



Elizabeth Frank

In a rooftop studio in the desert southwest, Elizabeth Frank creates a world populated by wooden people, plants and animals. She combines carved wood with found elements to make works that are inspired by a love of the natural world and a belief in the resilience of human spirit. She infuses each of her artworks with an appreciation for life's mysteries and moments of grace.

Every year, Elizabeth travels to the mountains to collect aspen wood. It's dried in a room on her studio roof. The rough logs are shaped on a band saw. She carves the delicate forms with hand and power tools. The carvings are combined with found materials such as antique tin and vintage hardware.

Elizabeth received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Arizona State University. Her love of found things was sparked while working in the film industry, where she was often hired to locate hard-to-find items for set decoration. After completing her degree, she continued acquiring technical skills, most notably, studying language and sculpture in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico.



> texture

> expression

"Each material has a memory etched into it by time and weather. I dip my finger into that well of stories and try to pull out the essence."

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HOURS

Wednesday – Friday, 11am-2pm
Evening and weekend appointments welcome



Elizabeth Frank

Education

Tinsmithing Workshop, Sipaso Studio,
Albuquerque, NM – 2004

Sculpture Workshop, Instituto Allende, San Miguel de Allende,
Mexico – 1999

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Arizona State University,
Tempe, AZ – 1984-1986

University of Arizona, Course work toward degrees in Dance and
Studio Art, Tucson, AZ – 1978-1981

Selected Representation

ArtProv Gallery, Providence, RI

Bennett Galleries, Knoxville, TN

Costello Childs Contemporary, Scottsdale, AZ

Lanning Gallery, Sedona, AZ

Left Bank Gallery, Wellfleet, MA

Selected Exhibitions

American Craft Council Fine Craft Exhibit,
Baltimore, MD – 2014-2015

Kimball Park City Art Festival, Park City, UT – 2014

Plaza Art Fair, Kansas City, MO – 2014

Sonoran Glass School, Trading Places Fundraiser,
Tucson, AZ – 2014

Lanning Gallery, Do-Over Found Object Art, Sedona, AZ – 2014

Costello Childs Contemporary, New Works,
Scottsdale, AZ – 2014

Human Arts, Recycled Art Festival, Ojai, CA – 2013

Sacred Machine, Beyond the Sacred Music and Arts Festival,
Tucson, AZ – 2013

Costello Childs Contemporary, New Faces, Scottsdale, AZ – 2013

Scottsdale Arts Festival, Scottsdale, AZ – 2013

Sacred Machine, Santa Muerte Music and Arts Festival,
Tucson, AZ – 2013

Pima Community College, Sculpture on Campus, One-Year
Installation and Honorarium, Tucson, AZ – 2012

Plaza Art Fair, Kansas City, MO – 2012

Mary Lou Zeek Gallery, Holiday Exhibit, Salem, OR – 2012

Sacred Machine, Santa Muerte Music and Arts Festival,
Tucson, AZ – 2012

Bellevue Art Museum Arts Fair, Bellevue, WA – 2012

La Jolla Festival of the Arts, La Jolla, CA – 2012

Scottsdale Arts Festival, Scottsdale, AZ – 2012

Sacred Machine, Beyond the Sacred Music and Arts Festival,
Tucson, AZ – 2012

Mary Lou Zeek Gallery, 100 Artists, Salem, OR – 2012

Lux Center for the Arts, Reclaimed, Lincoln, NE – 2011

Water Street Gallery, Objects of Desire, Douglas, MI – 2011

Schilling Studio Gallery, Featured Artist, Telluride, CO – 2011

Sacred Machine, Beyond the Sacred Music and Arts Festival,
Tucson, AZ – 2011

Main Street Fort Worth Art Festival, Jurors Award,
Fort Worth, TX – 2011

Fiesta Art Fair, San Antonio, TX – 2011

Scottsdale Arts Festival, Scottsdale, AZ – 2011

Obsidian Gallery, Earthly Patterns, Two Person Exhibit,
Tucson, AZ – 2011

Sacred Machine, Blood - An Exhibit Exploring Passion,
Sorrow, Life and Death, Tucson, AZ – 2011

Sacred Machine, Milagros, Small Works Invitational,
Tucson, AZ – 2010

Tohono Chul Park, Night Moves – After Dark Images,
Tucson, AZ – 2010

Water Street Gallery, Lost and Found, Douglas, MI – 2010

American Craft Council Fine Craft Exhibit,
San Francisco, CA – 2010

Changing Lanes, Water Street Gallery, Douglas, MI – 2010

Urban Picnic, Benefit Auction for Ballet Tucson and BICAS,
Tucson, AZ – 2010

Scottsdale Arts Festival, Best in Show Sculpture,
Scottsdale, AZ – 2010

Aspen and Objects, Desert Art Collection,
Palm Desert, CA – 2010

Mary Lou Zeek Gallery, 100 Artists Benefit Auction Exhibition,
Salem, OR – 2010

The Human Element, Tubac Center for the Arts, Award of Excellence for Sculpture, Tubac, AZ – 2009

Sun Valley Art Festival, Sun Valley Art Center, Ketchum, ID – 2009

Cherry Creek Arts Festival, Denver, Colorado – 2009

Re-Visions: Art Made from Reclaimed Materials, Tohono Chul Park, Tucson, AZ – 2009

Fiesta Arts Fair, Southwest School of Art and Craft, San Antonio, TX – 2009

Simon Gallery, Yakima, WA – 2009

Mary Lou Zeek Gallery, 100 Artists Benefit Exhibition, Salem, OR – 2009

Ballet Tucson Benefit Auction, Tucson, AZ – 2009

Best of the West, Juried Invitational, Desert Art Collection, Palm Desert, CA – 2008

Philadelphia Museum Craft Show, Philadelphia PA – November 2008

Dinnerware Artspace Annual Art Auction, Tucson, AZ – 2008

Bellevue Art Museum, ArtFest, Bellevue, WA – 2008

Sun Valley Arts and Crafts Festival, Ketchum, ID – 2008

Mary Lou Zeek Gallery, Two Person Show with Jill Mayberg, Salem, OR – 2008

La Quinta Arts Festival, La Quinta, CA – 2008

Thai Burma Border Project, Benefit Auction, Little Rock, AR – 2008

Mary Lou Zeek Gallery, What's Inside, Benefit Exhibition, Salem, OR – 2008

Obsidian Gallery, Midsummer Nights Dream, Tucson, AZ – 2007

Lanning Gallery, Raw Alchemy, Featured Artist, Sedona, AZ – 2007

Costello Childs Contemporary, Featured Artist, Phoenix, AZ – 2007

Mary Lou Zeek Gallery, Shelter – Invitational Benefit, Salem, OR – 2007

Buyers Market of American Craft, Philadelphia, PA – 2007

Mary Lou Zeek Gallery, Shrines to Environment Benefit, Salem, OR – 2006

Obsidian Gallery, Persona/Alter Ego Invitational, Tucson, AZ – 2006

Tucson Museum of Art, Ready Set D'art, Tucson, AZ – 2006

Costello Childs Contemporary, Phoenix, AZ – 2006

American Craft Council Fine Craft Exhibition, Baltimore, MD – 2005-2006

Austin Fine Arts Festival, Austin, TX – 2005

Cherry Creek Arts Festival, Denver, CO – 2005

SOFA New York, International Exposition of Sculpture, Objects & Functional Art, Represented by Gallery Materia, Scottsdale, AZ – 2004

Tucson Arts District Partnership, Urban Picnic, Tucson, AZ – 2004

American Craft Council Fine Craft Exhibition, Baltimore, MD – 2004

[Selected Publications](#)

Art Doll Quarterly, Interview, "Elizabeth Frank-Here on Earth," by Ricë Freeman-Zachary – 2014

Contemporary Art of the Southwest, Schiffer Publishing, by Ashley Rooney – 2014

Gallery Guide West - ArtInfo, Louise Blouin Media, Spotlight – Elizabeth Frank

The Desert Leaf, "Aspens and Found Objects," by Lorraine Darconte

500 Handmade Dolls, Lark Books, Page 197

Phoenix Home and Garden, Cities West – February 2007

Wood Art Today, Schiffer Publishing, by Dona Z. Meilach

[Awards](#)

Jurors Award, Main Street Fort Worth Arts Festival – 2011

Best in Show for Sculpture, Scottsdale Arts Festival – 2010

Award of Excellence for Sculpture, The Human Element Invitational Exhibition, Tubac Center for the Arts – 2009

Niche Award Finalist, Painted Wood Category – 2007

Purchase Award, Janus Student Art Buying Program, Cherry Creek Arts Festival, Denver, CO – 2005

Tucson PIMA Arts Council, Honorable Mention, Visual Arts – 2002

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