



Virginia “Jen” Otey

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Education:

- Virginia Polytechnic and State University - Bachelor of Architecture, 2000
- Old Dominion University – Bachelor of Education – Prek-6 Certification, 2014, recertified 2019
- James Madison University/CTA – Children’s Engineering/Elementary STEM Certification, 2017
- California State University, San Marcos/Education Closet – Arts Integration Specialist Certification, 2018

Work Experience:

- **Wythe County Public Schools**
1570 W. Reservoir St.
Wytheville, VA 24382
276.228.5411
Dates of Employment: January 2015 – Present
Position: Classroom Teacher, 3rd Grade, 5th Grade, and Middle School STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math).
Website: <https://wythe.k12.va.us/>
- **Rose Cottage School of Art / MOONbow ARTworks**
570 E. Spring St.
Wytheville, VA 24382
276.620.0303
Dates of Employment: 2003 to present
Position: Owner, Director, and Art Teacher
Websites: <http://rosecottageschool.weebly.com/> & <http://www.moonbowartworks.com/>
- **Wytheville Farmer’s Market**
210 W Spring St
Wytheville, VA 24382
Contact: Steve Hermansen (Board Chair at the time of my employment)
276-928-1231
deerefriendz@verizon.net
Dates of Employment: January 2012 – March 2015
Position: Market Manager and Event Coordinator
- **J.A. Gibson and Associates Architects**
Jody Gibson Architect
695 W. Franklin St.
Wytheville, VA 24382
276-620-3773
Dates of Employment: June 2009 – May 2012
Position: Architectural Project Manager and Designer

Current Exhibitions and Shows:

2016 - 2019, 2022 - 2023 - Art at the Crossroads – Juried Art Show, Wytheville, Virginia
2022 – Hungry Mother Arts and Crafts Festival – Juried show at the Hungry Mother State Park, Marion Virginia
2023 – Art Fluent online group exhibition entitled “Animalia.” <http://www.art-fluent.com/animalia>
2023 – Holler House “Mini Worlds,” group exhibition, Bristol, Virginia
2023 – John C. Campbell Folk School Fall Festival – juried art vendor, Brasstown, North Carolina
2024 – East Tennessee State University’s Reece Museum

Galleries Carrying My Work

- Birthplace of Country Music Museum Gallery, Bristol, VA - <https://birthplaceofcountrymusic.org/>
- Southwest Virginia Cultural Center, Abingdon, VA - <https://swvaculturalcenter.com/>
- John C. Campbell Folk School Craft Shop, Brasstown, NC <https://craftshop.folkschool.org/>
- Olive’s Porch Gallery, Murphy, NC, <https://olivesporch.org/>
- Artsy June, Roanoke, VA, <https://www.instagram.com/gypsypalooza?igshid=YTQwZjQ0NmI0OA==>
- Formato Fine Arts, Wytheville, VA - <https://www.formatoart.com/>
- Holler House, Bristol, VA - <https://www.hollerhousebristol.com/>



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Public Art Commissions:

2020 – 2021 – Murals for the campus at HOPE (Helping Overcome Poverty’s Existence) Inc.

Grants Awarded:

2018 – Recipient of the Evolution Wytheville VHDA Small Business competition grant for pottery equipment for Rose Cottage School of Art.

Skills and Professional Experience:

- 2023 – Juried Member of Round the Mountain Artisan Network
- 2023 – Juried Artisan Vendor at the Southwest Virginia Cultural Center, Abingdon, Virginia
- 2023 to present – Founding member and Chairperson of the Board, Forge Appalachia Fine and Folk Art Collective.
- 2014 to 2017 – Wythe Arts Council board member
- 2014 – 2022 Wythe Arts Council Committee Chair for the annual Chautauqua Festival of the Arts, Art and Photography Show
- 2016 – present – Director of Art at the Crossroads, a regional artisan festival, Wytheville, Virginia
- 2003 – present – owner MOONbow ARTworks – showing art in galleries, shops, and eateries primarily in Alaska, and Virginia, as well as publishing work in various magazines, calendars, and books.
- 2015 – present – owner and art teacher at my studio Rose Cottage School of Art. I also coordinate classes taught by many regional artisans at my studio. These classes have provided wonderful educational experiences for attendees from around the region and financial opportunities for local/regional artisans to share their talents and creative experience with others.
- 2017 to present – Educator for Wythe County Public Schools, teaching professional development to staff on how to implement STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) and Arts Integration in their classrooms, Elementary, Middle, and High School levels.
- 2018 – present - Children’s Engineering and Design Educator for the middle school STEAM program, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades
- 2017 – Wrote and coordinated Art Integrated project based assessments for Virginia State end of the year tests in elementary history and science with a team of Wythe County Public School teachers.
- 2019 - Planned, placed, and assisted in maintaining “Maker Spaces” in all Wythe County Public School’s Libraries. Then trained staff how to use and maintain them.



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References:

Ryana DeArmond – rdearmond@myswva.org, 276-525-9002 - Senior Project Manager and Executive Assistant at the Southwest Virginia Cultural Center

Katie Hoffman – katie@createappalachia.org, Executive Director of Create Appalachia

Erin Simons - erinhsimons@gmail.com, 276-613-3556 Contracted artist working at Rose Cottage School of Art and High School Art Teacher at Wythe County Public Schools

Jody Gibson – jgibson@embarqmail.com, 276-620-3773 Jody is a retired architect. I worked for her for many years as a project manager and architectural designer.