

# SHARON KILFOY

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## Work Experience

### Williamson Street Art Center

Founder and Art Instructor - 2003 – Present

### The Respite Center

Program Development Specialist - 2005 – Present / Child Care Program Director - 1990 – 04

Child Care Specialist - 1986 - 1990

Managed the day-to-day operation of the child care program at a 24-hour emergency child care center; developed a curriculum that uses art to build resiliency with at-risk children.

### Dane County Arts Council

CETA Artist –in-Residence, Mainstream Arts Project, 1979 - 1980

## Professional Accomplishments

### Murals

Centro Hispano – UW Tech Arts Program – summer 2008

Sun Prairie, WI - Angel Park - 4 sided building - “**Diversity**”- By Youth for Youth grant – 07 -8

Sun Prairie, WI – Prairie View Middle School - “**Welcome!**” - 2008

Tomahawk, WI - Elementary School – “**Conservation**” – WI Arts Board Artist-in-Residency 08

Family Centers – “**A Place for Kidz**” – UW Tech Arts Program – summer 2007

Atwood Youth Center – “**Peaceable Jungle**” – UW Tech Arts Program – summer 2006

Lakeview Elementary School – “**Community**” - Artist-in-Residence – WI Arts Board grant - 2006

Williamson Street Art Center – “**Mural Magic Summer Camp**” – 2005 – present

Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center – “**Celebrating the Heart of a Neighborhood**” 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary -

Wisconsin Arts Board and Dane County Cultural Affairs grants – 2003-4

Lowell Elementary School – “**Pathways of Connection**” – Dane Co Cultural Affairs grant – 01–0 2

Madison Ice Arena – “**The Story of Skating**” – Dane Co Cultural Affairs and Citiart grants – 1993

Marquette Elementary School – “**We Are All Family**” – Dane County Cultural Affairs grant – 1992

**Freelance Murals** – Radical Rye Restaurant, Café Cine, Willy Bear Restaurant

### Mixed Media

UW College for Kids / Art & Technology – 2005

The Respite Center – “**Security is...the Respite Center**” – Exhibits at UW Hospitals, Absolutely Art, Middleton Public Library and Café Montmartre – 05 - 06

The Respite Center – “**Illustrations of Hope**” Children's mixed media & writing – Exhibits at Madison Central Library and Family Centers - Dane Co Cultural Affairs grant- 03- 04

The Respite Center – “**Feeling Safe... and Safe Feelings**” - Exhibits at Madison Central Library, Family Centers, and Rockford, IL Public Library – Dane County Cultural Affairs grant – 1997 – 98

**Freelance Mixed Media** – represented in local and national exhibits and collections

## **Found Art Figures and Persona Doll**

Howard Suamico – Forest Glenn Elementary School -Artist-in-Residence with 750 students - 2008  
Lowell Elementary School - Artist-in-Residence with 300 students - 2 figures each – 2007  
UW Expressive Arts Therapy Conference Presenter – 2003  
The Respite Center – **“Coming of Age”** Persona Doll project – Exhibits at Madison Civic Center,  
Madison Central Library, Family Centers – Dane Co Cultural Affairs grant– 2000 – 2001

## **“Fabrications” and Quilts**

Madison Sesquicentennial Celebration – **“Celebrating Madison’s 125 Years - in Cloth”** - WI Arts Board, Dane Co Cultural Affairs & Citiarts grants – 2006 - project celebrated with a poem by Andrea Musher, poet laureate of Madison  
Fabrication exhibits at Wisconsin Biennial Exhibit, Madison Overture Center, Artful Women, Painters and Sculptors, UW Women’s Research Center – 2005 – 06  
Presenter at **Quilt Expo** – 05, 07, 08  
Presenter at **UW “Quilts, Community and Curriculum”** – 05  
The Respite Center – **“The Feeling Quilts”** – Madison Public Library, Enterprise Gallery, Family Centers, Dane Co Cultural Affairs grant – 1995 – 96  
Innovative Program Model Presenter at **UW “Expanding Visions in the Arts”** — 1995  
**Freelance Fabrications & quilts represented in local and international exhibits and collections**

## **Volunteer Experience**

**Friends of Historic Third Lake Ridge** – Board of Directors – 2003 – present

**Figure Skating Club of Madison** – Board of Directors – 1993 – 199

**Monona Swim and Dive Club** – Board of Directors – 1991 – 1994  
Diving meet director – 1992 – 94 All-City Diving Meet Director - 1994

**East YMCA Swim Team** – Board of Directors 1987 – 91, swim meet director 1989 - 91

**Gallery 853** – “The Artists Research Workshop” - Co-Founder 1974 - 77

## **Education**

- MA in Art – University of Wisconsin – Madison, WI 1979 – 1980
- Escuela de Diseno y Artesanias – Mexico City 1973
- BA in Philosophy – University of Wisconsin – Madison, WI 1968 – 1972
- Junior School – Art Institute of Chicago 1967 - 1968

## **Other**

- Fluent in Spanish
- Mother of four children
- References available upon request