

# Eileen McKenna

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Hofstra University Museum of Art — *Museum Educator*

Hempstead, NY

SEPTEMBER 2021 - DECEMBER 2023

Researched upcoming exhibitions and collection artifacts for use in programs. Developed curriculum and lesson plans.

Focused on object based learning using an art and inquiry approach. Encouraged critical thinking, visual acuity and use of descriptive language.

*Primary teacher for school programs including:*

- *ART Travelers program:* Introduced third graders to communities around the world through cultural artifacts. Led classroom and museum visits. Created artifact based lesson plans and art activities. Worked with 580 students from eight school districts.
- *ART Explorers/Exhibition based visits:* Led third-fifth grade classes and community groups through current art exhibitions. Created lesson plans with coordinating art activities for changing exhibitions. Worked with 800 students from Elmont and Hempstead.

### South Shore Art Center — *Lead Art Instructor*

Bellmore, NY

JULY 2018 - PRESENT

Teach K-6th grade Drawing/Painting classes. Develop lesson plans for eight week long acrylic on canvas painting projects. Design/teach mixed media projects for summer art camps.

### North Merrick Public Library — *Visiting Teaching Artist*

Merrick, NY

2020 - 2022

Developed and taught creative exploration and watercolor workshops to adult audiences.

### Online Teaching — *Blog, Newsletter, Tutorials, Videos*

Created a variety of online teaching resources on creativity and watercolor painting at [mycreativeresolution.com](http://mycreativeresolution.com).

## TEACHING SKILLS

Object and Inquiry based teaching with Art and Artifacts

**Art Instruction** - Drawing, Painting in Acrylic and Watercolor, Pastel, Polymer Clay, Clay, Mixed Media

**In person** - Classroom, Museum, Library, Art Studio settings

**Virtual** - Google Meet, Zoom

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Graphic Design** - Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator

**Web Design** - Shopify, Wordpress, Adobe Dreamweaver, html coding

**Painting and Illustration** - Watercolor, Acrylic

**Digital Illustration** - Photoshop, Illustrator, Procreate

**Fabric Design**

**Video Editing** - Adobe Premiere Rush, iMovie

**Google** - Slides, Docs, Spreadsheets, Meet

**Microsoft Office** - Word, Excel, Power Point, Outlook

**Email Marketing** - Mailchimp, Constant Contact

## GRAPHIC DESIGN EXPERIENCE

### Freelance Graphic Designer/Web Designer

2001 - 2021

Designed and created marketing campaigns for a wide variety of clients and industries including Molloy University, Riesterer's Bakery, Monarch Life Coaching, Signs & Things, etc.

- Web Design and Development
- Logo and Print Design
- Email and Social Media Marketing
- Illustration

## EDUCATION

### Adelphi University — In progress: *Master's in Art Education*

Garden City, NY

JUNE 2022 - PRESENT. Expected graduation MAY 2024.

- Pursuing a NYS K-12 Art Teacher certification.
- NYS Certification Tests passed: Visual Arts, EAS
- Prerequisite classes at NCC include: Art History, Painting, Drawing

### Continuing Education — *Graphic Design*

New York, NY

College and graduate level classes in graphic design at:

- Pratt Institute
- The New School Parsons
- The School of Visual Arts

### Gettysburg College — *Bachelor of Arts*

Gettysburg, PA

*Major Field of Study:* Business Management

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Old Mill Road Elementary School PTA Member

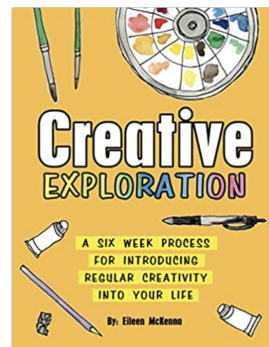
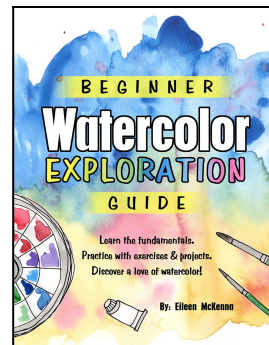
Merrick, NY

2005 - 2016

Designed and painted seasonal window displays. Co-chaired International Day/Ireland - planned: crafts, food, entertainment, walking tour of Ireland, construction of a Blarney Castle replica.

## BOOKS

Self Published Instructional Art Books:



Illustration/Book Design:



Illustration:

