

VALERIE OSTENAK



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EDUCATION

1970-1973

Northern Arizona University,
Flagstaff, AZ
paintings & metalsmithing,
design, liberal studies

1982-1984

California State University,
Long Beach, CA
metalsmithing, design

PRESENTATIONS / EXHIBITIONS (VETTED)

- 2018 • Exhibition at the *Rolls-Royce Owners Club Annual Meet*, an invited partnership with automotive maker Rolls-Royce, Lake Tahoe, CA
- 2017 • *Wearable Expressions, 7th International Juried Exhibition*, Los Angeles CA
 - *globalDESIGN*, Baltimore MD
 - *SNAG: {Up}Setting the Stone*, online exhibition of the Society of North American Goldsmiths: www.snagspace.org/upsetting-the-stone
- 2016 • *Artistar Jewels*, art jewelry exhibition, Milan, Italy
 - *4orm & Space*, four-person show at Carl Cherry Center for the Arts; Carmel, CA
 - *Gratitude*, Titus Contemporary Gallery, Carmel, CA
 - *Prospectus #241*, a juried competition: New Mexico Art in Public Places; paintings
 - *SOFA Chicago USA*; Maria Elena Kravetz Gallery, Cordoba, Argentina
 - *Sedona Art Prize*, a monthly online juried competition: painting
- 2015 • *Artistar Jewels*, art jewelry exhibition, Milan, Italy
 - *Art San Diego*, exhibited sculpture and jewelry, San Diego, CA
- 2014 • *Artistar Jewels*, art jewelry exhibition, Milan, Italy
 - Demonstrator & lecturer on non-ferrous forging, ASU, Tempe AZ
 - Demonstrator & lecturer on blacksmithing, ASU, Tempe AZ
- 2013 • *SOFA Chicago USA*; Maria Elena Kravetz Gallery, Cordoba, Argentina
- 2012 • *Jewelry Trunk Show*, Big Brothers Big Sisters Annual Gala, Dallas, TX
 - *LA Style Fashion Week*, presented jewelry collections on the runways
 - *Phoenix Fashion Week*, presented jewelry collections on the fashion runways
 - *Women of Steel*, two-woman show at Lanning Fine Art Gallery, Sedona, AZ
 - Demonstrator & lecturer at Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff AZ
- 2010 • Designed/built/installed a hand-forged decorative steel railing at the Grand Canyon Mather Point Amphitheater (a three-person team)
 - Invited speaker at The Art Institute of Phoenix in the Fashion Accessories course
- 2009 • *Phoenix Fashion Week*, presented jewelry collection on the fashion runway
- 2008 • *Metal Worked*; Pearl Fincher Museum, Spring, Texas
- 2004 • *Hearts*; Cleverheads Gallery; Monterey, CA
- 2003 • *Artist's Studio Tour*; Monterey, CA
 - *CUP*; (First Place); Monterey Bay Metal Arts Guild; Carmel, CA
 - *Reflections in Metal*; Monterey Bay Metal Arts Guild; Pacific Grove, CA
- 2002 • *Essential Elements—Gold*; Monterey Bay Metal Arts Guild; Pacific Grove, CA
 - *Grand Nationals Rodeo Fine Art Show*; San Francisco, CA
- 2000 • Artist Blacksmiths Association of North America: gallery show; Flagstaff, AZ
- 1999 • *Art on the Walls*; From Scratch; Carmel, CA
- 1998 • Boys & Girls Club (fundraising event); Seaside, CA
- 1997 • Kinship Center (fundraising event); Monterey, CA
 - *Art in the Gardens*; The Barnyard Gardens; Carmel, CA
- 1996 • Seaside City Hall Art Gallery; CA
- 1991 • *Mid-Atlantic States Exhibition*; D'Art Center; Norfolk, VA
- 1986 • Artist Blacksmiths Association of North America: gallery show; Flagstaff, AZ

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- 1983 • *Holiday Show*; Shakti Gallery; Long Beach, CA
• *Holiday Show*; Long Beach Gallery; Long Beach, CA
• *Student Exhibition*; California State University; Long Beach, CA
- 1976 • *Alumni Exhibition*; Northern Arizona University; Flagstaff, AZ
- 1974 • *Fine Arts Division Exhibition*; Arizona State Fair; Phoenix, AZ

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2017 • *Saul Bell Design Award*, Finalist: Alternative Metals/Materials category, www.saulbellaward.com/2017-winners
- 2011 • *Emerging Designer Award*: chosen as one of six from an international field by Centurion Jewelry Show, an invitation-only show for luxury jewelers and retailers
- 2010 • *National Geographic Interview*: for their education website: <http://goo.gl/qaZibE>
- 2009 • Invited by the National Jewelry Institute to show at *Designer Showcase* during Paris Fashion Week, Paris, France
- *Grand Prize Winner* Halstead Jewelry Design & Business Development Grant

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- "Sleigh Bells Bling . . . Sparkle This Season!," Valerie Ostenak, *Tatler* magazine (British), Dec 2013
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- Showcase 500 Art Necklaces*, Lark Books, June 2013
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- "Four Hohzo galleries anchor gallery district," *Artscene*, Sedona AZ, Spr 2012
- "Spring Shows," *Kudos Art & Gallery Guide*, Sedona AZ, Apr 2012
- "Steely Disposition," by Jeff Prine, *Watch & Jewelry Review*, Apr 2011
- Sedona Magazine*, Spring 2011
- "Trend & Colours," *CIJ International Jewellery*, Spring 2011
- Art Jewelry Today*, by Dona Meilach
- Art Jewelry Today 2*, by Jeffrey Snyder
- The Contemporary Blacksmith*, by Dona Meilach
- Best of America: Jewelry Artists & Artisans, Vol. 1*, Kennedy Publishing
- "Clever and Crafty," *The Monterey County Herald*, Dec 2003
- "Art From the Forge," *the fabricator.com*, Dona Meilach, May 2003
- "Metal of Honor," *The Monterey County Herald*, Apr 2003
- "Cups Runneth Over," *The Coast Weekly*, Apr 2003
- "Cup," *The Monterey County Herald*, Apr 2003

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CAREER

Jan 2017/Present

Valerie Ostenak • Artist: Sculptural Jewelry, Paintings

Jan 2013/Jan 2017

Artist Blacksmiths Association of North America •
Art Director & Editor for *Anvil's Ring* magazine

May 2009/Jan 2013

Victory Forge • Blacksmith

May 2008/May 2010

Heinemann Publishing Design • Freelance Book & Production Designer

Jan 2007/May 2008

Gryphon Publishing Services • Design & Production Manager

1999/2006

The Monterey County Herald • Graphic Designer & Project Manager

1996/2000

Viking Forge • Blacksmith

1994/2006

Big Sur Marathon, Cyberware, Welwyn Publishing, & The Albert Company •
Freelance Graphic Designer

1992/1994

Brooks-Cole Publishing • Book Designer & Production Artist/Typographer (Contractor)

1991/1992

Hampton-Brown Publishing • Art Director (Contractor)

1985/1991

OAQ Corporation • Graphics Department Manager &
Graphics Computer Systems Administrator

1983/1985

Volt Technical Services • Technical Illustrator (Contractor)