

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Susan Calkins is the founder of Inspire Community Fine Art Center, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. It began in March 2005. The mission of Inspire focused on art education through the visual arts. Inspire offered art classes in the visual arts from ages 6-76+. The community programs focused on the healing value of art. Over the 12 years, Inspire provided art education to 8 elementary schools through art classes and art enrichment programs, in Northeast ISD and San Antonio ISD. Community alliances were formed with 9 health and human service agencies in San Antonio, providing art programs to help alleviate the stresses of the lives of the clients/patients.

Susan is a sculptor, whose focus is on stone carving and metal sculptures and a partner in FabArts Creative Collaborations LLC focusing on plasma CNC metal cutting, fabrication/welding, sculpture.

## EXPERIENCE

### Executive Director

Mar. 2005-Dec. 2017

### Inspire Community Fine Art Center

San Antonio, TX

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## DUTIES

- ❖ Maintain and control the operations of the Organization, assist in the development of organization goals and objectives, and implements short and long range strategic plans in fulfillment of the Organization's mission.
- ❖ Assume responsibility for administration of all Organization affairs in accordance with Board approved policies and procedures.
- ❖ Direct all personnel matters including recruiting, hiring, supervision, training and evaluation of Organization staff.
- ❖ Direct all financial matters in accordance with the Board approved internal control structure, policies and procedures. Coordinates audit when required.
- ❖ Ensure the timely preparation and submission of required grant proposals and other funding requests, progress reports and other reports/submissions as necessary.
- ❖ Pursue broad funding sources that augment the ability of the Organization to enhance Organization's visibility and mission.
- ❖ Market the classes and programs to ensure visibility in the community and to grow the programs.
- ❖ Create and maintain programs in the community that meet the needs of social service agencies that utilize art as part of their overall programming.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ Developed and acquired funding for seven successful art enrichment programs at various primary schools within two different school districts, raising \$75,000 in grants and serving over 1200 elementary age children.
- ❖ Developed and acquired funding for eight successful community programs with local health and social service agencies with the focus on art for healing, raising over \$500,000 in grants and serving more than 10,000 clients. The programs work with children, families, women and adults with special needs.
- ❖ Developed and organized a local juried art show for eight consecutive years, supporting the arts and artists in and around San Antonio, raising \$50,000.
- ❖ Hired and supervised 30 qualified teaching artists to fill the programming needs.
- ❖ An active member of the CEO Roundtable, 2014-2017, with Excel Beyond the Bell San Antonio, a collaborative of non-profit agencies with the goal of providing high quality after school programming to all San Antonio youth.

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- ❖ Welder – Proficiency with MIG and ARC welding equipment, oxygen/acetylene cutting and plasma cutting.
- ❖ Stone carver – Proficiency with hand and pneumatic carving tools.
- ❖ Quickbooks for Non-profits.

## SHOWS

- ❖ Art in the Park – San Marcos, TX 2002
- ❖ San Antonio Art League Juried Show – San Antonio, TX 2007
- ❖ Color of Blind – San Antonio, TX 2016
- ❖ Sculpture on Main Small Works Exhibit – Marble Falls, TX 2017
- ❖ Inspire Fine Art Center Faculty Show – San Antonio, TX 2017
- ❖ Sculpture on Main – Marble Falls, TX 2019
- ❖ Sculpture on Main – Marble Falls, TX 2021

## EDUCATION

- ❖ **Southwest Texas**  
San Marcos, TX  
BA in Visual Arts/Sculpture 2003
- ❖ **Trinity University**  
San Antonio, TX  
BA in Business 1982