



CREATIVE EXCHANGE

CULTIVATING ARTISTIC COMMUNITIES

WORKSHOP LEADER



Barbara Schaffer Bacon

Co-Director

Animating Democracy, Americans for the Arts

Barbara Schaffer Bacon co-directs Animating Democracy, a program of Americans for the Arts that inspires, informs, promotes, and connects arts and culture as potent contributors to community, civic, and social change. Additionally, she contributes to Local Arts Advancement work at Americans for the Arts. Barbara has written, edited, and contributed to many publications including Trend or Tipping Point: Arts & Social Change Grantmaking; Civic Dialogue, Arts & Culture: Findings from Animating Democracy; Case Studies from Animating Democracy; Animating Democracy: The Artistic Imagination as a Force for Civic Dialogue; Fundamentals of Local Arts Management; and The Cultural Planning Work Kit. A consultant in program design and evaluation, Barbara has served as an adviser for state and national arts agencies and private foundations. Barbara previously served as executive director of the Arts Extension Service at the University of Massachusetts. She is president of the Arts Extension Institute, Inc. and a board member for WomenArts. Barbara served for 14 years on the Belchertown, MA School Committee. She currently serves as a member of the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

FEATURED ARTIST



Brian Whitfield

Illustrator, Painter and Graphic Artist

Graphic Designer, Michigan Department of Transportation

For 23 years Brian Whitfield has been a graphic designer for the Michigan Department of Transportation. Illustrator, painter, and graphic artist, his accomplishments include: 1984-Designer of the Ingham County Flag; 1991-The Basil H. Alkazzi Award (U.S.A.) an award to an American artist, 2013 design of Michigan's license Plate, named "Best New Plate", Internationally, by the American License Plate Collectors Association and designer of the Michigan's current Mackinac Bridge plate. Mural artist for the "Under the Bridge" mural project.