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EDUCATION

B.S. Illustration/Graphic Design, San Jose State University, 1980

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1981– Present: Ellen Silva Creative Services - Art/Graphic Design

1997– Present: Designing/painting murals, facilitating community mural workshops for children & adults

SOLO MURALS: Commercial/Community

Bella Luna, Spanishtown, Half Moon Bay

2005: "Una Pueblita de Mexico"

California Pacific Medical Center, SF

2003: "Mediterranean Dream" (Women's Medicine Dept.)

Cesar Chavez Birthday Event, ER Taylor School, San Francisco

2012: "Sí, Se Puede!"

Davies Medical Center/CPMC, Castro and Noe, San Francisco

2019 "Forever in Bloom" for elderly patients, 1st floor

Dr. King, Dentist Office, Berkeley

2004: "Jungle," "Sierras," "Underwater" 3 childrens dental rooms

Fuddrucker's Restaurant, Daly City

2002: "Gateway to the Peninsula"

2003: "Building the Perfect Burger"

2006: "Fudd Burger," (Union City)

Holy Family Day Home

2024: "Cogito lo que Necesites ~Take What You Need"

Marine Mammal Center, Sausalito

2019: "Rescue, Rehab, Release", w/Private Ocean & volunteers

Mid-Pen Housing, San Mateo

2014: "California Natives" - Community Room Family Housing

Nasturtium, Princeton by the Sea

2025: "Nasturtiums"

Orinda Historical Society, Orinda

2012: "Orinda Historical Landmarks Map"

Seton Medical Center, Daly City

2002: "Heritage Wall - The History of Seton Medical Center"

Spanishtown-Bella Luna, Half Moon Bay

2005: "Una Pueblita de Mexico"

St. Francis Center, Redwood City

2008: "Compassion Not Judgement"

Tres Amigos Taqueria, Half Moon Bay

2004: "Mexican Vacation"

GROUP MURAL COMMISSIONS

Alas-Ayudando Latinos A Soñar, Half Moon Bay

2019: "Vivir, Trabajar y Jugar en un Ambiente Saludable"

Alemay Farmers Market, SF - with 30 Precita Eyes Muralists

1999: "Archway Veggies", "Eggplants, Peppers, Cilantro" "Eggplant"

Bagdad Cafe, 16th Street and Market, SF

1998: "Hope for the World Cure" - with Aids Patients

2022: Restoration with Precita Eyes Artists

Gilt Edge Creamery, SF - with Precita Eyes Muralists

1997: "Nurture"

Good Vibrations, SF - with Precita Eyes Muralists

2005: "Good Vibrations"

SF Boys Club, Mission Campus, SF - with 10 Precita Eyes Artists

2002: "Imagine"

SF Mission Cultural Center, SF - with 10 Precita Eyes Artists

2002: "Light a Candle"

SF MOMA, SF - with 20 Precita Eyes Artists

2009: "Visible Means of Support"

SFO, SSF - with Craig Calderwood & Precita Eyes Artists

2024 "The Only Blue is the Sky"

SOLO RESIDENTIAL TROMPE L'OEIL MURALS

2025: "Family Mural" - Pacifica Patio

2024: "Underwater Fantasy" - Half Moon Bay living room

2024: "Flower Ribbon" - Half Moon Bay Garden

2024: "Sunflower Garden" - El Granada Front Yard Utility Box

2024: "Underwater Dream" - HMB Living Room

2023: "Roses in Bloom" - Moss Beach Backyard

2022: "Goat Mural 2" - Santa Clara backyard

2021: "Goat Mural 1" - Santa Clara backyard

2020: "Denali-Bear Country" - Montara backyard

2019: "Zen Portal" - Richmond, backyard patio

2019: "Pillar Point Harbor" - El Granada kitchen

2015: "Christmas Tree Lane Characters" - Palo Alto lawn

2015: "Fun on the Farm" - Half Moon Bay, backyard shed

2015: "Sunflower Patch" - Moss Beach garden cottage

2014: "Patch of Sunshine" - Half Moon Bay fence

2014: "Magical Forest" - Ben Lomond children's playroom

2014: "Floral RV Curtains" - Montara RV

2013: "Sunflowers" - Ben Lomond children's playroom

2013: "Kitchen Sunflowers" - Belmont kitchen

2013: "Kitchen Nasturtiums" - Belmont kitchen

2012: "Llamas and Lavender" - Cloverdale bedroom

2012: "Marje's Garden" - Half Moon Bay carport

2011: "Laguna Beach" - Mountain View office

2011: "Underwater Fantasy" - San Bruno playroom

2011: "Garden Border" - El Granada house border

2011: "Kitchen Garden" - San Francisco kitchen

2009: "Cafe de le Paix" - San Francisco kitchen

2006: "Fairy on a Tree" & "Fairy on a Tightrope" - Pt. Richmond

2005: "Kylie's Toy Chest" - San Jose family room

2003: "North Beach Cafe Scene" - Daly City, front porch

2003: "A View of The City from Daly City" - Daly City front porch

2003: "Grey Whale Cove" - S. San Francisco bedroom

2003: "Our Garden" - S. San Francisco kitchen

HEALING ARTS MURALS

ALAS-Ayudando Latinos A Soñar, Half Moon Bay

2019: "Vivir, trabajar y jugar En un Ambiente Saludable"

2017: "Many Cultures, One CommUNITY"

City of Albany, Golden Gate Fields Racetrack, Albany

2011: "Nuevo Esperanza de Vivir" - "Finding our Way"

Coast Pride

2024: "Mas Fuertes Juntos/Stronger Together" - w/4 groups:

High School, Middle Schools, Trans, Parents/Caregivers

Cordilleras Mental Health Services, Redwood City

2007: "Healing" - with drug/alcohol recovery patients

Puente Resource Center, Pescadero

2008: "Visions of Hope" - with immigrant families

University Village, Albany

2012: "Love Everlasting" - Memorial mural w/families & friends

2011: "Sending Our Love to Japan" - Asian families

2010: "It's A Small World" - 9 international families

2010: "Expressing Ourselves" - 9 international teens

W.O.R.L.D (Women Organize Respond to Life-Threatening Illness), Oakland

2012: "We As Sisters Shine Together" - with HIV Positive clients

COMMUNITY MURALS in Bay Area Schools

Belmont

Fox Elementary School - Curiosity Corner, After School

- 2017: "Our Beautiful Belmont Hills" - K-5th grades
- 2016: "Garden of Friendship" - K-5th grades

Corte Madera

Marin Country Day School

- 2009: "Life Lessons" - 4 murals, 5th grade

Daly City

John F. Kennedy Elementary

- 2003: "Welcome to Our Universe" - 3rd grade
- 2002: "Welcome to Our World" - K-5th grades
- 2001: "Garden of Dreams" - 1st grade, families, staff/volunteers
- 2000: "Teachers Are Like Fire" - 2nd grade
- 1999: "Experience the Magic of Learning" with teachers

Marjorie Tobias Elementary School- After School, 3-5th grades

- 2021: "Prehistoric Creatures" - Fall
- 2021: "Community Spirit" - Spring
- 2020: "Life in Outer Space" - Fall
- 2019: "Save Our Sierra Nevadas" Spring, "Save our Deserts" Fall
- 2018: "Save Our Oceans" Spring, "Save Our Rainforests" Fall

Daniel Webster Elementary

- 2009: "Our Environment" - 5th grade

El Granada

El Granada Elementary School - After School 3-5th grades

- 2024: "Welcome to El Granada Elementary 2"
- 2022: "Welcome to El Granada Elementary 1"
- 2020: "At El Granada We Swim with the Dolphins" #2
- 2019: "At El Granada We Swim with the Dolphins"
- 2018: "From Our Mountains to Our Sea"
- 2017: "El Granada School CommUNITY"
- 2016: "Who helps us Grow?"
- 2015: "Friendship and Compassion"
- 2011: "Garden of Kindness"

Half Moon Bay

Coast Pride Middle School through Seniors

- 2024: "Pride-Love is Love"

Cunha Middle School - 6 & 7th graders

- 2020: "Drive Safely-Children are Walking and Rolling"

Hatch Elementary School - 4th graders (97 of them)

- 2024: "Oceans Week: 4 Wetlands murals
- 2022: "Healthy Oceans=Healthy Planet/Oceana Sanos=Planeta Sano"

Pilarcitos High School - Juniors/Seniors

- 2025: "Respectful", "Responsible"
- 2024: "Compassion"
- 2023: "Calm"
- 2019: "Life in Our Coastal Waters"
- 2018: "Pilarcitos Pride"
- 2017: "The Road Ahead"
- 2016: "Unity", "Coastal Wildflowers"
- 2015: "Drifting Toward a Brighter Future..."
- 2014: "Our Community"

Sea Crest Elementary Half Moon Bay- 8th grade

- 2010: "Hopes and Dreams for the Future"
- 2013: "Graduation Gift"

Lafayette

Stanley Middle School

- 2002: "One World, One Heart" - 6-7th grades

La Honda

La Honda Elementary, La Honda

- 2025: "Imagine...Love is Always with you" K-5 After School
- 2024: "Spread Love" K-5 After School
- 2022: "Our School Garden-Through the Seasons" 3-5 After School
- 2015: "California Wildflowers", cont. - K-2 After School
- 2014: "California Wildflowers" - K-2 After School
- 2013: "Our School Community" - 4th grade

Marin City

Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy

- 2007: "Dreams" - 7-8th grades

Menlo Park

La Entrada Elementary School

- 2016: "Dare to Dream" - 6th grade
- 2015: "With Gratitude" - 6th grade
- 2013: "Music in Our School" - 4-6th grades
- 2012: "Our Favorite Literary Characters" - 4-6th grades
- 2010: "The Whole Child" - 4-6th grades

Phillips-Brooks School

- 2011: "Yosemite" - 5th grade
- 2008: "Chinese New Year" - 5th grade

Pacifica

Ocean Shore Elementary

- 2006: "Marine Mammals" - K-2nd grade
- 2011: Restoring "Marine Mammals" - 8th grade

Pescadero

Pescadero Middle School, Pescadero - 6th/7th grades

- 2025: "Biking into the Future"
- #### Pescadero Elementary, Pescadero - 4th grade
- 2025: "Gold Rush"
 - 2024: "Tinker, Invent, Plant, Grow"
 - 2023: "Outdoor Movement"
 - 2022: "Library-Biblioteca" Fall
 - 2022: "Our Pescadero—Morning to Night" Spring
 - 2021: "Wild Pescadero", Part 2
 - 2020: "Welcome/Bienvenidos"
 - 2020: "Pescadero Elementary School" sign
 - 2019: "Wild Pescadero" Part 1
 - 2018: "Under the Grasslands"
 - 2017: "Underground Pescadero Marsh"
 - 2016: "Underground Redwood Forest"
 - 2015: "What Lives Underground?"
 - 2014: "Underwater Sea"
 - 2013: "Our Redwood Forest"
 - 2012: "Our Marshland"
 - 2011: "Our Grasslands"
 - 2010: "Our Desert"
 - 2009: "Save the Rainforest" ☑
 - 2008: "Coastal Creatures"

Redwood City

Taft Elementary School

- 2012: "Our Community" - 5th grade + families (2 murals)

San Bruno

Parkside Middle School

- 2024: "Unity" - 8th grade

San Carlos

San Carlos Charter Learning Center

- 2005: "California Habitats" - 2-4th grades (4 murals)

COMMUNITY MURALS in Bay Area Schools, cont.

2005: "Learning Tree" - 4th grade, 2-3rd grades
2005: "Garden Gates" - K-1st grades

San Francisco

Aptos Middle School

2016: "A Better World Through Our Eyes" 12th grade art class

ER Taylor Elementary School

2016: "Future Leaders" - After school, 5th grade
2015: "Imagine...College Bound" - After School, 5th grade
2014: "Civil Rights" - 5th grade
2014: "What is a Hero?" - 5th grade
2014: "Our Community" - 2nd grade
2014: "Underwater" - 1st grade
2014: "Rainforest" - 1st grade
2013: "Mesoamerican" - 2nd grade
2013: "California Regions" - 4th grade
2013: "4 Beautiful Regions of California" - 4th grade (4 classes)
2012: "Our Imaginations Running Wild" - 1st grade (2 classes)
2012: "Book Storm" - 5th grade
2012: "Starry Night of Books" - 5th grade

Everett Middle School

2004: "Everett Turns 75 - 6-7th grade Art Class

Hebrew Academy

2004: "Our Second Home" - 10-12th grades

Hoover Middle School

2015: "Our Futures" - 10-11th grade art classes

Lawton Alternative Elementary, First grade

2024: "It's Our Earth Too"
2023: "We Like to Move!"
2022: "We Are Resilient"
2021: "We Love School"
2019: "Owl You Need is Love"
2018: "Lawton School, the Place we Love to Be"

2017: "Pollinators Give Us Life"
2016: "Curiosity opens Your Mind"
2014: "Garden of Kindness"
2008: "Rainforest Habitat" Benches

Miraloma Elementary

2008: "Peace in our World" 5th grade

Paul Revere Elementary School

2014: "Our Beautiful San Francisco" 1st-4th grade (4 murals)

South SF

Alta Loma Middle School 8th grade Art

2025: "Crossing Over"

Baden High School/MidPoint Program, 12th grade

2006: "Starry Starry Night"

Sunshine Gardens, After School

2021: "Welcome~Bienvenidos~Tuloy Po Kayo"

Sunnyvale

Denali Charter School, 4th grade

2013: "Go Grizzlies"
2013: "Wonder Lake"

Woodside

King's Mountain Elementary

2014: "It Takes a Mountain" - K-5 After School

Woodside Elementary

2005: "Enchanted Jungle" 2-5th grade
2008: "Bugs 'n Things" - K-2nd grade
2008: "Fairy Tales" - 4-8 grade

AWARDS

2016-2017 Readers Choice Award-Half Moon Bay Review - Favorite Local Artist Honorable Mention

2015: HMB Pumpkin Festival Committee, Half Moon Bay - Emerging Artist Award

2011: February - Peninsula Arts Council, Belmont - Featured Artist of the Month

1997: PTA Award for Service to Children & Youth: Very Special Person

MEMBER:

Colony of Coastside Artists

Precita Eyes Mural Center

Half Moon Bay OddFellows

OTHER

Teacher - Pilarcitos High School, Half Moon Bay
Art specialist 2013-18, 2023-2025

Colony of Coastside Artists - Co Director

Special 1-Day Workshops

2013: "Book Tree" - with Girls Scouts, El Granada