## **Sherry Masters**

A native of the Asheville, NC area, Sherry Masters is self-employed as owner of Art Connections Tours. Art Connections, established in 2013, is a company designed to take participants interested in experiencing the art culture of Western NC on a curated tour of artist studios, galleries and art attractions. Masters' background includes over 20 years with



Grovewood Gallery where she was involved in all aspects of the business, and was general manager and buyer for 16 years. Prior to Grovewood Gallery Masters worked for the Southern Highland Craft Guild at the Allanstand Craft Shop for 4 years, and for 2.5 years was employed by professional guilter Georgia J. Bonesteel of Hendersonville, NC.

Sherry is presently co-chairperson of American Craft Week, an annual celebration in its 7th year, created to celebrate and build awareness of the craft industry in the United States.

Past juror experience includes:

May 6-7, 2016, TN Craft Festival, Nashville, TN, Judge for booth awards

April 16-17, 2016, 4 Bridges Art Festival, Chattanooga, TN, award selection

November 2015, 4 Bridges Art Festival, Chattanooga, TN, show juror

November 2014, Sevier Co Biennial Art Show, Arrowmont School, juror

August 2014, Woodland Art Fair, Lexington, KY, show juror and award judge

August 2013: Blue Spiral 1 Gallery, Beyond Containment Exhibit jury committee

April-May, 2013: Tryon Fine Arts Center Sculpture Exhibition, juror, show judge for awards.

March 17, 2011: KY Crafted, The Market, booth judge

February 2011: Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival submissions for fall show, juried artists images on disc

September 24-26, 2010: Heritage Arts & Crafts Festival, booth judge, Charles Town, WV

September 18, 2010: Art in Autumn, Weaverville, NC, booth Judge

Spring 2009: Turning to the Future, woodturning show juror, Grovewood Gallery

October 2008: NICHE Awards – Artists juror panel, Baltimore, MD

2006: Kentucky Craft Marketing Program, show juror and booth judge, Louisville, KY

2006/07: ACRE online juror for first ACRE Las Vegas show

October 2006, Spartanburg Art Museum, Sidewalk Art Show, booth judge, Spartanburg, SC

February 2006: Sunset Mountain Craft Festival, Asheville, NC booth juror

March 2005: KY Crafted, The Market, booth judge

April 2004: TACA craft show, Nashville, TN, booth judge

October 2002: American Craft Council, Albany, NY, juror panel for 2003 shows

October 2001: Niche Artist Awards juror panel, Baltimore, MD

October 2000: American Craft Council, Albany NY, juror panel for 2001 shows

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