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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.
- ❖ Having my children’s musical plays, *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.

- ❖ The National Osteoporosis Foundation to start thinking of a youth's program featuring my painting, *O's*.
- ❖ 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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 was danced/sung; 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 filmstrip *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 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Georgetown Commercial District Christmas Window Contest, Washington, DC –1977.
  - ❖ Taught kindergarten for 15 ½ years in Montgomery County, Maryland Public Schools.

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. of 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. Developing a “Garden of Trees” for Peace at 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  
One of my “Prairie Home” paintings, for the center.
7. Working on a “Trees for Peace” Project with Waterton International Park, Canada—Summer 2010 in honor of Glacier National Park—100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.  
My painting, “Trees for Peace,” will be installed at the park.
8. A painting, “Midnight Canyon” for Grand Canyon National Park
9. Beginning a project for the earth and youth, “Our National Guard U.S.A.”
10. Working on a new project with The Arbor Day Foundation.

11. Working with Alaska Geographic on the pilot program Children's Forest in the Chugach National Forest, AK