

Mel Griffin

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education

- 2011 MFA, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- 2001 BA, *magna cum laude*. Carleton College, Northfield, MN Studio Art and Educational Studies, concentration in Drawing and Painting

solo and two-person exhibitions

- 2017 Mel Griffin at Charlie Cummings Gallery, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2016 David Peters and Mel Griffin, Turman Larison Gallery, Helena, MT
- 2016 Speaking Anthropomorphically, Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI
- 2013 Taunt Fellowship Exhibition, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT
Biophilia, Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI
- 2012 Mel Griffin, Boliou Gallery, Carleton College, Northfield, MN
- 2011 MFA Thesis Show, Katherine E Nash Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
Flora and Fauna, Society for Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh, PA

recent group exhibitions (selected)

2018

Beyond Craft, Hockaday Museum, Kalispell, MT

2017

Mel Griffin at Radius Gallery, Radius Gallery, Missoula, MT

Observe. Translate. Express., Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI

2016

Surface Substance, Radius Gallery, Missoula, MT

Live Auction Gala Exhibition, Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT

Wonder Women, Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI

2016 Yunomi Invitational, AKAR Gallery, Iowa City, IA

In the Company of Animals, Leopold Gallery, Kansas City, MO

Stories on Clay, Morean Center for Art, Saint Petersburg, FL

2015

Greenscapes, Clay Art Center, Port Chester, NY

Flowers and Foliage, Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI

Contemporary Ceramics 2015, Dairy Barn Arts Center, Athens, OH

Enriched Surface, Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI

Montana Clay, Paris Gibson Museum of Art, Great Falls, MT

Ceramics in Montana,, Lewistown Arts Center, Lewistown, MT

Cup: The Intimate Object X, Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville, FL

2014

Tetralogy, Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI

Zanesville Prize for Contemporary Ceramics, Zanesville, OH

2014 Resident Exhibition, Archie Bray Foundation for Ceramic Arts, Helena, MT

Emerging Artist Exhibition, National Conference for Education on Ceramic Arts
(NCECA), Milwaukee, WI

Archie Bray Foundation at NCECA, Milwaukee, WI

2014 Yunomi Invitational, AKAR Gallery, Iowa City, IA

Cup: The Intimate Object VIII, Charlie Cummings Gallery

The Bray at Kolva Sullivan Gallery, Spokane, WA

Crow Valley Summer Series, Orcas Island, WA

A Sustainable Table, Jewish Museum of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI

Wingate Fellowship Exhibition, Holter Museum of Art, Helena, MT

2013

The Bray at Kolva Sullivan Gallery, Spokane, WA

Cup: The Intimate Object VIII, Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville, FL

Birds, Bugs and a Saber-tooth Tiger, Stuart Kummer Gallery, Gualala, CA

Taunt Fellowship Exhibition, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT

2013 Resident Exhibition, Archie Bray Foundation for Ceramic Arts, Helena, MT

Tile and Vessel, Silver City Clay Festival, Silver City, NM

Finger to Thumb, Clay Studio of Missoula, Missoula, MT

2013 Yunomi Invitational, AKAR Gallery, Iowa City, IA

Archie Bray Foundation at NCECA, 18 Hands Gallery, Houston, TX

NCECA Expo, Red Lodge Clay Center, Houston, TX

2012

'Tis A Gift, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN

30x5: The Dessert Plate, AKAR Gallery, Iowa City, IA

The Bray at Kolva Sullivan, Kolva Sullivan Gallery, Spokane, WA

Cup: The Intimate Object VIII, Charlie Cummings Gallery

Hot Montana, Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI

Strictly Functional Pottery National, Kevin Lehman Studios, Lancaster, PA

The Perfect Plate, Lillstreet Gallery, Chicago, IL

Inspiration: Birds, AKAR Gallery, Iowa City, IA

Summer Exhibition, Dowstudio, Deer Isle, ME

Animal Instincts, Northland College Gallery, Ashland, WI

Well Served, Catherine Pearson Gallery, Seattle, WA

2012 Yunomi Invitational, AKAR Gallery, Iowa City, IA

Drawing in Clay, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI

42nd Annual Ceramics Exhibition: Utility in Ceramics, Crossman Gallery, University of WI, Whitewater

2011

Gifted, Philadelphia Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA
'Tis A Gift, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN
Holiday Exhibition, Red Star Studios, Kansas City, MO
Cup: The Intimate Object VII, Charlie Cummings Gallery
Mud Room, Contemporary Ceramics, Emerson Center for the Arts, Bozeman, MT
Dining In III: An Artful Experience, 18 Hands Gallery, Houston, TX
Bray Days, The Exit Gallery, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT
Marge Brown Kalodner Graduate Student Exhibition, Philadelphia Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA
Interpenetration: MFA Thesis Show, Katherine E Nash Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
La Mesa (invitational), NCECA Gallery Expo, Tampa, FL
National Student Juried Exhibition, NCECA, Tampa, FL
Archie Bray Foundation at NCECA, Tampa, FL
NCECA Expo, Schaller Gallery, Tampa, FL
Bray Days, The Exit Gallery, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT

2010

Recent Aquisitions to the Permanent Collection, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT
Livestock Invitational, Schaller Gallery, St. Joseph, MI
Plate and Bowl Invitationals, Schaller Gallery, Red Lodge, MT
The Bray at Kolva Sullivan Gallery, Spokane, WA
U/Ceramics Exhibition: New work from Faculty and Grads, Minneapolis, MN
Fresh Works, Regis Center Public Spaces, University of MN, Minneapolis, MN
Three Cups of Tea Invitational, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS
18th San Angelo National Ceramics Competition, San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo, TX
Third Lillstreet International, Bowl Me Over (juried), Lillstreet Art Center, Chicago, IL
2010 Resident Exhibition, Archie Bray Foundation for Ceramic Arts, Helena, MT
National Student Juried Exhibition, NCECA, Philadelphia, PA
A Useable Feast, an invitational event in conjunction with NCECA, Philadelphia, PA
Central Time Ceramics (juried), Bradley University, Peoria, IL (catalogue)

awards and scholarships (selected)

2014 Rudy Autio Fund for Creative Initiatives, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT
2013 Windgate Fellowship, Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts, Helena, MT
Rudy Autio Fund for Creative Initiatives, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT
2012 Taunt Fellowship, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT.

- Potters Group Award, Strictly Functional Pottery National, Lancaster, PA.
- 2011 2011 LEAP Award (biennial), Society for Contemporary Craft, Pittsburgh, PA.
The Studio Potter Merit Award, National Student Juried Exhibition (NSJE),
NCECA, Tampa, FL
- 2010 Department of Art Scholarship, University of Minnesota
Zelda and Max Berman Graduate Fellowship, University of Minnesota
Bill and Sterling Sage Scholarship, Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT
Katherine B. Howd Merit Award, NSJE, NCECA, Philadelphia, PA
The Studio Potter Graduate Merit Award, NSJE, NCECA, Philadelphia, PA
Merit Award, 18th San Angelo National Ceramics Competition, San Angelo
Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo, TX
- 2009 Master Kiln Builders Purchase Award, MNWCA Juried Exhibition.
Emerging Artist Award, Ceramics Monthly Magazine.
- 2008 Founders Award, Strictly Functional Pottery National, Lancaster, PA.
- 2001 Departmental Distinction for BA Exhibition, Carleton College, Northfield, MN.

publications (selected)

- 2013 "Gesture in Drawing and Form," Ceramics Monthly Magazine. Cover Image.
- 2009 "2009 Emerging Artists" Ceramics Monthly Magazine
- 2010 "Upfront," review of NCECA 2010 National Juried Student Exhibition,
Ceramics Monthly Magazine

panels and workshops (selected)

- 2017 Workshop Presenter, Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Snowmass Village, CO
- 2014 Presenter, Emerging Artist Talks, NCECA, Milwaukee, WI
Panelists, "Transitions," NCECA, Milwaukee, WI
- 2012 Panelist, "Conversations About Ceramics," Weisman Art Museum
with Tetsuya Yamada and Warren McKenzie
Presenter, Mel Griffin at Northland College, Ashland, WI
Visiting Artist, Carleton College, Northfield, MN
Artist Lecture, Lead two-day critique of art majors during their Junior Show
- 2011 Workshop Presenter, Mel Griffin at University of Montana, Billings