



Denise Duarte

Visual Arts



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Program Types

Residencies, workshops, demonstrations, presentations

Language Proficiencies

English

Fees

Contact to inquire

Availability

Contact to inquire

Audiences

Middle & high schools, young adult, adult, at risk youth, seniors, social services, LGBTQ

Venues

Schools, communities, senior centers, community groups

Technical requirements

Contact to inquire

Counties

Statewide



Native Nevadan Denise R. Duarte is a multi-disciplinary artist. She received her Master of Fine Arts in Community Arts from Maryland Institute College of Art where she received the College Teaching of Art Certificate. She has facilitated numerous community art projects, nine public art projects, and has received two Las Vegas Mayor's Urban Design Awards for Public Art. Duarte was as listed as an artist to watch on Creative Capital's *On Our Radar*. Her studio practice focuses on the historical societal influences on beliefs and behavior with regard to contemporary gender issues. The conceptual basis for her artwork is primary. The materials are selected that best articulate the chosen concept and advance further exploration of the issues through the artwork. In Baltimore, she originated, developed and taught the adult-facilitated, after school youth art program, *Express Yourself!* which served LGBTQ youth. It provided participatory engagement in a safe and welcoming space for youth to explore their creativity, express themselves while gaining creative skill sets and the accompanying confidence of accomplishment, in addition to leadership and team building skills. Duarte's professional goal is to provide a respectful environment that promotes dialogue centering on constructive social criticism and awareness to generate creative and intellectual growth. Social engagement as a basis of art creation is fundamental to her teaching philosophy. The participants will understand that art is a visual language that speaks to humanity's commonality and this awareness will enable them to act as agents of change, personally and socially.

School & Community Workshops

Discovering Identity - Quilt Blocks, Community Quilts, and Identity Boxes workshops focus on personal identity discovery and expression and are created with age-appropriate themes. Multi-generational workshops are available for identity awareness with emphases on building familiarity with identities other than one's own, with the goal to lead to acceptance of all people.

Social Engagement: workshops can focus on sexual and gender identity, race and ethnicity, or any specific community issue. Issue based artwork allows for communities to articulate their perspective(s), which provide opportunities for them to become their own agent of change. They can include creative place-making with temporary or permanent public artworks such as ceramic murals, mosaics, sculptures, or dimensional fiber art

Professional Development Workshops

Professional Development workshops are designed to uncover and express individual and collective concepts or issues impacting the workforce or community. The final artwork can be either individual or collective creations.