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## **EDUCATION**

Wendy DesChene MFA., Tyler School of Art, Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Certificate, Center for Electronic Art. San Francisco, California BFA., Studio Art, Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec

Jeff Schmuki MFA., New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, Alfred, New York

BFA., Studio Art, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona, cum laude

## **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2021 TBA. Fielding Wright Art Gallery, Delta State University. Cleveland, Mississippi
TBA. University of Illinois Springfield Illinois. (Engaged Citizenship Common Experience Speaker Award)

2020 Biophilia. Eleanor D. Wilson Museum of Art at Hollins University. Roanoke Virginia.

Art + Science: Mothology in the Age of Social Distancing. Richard F. Brush Gallery at St, Lawrence University. Canton, New York

2019 bot.anical. Memorial Union Gallery, North Dakota State University. Fargo, North Dakota

2018 Vέα Οικολογία (New Ecology). Lakkos Art Center, Heraklion, Greece

PlantBot 2.0. McMaster Gallery, University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina

Fresh Off The Farm. Field and Fork Farm. University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

2017 Cross-Pollination. Neil Britton Gallery, Virginia Wesleyan University. Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Adaptation. Martha Gault Gallery, Slippery Rock University. Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania

MothLuck. First City Art Center, Pensacola, Florida.

2016 PlantBot Genetics: The Moth Project. Augustana Teaching Museum of Art, Augustana College. Rock Island, Illinois PlantBot Gentics: Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee

2015 Mothology. St Norbert College, De Pere, Wisconsin

PlantBot Genetics: Monsantra. Seed Space. Nashville, Tennessee.

FloraBotica. Spring Hill College, Mobile, Alabama.

2014 The Moth Project. De Hortus Botanicus, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Artists Respond. Oulu Museum of Art. (Taidmuseo). Oulu, Finland.

Foodture. Elaine L. Jacob Gallery, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.

PlantBot Genetics: Monsantra. 621 Gallery, Tallahassee, Florida.

PlantBot Genetics. Critical Contact Exhibition Series at the Cafritz Foundation Arts Center, Montgomery College, Takoma Park, Maryland.

2013 Homestead. Gertrude Herbert Institute of Art, Augusta, Georgia.

Monsantra. The Studios of Key West. Key West, Florida.

2012 *Monsantra*. The New Gallery, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

genAlRator. Art League Houston, Project Space, Houston, Texas.

Armagardden. St. Edward's University, Fine Arts Gallery, Austin, Texas.

PlantBot Genetics, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas.

2011 The Green Shadow. McColl Center for Visual Art, Charlotte, North Carolina.

2010 Agritecture. Biggin Gallery, Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama.

2008 Pattern Recognition. Richard E. Peeler Art Center, DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana.

2006 Reconstructions. Malone Gallery, Troy University, Troy, Alabama.

- 2002 Decoys and More. Woods Art Gallery, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi.
- 2001 Recent Works. George Ohr Museum, Biloxi, Mississippi.
- 1999 Elements. Osterle Gallery, North Central College, Naperville, Illinois.

#### TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2014 Ecology Revisioned. Prescott College Art Gallery at Sam Hill Warehouse. Prescott, Arizona.

#### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021 *TBA: Food Justice: Growing a Healthier Community Through Art.* Contemporary Craft. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania *TBA: Lost in the Weeds: Nature and Climate Change.* Athens Institute of Contemporary Art. Athens, Georgia.

2020 Grey / Gray (Matters). Divisible Projects. Dayton, Ohio.

Ostraka. ARTexchange at CAA. Hoken Gallery. Columbia College, Chicago, Illinois

Daily Trumpet. Invitational Instagram Exhibition. New York, New York.

Lift Off Film Sessions. Shorts Programme 2, Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire, England

Contaminated. The Institute for Aesthetic Advocacy and Institute for Digital Humanities. Minneapolis, Minnesota

Quarantine Zine. Issue 2: Alone and Together. Newburgh, New York.

ArtWork(ers) United. University of North Florida. Curator Jenny Hager and the Creatives. Jacksonville, Florida

Home as Situation. Bolivair Art Gallery, University of Kentucky. Lexington, Kentucky.

2019 Larroque Arts Festival (LAF) "Surface", Larroque Occitanie, France

Lanzarote Arts Festival. Canary Islands, Spain

Exposicion Artistas Internacionales, Espacio Little, Seville, Spain

Collective (in)Action, Memorial Union Gallery, University of North Dakota

Ferment at NCECA Socially Engaged Craft Collation at Minneapolis College, Minnesotoa

Lie, Cheat, Steal, Lyon College/Kresge Gallery, Batesville, Arkansas

2018 Fresh Off The Farm. Field and Fork Farm and Garden. University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

When The Winters Were Still Really Cold (The Rhine). Useable Space. Milwaukee, Wisconsin

GardenBot. Artfields, Lake City South Carolina

A Northward Migration. Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond, Virginia

Hambidge Art Gala. Design District, Atlanta, Georgia

2017 Pollinate. HUBweek, City Hall Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts.

Crossing Boundaries: Art and the Future of Energy. Pensacola Museum of Art, Pensacola, Florida.

STEAM. University of Western Florida, Pensacola, Florida.

2016 *Insecta*. Haber Space at Central Booking, New York, New York.

Digital Culture. CICA Museum, Gimpo, South Korea.

RE•BOTICA. Fed Galleries at Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University. Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Manchester: RVA Street Art Festival. Southern States Silos, Richmond, Virginia.

Methodologies. East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

Impending Future. Lycoming College Art Gallery. Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

2015 *ESPACIO ENTER*: International Festival of Creativity, Innovation, and Digital Culture. TEA, Tenerife Espacio de las Artes. Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain.

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Maintenance Mode. Public Space One. Iowa City, Iowa.

Turndown Service. COOP Popup Gallery at SECAC. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The Weight of the World: A Contemporary Art Exhibition of Affect and Reason. Arizona State University Institute for Humanities Research (IHR). Tempe, Arizona.

Sustainability Solutions Festival. City of Phoenix. Phoenix, Arizona.

Balance-Unbalance: An International Conference on Water, Climate, and Place - group exhibition, Arizona State University Galleries. Tempe, Arizona.

Maize y Mas. Legion Arts. Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Embodied Place: Observations and Notations. Sierra Nevada College. Incline Village, Nevada.

2014 Marfa Dialogues/St. Louis. The Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts, PXSTL. St Louis, Missouri.

Mediated Realities. Freedman Gallery. Albright College. Reading, Pennsylvania.

Arts/Industry: Collaboration and Revelation. John Michael Kohler Arts Center. Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Hunter/Gatherer, Truman State University Art Gallery, Kirksville, Missouri.

Entomological. Roy C. Moore Art Gallery. University of North Georgia at Gainesville. Gainesville, Georgia.

Sustainability. Diane Kidd Gallery, Tiffin University, Tiffin, Ohio.

Art in Odd Places (AiOP): The Artifacts. Colonel's Row, Governors Island, New York, New York.

2013 InLight Richmond. 1708 Gallery. Richmond, Virginia.

Shine On. Hambidge Center for Creative arts and Sciences Invited Artist. Rabun Gap, Georgia.

PlantBot ArtLab McColl Center Environmental Artist in Residence RECAP Intervention. Charlotte, North Carolina.

PlantBot Genetics and the 91%. AIOP 2013: NUMBER Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina.

PlantBot Genetics. Westobou Festival. Augusta, Georgia.

Vahki Revisited. Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum at Mesa Arts Center. Mesa, Arizona.

2012 Public Trust. Flux Factory, Long Island City, New York

Whale Oil to Whole Foods. Greene County Council on the Arts Gallery & Greene County Cornell Cooperative Extension, Catskills, New York

Whale Oil to Whole Foods Part 2. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Greene County, Agroforestry Resource Center, Acra, New York

Plein Air. International Group Exhibition, Airplane Gallery New York, New York

Ecologies of Food: Past, Present, Future. Lederer Gallery, SUNY Geneseo, Geneseo, New York

Bushwick Basel. Bushwick Art District Open Studios and Galleries, Brooklyn, New York

2011 Cerebral Departure: Investigations in Contemporary Issues. SpaceCamp Gallery, Indianapolis, Indiana

PlantBot Genetics. Billboard Art Project, Reading, Pennsylvania

PlantBot Genetics. Billboard Art Project, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

PlantBot Genetics. Billboard Art Project, San Bernardino, California

E.V.A. (Experimental Video Art) BachModern Autumn Screening, Salzburg, Austria

Edge of Life: Forest Pathology Invitational. Cole Art Center, Stephen F. Austin State University,

Nacogdoches, Texas

Edge of Life: Forest Pathology in Art. Environmental Education, Science, and Technology (ESSAT) Building, Eagle Exhibit Hall, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas.

There's No Place Like.... The Renaissance Center, Dickson, Tennessee

Digital Checkpoints Exhibition, (FLEFF) Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival, Ithica College, Ithica, New York

2010 4th Cairo Video Festival. Medrar for Contemporary Art, Goethe Institute, Cairo, Egypt

"A Brief History of...". Two-Minute Film Festival, Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

InLight Richmond. 1708 Gallery, Green Award, Richmond, Virginia

dis.place.ment. Urban Institute for Contemporary Art (UICA), Grand Rapids, Michigan

Lens Based Image. Desotorow Gallery, Savannah, Georgia

## ARTIST IN RESIDENCE & VISITING ARTIST APPOINTMENTS

- 2020 The Studios of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia (cancelled due to Covid-19 travel restrictions)
- 2019 Airgentum, Seville, Spain
- 2018 Lakkos Art Center. Heraklion, Greece
- 2017 Hambidge Center for Art and Science. Rabun Gap, Georgia
- 2016 Entomica. Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Canada

Hambidge Center for Art and Science. Rabun Gap, Georgia

2015 NEA Art Works Grant through St. Norbert College. Department of Art. De Pere, Wisconsin

The Studios of Key West. Key West, Florida

2014 KulttuuriKauppila Artist in Residence, li, Finland

Buitenwerkplaats Artist in Residence, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2013 Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for the Arts Residency, Nebraska City, Nebraska McColl Center for Visual Art Environmental Artist in Residence, Charlotte, North Carolina

2012 The Hafnarborg Centre Artist in Residence, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland

2011 I-Park Residency Fellow, East Haddam, Connecticut

Atlantic Center for the Arts, Associate Artist Residency, New Smyrna Beach, Florida

School of Making Thinking Collaborative Residency, Delancey, New York

2010 American Academy in Rome, Visiting Artist, Rome, Italy

2009 I-Park Residency Fellow, East Haddam, Connecticut

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, COMMISSIONS, AWARDS

- 2019 SECAC Artist Award Honorable Mention
  - Student Sustainability Grant, Georgia Southern, University, Statesboro, Georgia
- 2017 Sustainability Fee Grant for *Tiny Mural*. Georgia Southern University. Statesboro, Georgia.
  - How Design Promotional and Marketing Award for PlantBot Genetics Field Guide, Designer Jarred Elrod.
- 2016 Seed Grant, ArtPrize 8. Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- 2015 NEA Art Works Grant for the Moth Project via St. Norbert College Department of Art. De Pere, Wisconsin.
- 2014 Marfa Dialogues/St. Louis Program Grant. The Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts. St Louis, Missouri.
  - Sustainability Fee Grant, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia.
  - Seed Grant, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences. Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia.

## **MURALS**

- 2020 Pollen Mural. Biological Sciences Building, Georgia Southern University. Statesboro, Georgia
- 2018 Salamander Mural. Georgia Southern University, Armstrong Campus. Savannah, Georgia
  - Moth Mural. Heraklion, Greece
- 2017 Salamander Mural. Biological Sciences Building. Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia
- 2016 Moth Mural, Austin Peay State University. Clarksville, Tennessee
- 2015 Moth Mural, Springhill College. Mobile, Alabama

# SELECTED LECTURES, PANELS, COMMUNITY EVENTS, WORKSHOPS

2021 Ostraka at Roanoake ArtsPop. Taubman Museum. Roanoake, Virginia.

Co-Chairs and Presenters at SECAC Conference, Richmond, Virginia.

Exhibiting Artist Lecture. Eleanor D. Wilson Museum of Art at Hollins University. Hollins, Virginia.

Artist Lecture. Hollins University Sustainable Architecture Class. Hollins, Virginia.

Exhibiting Artist Lecture. St Lawrence University. Canton, New York.

Mothology for Children Artist Lecture. St Lawrence University. Canton, New York.

Conversations on Craft and Food Justice. An Online Series Discussing Sustainability, and Craft. Contemporary Craft Museum. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Moth Mural. Augustana College Department of Biology: College of Insect Collections. Rock Island, Illinois.

119 Lecture and Public Event. The Moth Project. Montevallo University, Montevallo, Alabama.

Ostraka at Roanoke, ArtsPop, Taubman Museum. Roanoke, Virginia

Lecture and Public Event. The Moth Project. Berry College, Mount Berry, Georgia.

PlantBot Workshop. Augsburg University, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Lecture to Sculpture & 3D Classes. North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota

SECAC Conference Panel Chairs and Presenters

Panelist and Chair. SECAC Conference, Chattanooga, Tennessee

Artist Lecture, North Dakota State, Fargo, North Dakota

Artist Lecture and ArtLab Community Mothing Event, Montevallo University, Montevallo, Alabama

Artist Lecture and ArtLab Community Mothing Event, Berry College, Mont Berry, Georgia

ArtLab Community Event, Statesboro, Georgia

Lecture to Sculpture & 3D Classes. North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota

ArtLab Middle School Event, Berry Elementary, Mount Berry, Georgia

Community Event, Castiblanco Art Night, Castiblanco de los Arroyos, Seville, Spain

PlantBot Workshop. Augsburg University, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Tiny Mural for Biological Sciences Center, Georgia Southern University, Savannah Campus, Savannah, Georgia.

2018 PlantBot Building Workshop and Lecture. University of South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina

Panelist. Artist Run Spaces, Collectives, and Collaboration. SECAC Conference, Birmingham, Alabama.

Panelist. I Forgot to Laugh. SECAC Conference, Birmingham, Alabama.

Artist Lecture, The Ronald E McNair Life Center and Museum, Lake City, South Carolina

Artist Lecture, Lakkos Art Center, Heraklion, Greece

2017 PlantBot Building Workshop, Pulse Art and Technology Festival. Telfair Museums, Savannah, Georgia.

PlantBot Workshop. Virginia Wesleyan University, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Clean Energy Fest. Pensacola Museum Square, Pensacola, Florida.

Panel Chair. Arts and Sciences: Closer than they Think, SECAC Conference, Columbus, Ohio.

Panelist. The Living Arts. SECAC Conference, Columbus, Ohio.

PlantBot Building Workshop, Pulse Art and Technology Festival. Telfair Museums, Savannah, Georgia.

Artist Lecture. Professional Practice Class, Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Artist Lecture. Crossing Boundaries: Art and the Future of Energy. Pensacola Museum of Art, Pensacola, Florida.

2016 Artist Lecture. Figge Art Museum. Davenport, Iowa.

Panelist. SECAC Conference, Roanoke, Virginia.

Moth Workshop. Longfellow Liberal Arts School, Davenport, Iowa.

PlantBot Workshop. Augustana Teaching Museum, Rock Island, Illinois.

2015 Artist Lecture. California University of Pennsylvania Department of Art and Design. California, Pennsylvania.

Artist Lecture. Slippery Rock University Art Department and the Department of Geology, Geography and the Environment, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania.

Panelist, Soft Science. SECAC Conference. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Artist Lecture. PlantBot Genetics. The Nevelle Public Museum. Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Artist Lecture, AgriCULTURE Closing and Harvesting Event. Herndon Gallery, Antioch College. Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Artist Lecture, PlantBot Genetics. The Studios of Key West. Key West, Florida.

Artist Lecture, *Towards a Better Future*. College Art Association Invitation to ArtSpace. New York, New York.

Artist Lecture, Ideas in Sight Lecture Series: PlantBot Genetics. Savanna College of Art and Design (SCAD). Savannah, Georgia.

2014 Artist Lecture, *PlantBot Genetics*. Long Island University, Long Island, New York.

Artist Lecture, Ignite #38. Mediamatic Foundation, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Panelist, In Cahoots: Collaborative and Interdisciplinary Projects. SECAC Conference, Sarasota, Florida.

PlantBot Workshop. Elaine L. Jacob Gallery, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan

Artist Lecture, *Great Minds Lecture Series*. The College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia

2013 Artist Lecture. Gertrude Herbert Institute of Art, Augusta, Georgia

Panelist, We Could Be Heroes: Monsters and Heroes in Contemporary Art Symposium. Brigham Young University Museum of Art. Provo, Utah

Panelist, How the Personal is Political: Southeastern College Art Conference (SECAC), Greensboro, North Carolina.

2012 Artist Lecture. St. Edward's University Fine Arts Gallery, Austin, Texas

Artist Lecture, PlantBot Genetics. The New Gallery, Calgary, Canada

Artist Lecture and Workshop, PlantBot Genetics. State University of New York (SUNY) Geneseo, Geneseo, New York

Artist Lecture and Workshop, PlantBot Genetics. Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

Artist Lecture and Workshop, PlantBot Genetics. Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania

Panelist, Disrupt This Session. College Art Association Conference, Los Angeles, California

Community Event, PlantBot Genetics. OxBow Meadows Environmental Learning Center, Columbus Georgia

Raidus 250 Invitational Panelist, Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi

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