



Juneau Arts and Humanities Council – Juneau School District
PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

2012-2013 TEACHING ARTIST PROFILE and APPLICATION

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Preferred Method for contact:

I am available to work/teach

1 - 2 week residency period only. I am flexible, could work different times
 can work 1 day/week for a month or more could work part days, different times

Arts Education and/or Arts Background

I have an undergraduate degree in theatre and linguistics with a concentration in International Studies. I am in the third and final year of my MFA in creative writing at UAA.

I am a fiber artist and knitwear designer. I have published three books and numerous articles on knitting and crochet. I maintain a blog, The Hook and I, where I write about fiber art, food and life in Alaska. I have taught fiber arts classes since 2004 to students of all ages in schools, shops, libraries, art and community centers.

ART FORM(s) and age of students you are interested in working with.

*Fiber Art: Knitting, Crochet, Felt-work, Spinning, Weaving, Embroidery, lace and knot work
Creative Writing
I am interested in teaching students of all ages

What themes, concepts, and experiences do you want to share with students?

Concepts of color, art and design, the history and culture of textiles and fiber art, the mathematical applications of creating fabric from yarn, the science of wool, and the experience of turning wool into yarn, and yarn into fabric

Prior Teaching Experiences

I have taught knitting, crochet and fiber crafts since 2004. I’ve taught in middle school after school programs, city community-center programs for children, library programs for children and adults, community art centers, yarn shops.

I have taught professional designers and yarn manufacturers and retailers. I have taught children from the ages of 4 and up. I have taught in New Jersey, Maryland, Cordova, Alaska, California, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Juneau.

I teach creative writing workshops through the 49 Writers Writing Center in Anchorage.

Why do you want to teach the arts in Juneau schools?

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I enjoy teaching students of all ages. I'm fascinated by their various learning styles. I love showing them how fiber art fits in with the rest of the curriculum. I have two children in the Juneau schools, and I enjoy being a part of the education process.

Past Experience with Artist in the Schools residencies: None to date

Have you been part of the Juneau Teaching Artist workshop series?

Yes, whole series Yes, some of the workshops No, not yet

3 REFERENCES

Shannon Okey, shannon.okey@gmail.com 216-569-4398

Rebecca Watts, rebecca_watts@jsd.k12.ak.us 907-463-3163

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Other comments or additions that help illuminate your work or life as an artist???

I have always thought of myself as a Teaching Artist--when I create a new design, it is always with a student in mind--what skills will the students gain from creating this project, how can they use it to express their own creativity?

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