

# Marcia Morse Mullins

## *Basketry Artisan*

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### **ARTIST STATEMENT**

My work celebrates Nature and the interconnectedness of all life on earth. Natural shapes, patterns, and concepts are at the heart of my creations. I primarily work in materials foraged from the environment and manipulated with time-honored techniques. My preferred medium is black ash splint, but biodiversity changes in northern forests have required incorporating other natural fibers into my work. Whether functional or form-based, my weavings employ advanced fine work techniques and the carefully planned movement of fibers to combine disparate materials into a new whole.

I learned the traditions of black ash 40 years ago from a Potawatomi elder and I honor his teachings to this day. I have been recognized by the Michelangelo Foundation for Creativity & Craftsmanship as a basketry artisan who preserves the traditions of black ash basketry for future generations.

My work has been exhibited in the United States, Canada, and Italy.

### **Selected Achievements**

#### **Woven Earth**

January – February 2027  
Museum of Florida Art & Culture  
South Florida State College, Avon Park, FL

#### **Homofaber.com**

March 2026  
Michelangelo Foundation for Creativity and Craftsmanship  
My profile will introduce US artists in Homo Faber guide

#### **Vessel & Form: Contemporary Ceramics and Fiber Art**

June 2026  
Curator & Artist  
Invitational Group Exhibition  
Momentum Gallery, Bartow, FL

#### **WEDU Arts Plus**

Featured Interview, Season 13, Episode 20  
<https://www.wedu.org/shows/artsplus/>

#### **Form Over Function**

April 2024 – April 2025  
Yearlong Installation of Mathematical Art  
Science Museum of Virginia, Richmond, VA

#### **Hyperbole**

May 16 – June 22, 2024  
Juried exhibition of works exploring hyperbole in art  
Mulberry Cultural Center, Mulberry, FL

#### **Homo Faber 2024: The Journey of Life Exhibit**

Sept 1 – 30, 2024  
Michelangelo Foundation for Creativity & Craftsmanship  
International Art Exhibit  
San Giorgio Maggiore Island, Venice, Italy

#### **Best of Polk 2024**

November 2024  
Juried exhibition of the county's best artwork  
Winter Haven, FL  
*Received Best of Show Award for Forest Reflections*

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#### EDUCATION

Master of Nonprofit  
Management  
University of Central Florida

Bachelor of Science  
Botany/Plant Science  
University of Illinois

#### SKILLS

Plant Identification  
Native vs Invasive Plants  
Foraging Natural Materials  
Traditional Basketry  
Contemporary Techniques  
Exhibit Curation  
Basketry Instruction

#### COMMUNITY

Art Pop Steet Gallery  
Charlotte, NC  
Board Secretary  
2019-2021

Bartow Art Guild  
Bartow, FL  
Board President  
2022-present

Take Two Art  
Australia  
Botany Specialist  
2022-present

#### Connecting Fibers

November 2022  
Solo Art Exhibit  
Momentum Gallery, Bartow, FL

#### Nesting Instinct

January 2019 – December 2020  
Art In the Park, Outdoor Installation of Living Basketry  
Loyce E Harpe Park, Mulberry, FL

#### Exhibition of Mathematical Art

January 2019  
Joint Mathematics Meeting & Convention  
"Tessellation" featured on exhibition catalog cover

#### Professional Association of Visual Artists Exhibit

December 2019  
*Merit Award for Feather Basket & Quilt Square Basket*  
Pinewoods Gallery, Largo, FL

#### Lakeland Spotlight: Marcia Morse Mullins

2019  
Regal Lakeland  
<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1231218760364221>

#### ArtPop Street Gallery

January – December 2018  
Year-long Public Art Billboard Installation  
Featured Image: Triptych of Interplay II  
Highway 27, Lake Hamilton, FL

#### Epcot International Festival of the Arts

2018 Seminar Presenter  
Odyssey Festival Showplace  
Epcot Theme Park, Orlando, FL

#### Garden Baskets: From, For, and In the Garden

May – September 2018  
Philip Dickel Basket Museum, West Amana, IA  
*Received Honorable Mention Award*

#### National Basketry Organization

Summer 2018  
Members in Print, Juried Art Exhibit  
Featured weaving: Pesca Pod

#### Eye For Art Feature

2014  
Paul O'Neill Films  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1KkHOGAkbo>