

# VIRGINIA WIERINGA

**EDUCATION:** 1970 B.A. Calvin College, 1990 M.A.T. Calvin College

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*Beyond formal education, my art studies include: drawing with Don King, watercolor with Harry Hefner, oil painting with Dick Stien, pastel with Jim Markle, history of architecture with Joe Becherer, water*

*media with Kathleen Conover and Linda Baker, icon painting with Diane Hamel and Photoshop Elements at Kendall College of Art and Design.*

## **EMPLOYMENT:**

Elementary art consultant / art teacher  
Grand Rapids Public Schools 1970 -1993  
(preKindergarten through – junior high)  
Adjunct instructor, art education  
Grand Rapids Community College 1985-95  
Adjunct instructor, drawing  
Grand Rapids Community College 1994-95  
Art instructor, art education and drawing  
GRCC 1995-2003  
Adjunct art professor, Introduction to Art,  
Kuyper College 2003-2004  
Self-employed artist 2004-present

## **GALLERIES:**

**Fire and Water Art Showroom**  
219 West Main, Lowell

## **STUDIO SHOWINGS BY APPOINTMENT**

616.245.1565

## **COLLECTIONS:**

Church of the Servant CRC  
First United Methodist in GR  
Fuller Avenue CRC  
Camp Tosebo in Manistee  
Metropolitan Hospital  
Park Church  
Pine Rest Christian Hospital  
Private Collections  
Spectrum Health Hospice

## **GROUP SHOWS:**

East Congregational Church 2006  
Eyekons Gallery 2007  
Pine Rest, Postma Worship Center 2008  
Uptown Galleria, Grand Haven 2008  
ArtPrize Fall 2009

## **SOLO EXHIBITIONS:**

**Four Friends Coffee** 1996, 2004  
**Rush Creek Bible Church** 2004, Winter 2008  
**Wealthy Street Bakery** Fall 2005  
**Reformed Church headquarters** 2006, 2007  
**Park Congregational Church** Spring 2007  
**Orchard Hill Reformed Church** Lent 2007  
**First United Methodist Church** Winter 2007  
**Calvin Christian Reformed** Summer 2007  
**Fuller Avenue CRC** Summer 2007  
**Wyoming Library** Fall 2007  
**Hope Reformed Church** Winter 2007-2008  
**St. Mary's Health Care** Winter 2008  
**Grandville Library** Summer 2008  
**East Grand Rapids Library** Summer 2008  
**Lowell Chamber of Commerce** Summer 08  
**Bethlehem Lutheran Church** Summer 08  
**Terryberry Gallery St Cecilia** Dec 08- Jan09  
**Church of the Servant** Sept- Dec 2009

## **COMPETITIONS:**

**Renaissance on the Grand** 1981, 3rd Prize  
**Grand Rapids Festival** 1982, 2006, 2007, 2008  
**First United Methodist Celebration Show**  
1993, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009  
**Calvin Alumni competition** 1988 and 1994  
**Lowell Area Arts Council Regional Show**  
2002, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009  
**Bishop Hills Rivertown Exhibit** People's choice  
2005 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, 2006 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, 2007 1<sup>st</sup> prize  
**Art in the Park, Muskegon** July 2008  
**Layers of Life, Lowell** 2008 People's Choice Award  
**ArtPrize** 2009

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

"Art is Everywhere" Conference 2004  
Calvin Worship Symposium 2005  
MANNA meeting "*Enigmas and Mysteries*" 2007  
Hope Reformed Church 2008

## **SOME ART RELATED VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:**

**Art committee** Church of the Servant 1996-2007  
(chair 98-2006) Exhibition coordinator 2007- present  
**Newsletter editor** Rivertown Artist Guild Fall 2005-2008  
**Mentor** ArtWorks Art Around the Town 2006  
**Email secretary GR CIVA** (Grand Rapids Christians in the Visual Arts) Fall 2006- present