

# Jennifer W. McLarty

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Versatile artist with extensive experience across multiple media, currently specializing in oil painting. With a background in printmaking and ceramics, and 27 years dedicated to public education, I have also contributed to causes such as Empty Bowls and local art museums. My passion for art has been a source of joy for both myself and my students. I am now focused on creating art for personal fulfillment and am eager to share my work through opportunities in university and museum settings.

## CAREER EXPERIENCE

Visual Artist: 1990 - Present

Art Instructor for 6th-8th grades: 8/2018 - 9/2024

McNiel Middle School, Wichita Falls, Texas

- student participation in Mystery Art Fest at Kemp Center for the Arts
- student participation in WFMA Steamroller Event
- student show at Wichita Falls Art Association Gallery
- student show at WFMA Middle School Art Show
- student works shown at school activities & weekly on announcements
- student/parent art events (painting/printmaking together)
- student show at Wichita Falls Education Center
- student participation in Martin Luther King events pre-Covid

Nature Education: 2/2018 - 8/2018

Riverbend Nature Center, Wichita Falls, Texas

- worked field trips and tours of facilities
- tended to animal needs and tending to arboretum

Art Instructor for K-5th grades: 8/2014 - 7/2017

Paloma Creek Elementary, Aubrey, TX

- participation in Empty Bowls events
- fine arts fundraiser events with student shows
- student show at Greater Denton Art Museum
- student show at Denton Senior Center
- student show at the Arts and Jazz Festival
- afterschool art club
- created art projects for school board yearly

## SKILLS

Creating and implementing a successful artistic learning environment

Engaging my students in community art projects

Experience in creating artworks for charity sale and auction

Develop unique visuals for a variety of events

Life-long learner

## EDUCATION

Associate Degree  
Lon Morris College  
1991 - 1993

Tyler Junior  
College/University of  
Texas at Tyler  
1993-1994

Bachelor of Arts in  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Midwestern State  
University  
1994 - Dec. 1996

Master of Fine Arts  
(anticipated May 2026)  
Academy of Art University

**Communications Coordinator: 8/2013 - 8/2014**

**Stonebridge United Methodist Church**

- promotion materials for sermon series
- weekly bulletins & newsletters, bi-yearly church magazine

**Art Instructor Pre-K-5th grades: 8/2011 - 7/2013**

**Frank Borman Elementary, Denton, TX**

- participation in Empty Bowls events
- fine arts fundraiser events with student shows
- student show at Greater Denton Art Museum
- student show at Denton Senior Center
- student show at the Arts and Jazz Festival
- student show at local businesses
- student ceramics show in school library
- received grants for special art projects
- took 4th graders on field trip to Dallas Museum of Art
- art club after school
- guest artists invitations

**General Education 1st & 3rd Grades: 8/2002 - 7/2011**

**Ronald E. McNair Elementary, Denton, TX**

- received grants for outdoor learning area: ELLA
- received honors and grants through Denton SALSA program

**General Education 2nd, 3rd, & Basic Skills 1st-6th grades: 1/1997 - 7/2002**

**West Foundation Elementary, Wichita Falls, TX**

- received grant for indoor garden
- created afterschool art club, no art teacher in school
- art club student show at Wichita Falls Education Center
- art club student participation in Martin Luther King event

**CERTIFICATIONS**

**Texas Grades 1-8 Self-  
Contained Classroom**

**Texas K-12 Art Classroom**