 100th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America at Ft. A.P. Hill in July 2010. I led the inspiration & guidance for a group painting by the Boy Scouts for preserving beautiful lands for the next 100 years. The painting will be displayed at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service building's lobby.
 11. My painting, "Moonlight Canyon," is part of the permanent art collection in Grand Canyon National Park, AZ, as of May 2011.