

M A R Y J A N E B E G I N

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SUMMARY:

- **Rhode Island based award-winning children's book illustrator and author.**
- **22 years teaching experience at Rhode Island School of Design**, with expertise in teaching a broad range of conceptual, technical and professional courses.
- **21 years experience providing presentations and lectures** to schools and public organizations.
- **26 years experience as freelance illustrator** in a variety of Illustration industries: traditional publishing, educational publishing, character development for animation, advertising, licensing, and original art sales and exhibition.

EDUCATION:

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN

1981-1985

Providence, Rhode Island

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration- Honors

BROWN UNIVERSITY

2009

Providence, RI

Sheridan Teaching Certificate I

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Hasbro- Three-day workshop on Resin casting and Z-Brush 3D sculpting

2010

Harriet W. Sheridan Center Teaching Certificate Program at Brown University

2009

RISD Figure Sculpting Course-Summer Studies

2008

PTFA Grant Funded tutorials on Adobe digital programs

2008

SURTEX- Surface and Textile Licensing Show- lectures and workshops

2003-2007

ICON-Illustrators Conference - lectures and workshops

1999, 2003, 2004

ALA-American Library Association- lectures and workshops

2004

WORK HISTORY:

RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN

Providence, Rhode Island

Faculty- Adjunct, Senior Critic

1991-present

Faculty- Full-Time, Assistant Professor-Term Position

1998-2000, 2009-2010

COURSES: What's Your Story, Artistic License, Color Works, Master Affects, Electric Book, Illustration I, Illustration II, Illustration III, Characterization, The Portfolio, Mixed Media, Watercolor and The Picture Book. Other duties include developing curriculum and course materials, teaching and demonstrating the use of water color, pastel, acrylic, colored pencil, charcoal, drawing, designing, use of typography, layout, narrative image making, conceptual development, branding, marketing, critical analysis of artwork, coordinating guest lecturer visits, advising students on artistic and professional direction, providing corporate connections for internships, portfolio reviews, and job opportunities.

MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF ART

Boston, Massachusetts

Faculty- Adjunct, Instructor

1993- 1994

Taught undergraduate media courses- watercolors, pastels and acrylics. Other duties included slide presentations, student portfolio reviews, critiquing artwork, and providing demonstrations of technique.

KIRCHOFF/WOHLBERG, INC.

New York, New York

Art Editor & Director

1985- 1986

Edited and directed textbook projects for various publishing clients including Harcourt- Brace, Silver, Burdett & Ginn, and Houghton Mifflin.

WORKSHOPS:

- **SCBWI- New Media Day**
Eric Carle Museum, MA
2013
Participated in a panel discussion on ebooks and new media apps for books.
- **ICON June 2012 – Color Workshop at RISD**
Providence, RI

Provided workshop on color, material use, complimentary relationships and mixed media.

- **Rhode Island School of Design Continuing Education**
2000-present
Providence, RI
Provide workshops on developing professional portfolios for the children's book industry.
- **Hasbro**
2009, 2010, 2014
Pawtucket, RI
Provided all day workshops for designers interested in creative development-Included slide lecture and painting from the model with various materials.
- **Kindling Words at Ghost Ranch**
2008, 2009
Santa Fe, and Abiquiu, NM and Essex Junction, VT.
Designed and taught week-long curriculum including workshops and lectures for illustrators and writers of books-Young Adult, Middle Grade and Picture Book.
- **Barrington High School**
2007, 2008
Barrington, RI
Tutored high school seniors on creation of a book layout, sketches and finishes for semester-long Mentoring program for Senior Thesis Project.
- **Rhode Island School of Design Museum**
2004, 2007
Providence, RI
Provided lectures and presentations on the art of book creation from sketch to finished art.
- **Insomniac Games**
2007
Burbank, CA
Designed professional development program for game product development team on utilizing color in designing computer game *Ratchet & Clank*.
- **Sowams Elementary School**
2004
Barrington, RI
Developed and delivered a series of book making workshops for elementary school children that included development, layout design, illustration and book creation/self publishing.

COMMITTEES & SERVICE:

- **TEDMED 2013 Conference:** Overseeing, critiquing and organizing a team of students providing portraits for the conference in conjunction with the Illustration Department.
- **Internship + Professional Development Advisor:** Overseeing all departmental internships, including administrating the application process, coordinating company presentations and portfolio reviews, advising students on professional objectives and preparation of marketing strategies. Also am responsible for developing on going relationships with key stakeholders in a variety of industries. (2009-present)
- **HASBRO Internship Program:** Coordinated a professional internship program involving the development of three dimensional action figures for Hasbro's internship Program. The program involved several workshops, guest visits, a field trip to Hasbro and oversight of 12 students progress from sketch to finished cast and molded multi jointed original action figures.
- **Admissions Committee:** As a term member of the Illustration Department, I served on the Admissions committee, reviewing applicants for admissions, assisting in reviewing application policy and requirements and implementing new processes and processes for admissions and recruiting.
- **Illustration Department Field Trips:** Coordinated and led field trips for students to the *National Museum of American Illustration*, Newport, RI (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008). Coordinated and led daylong field trip for students to the *Surtex Trade Show* and *National Stationary Show* in NYC. (2008). Coordinated and led field trips to the *Rhode Island Children's Book Festival* at the Lincoln School, Providence, RI for an exhibit of student work and a special session with a renowned children's book author. (2005, 2006, 2007,2008)
- **Continuing Education:** Served as educational consultant to Curriculum Committee in developing Course design and curriculum for core continuing education children's book program offerings. (2002)
- **Illustration Department: Curriculum Committee and Guest Lecture Series-** Assisted in design and implementation of Illustration III course requirement and helped assess curricular needs for the department. Reinstated Guest Lecture Series, including recruiting speakers, coordinating bookings, creating and distributing publicity materials. (1998, 1999, 2000, 2001)
- **Instruction Committee-** Member of key educational policy advisory committee comprised of faculty and administration. Assess and determine curricular policy for all school departments. (1999)

ADDITIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

- **State of Rhode Island:** Commissioned by Senator Jack Reed to design and paint Christmas ornament for the White House, representing the state of Rhode Island. (2008)
- **State of Rhode Island:** Judged Rhode Island State Art Competition for current high school students, grades 9-12. (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011)
- **Providence Art Club:** Served as a member of New Members Committee – responsible for reviewing new member applications and portfolios. Served on Anthony Quinn Show committee as educational consultant - developing scholarship, workshop, and art education programming. (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)
- **CMYK MAGAZINE Competition:** Judged premiere competition of college art students for the first CMYK magazine ever published, and for the 10th anniversary issue. (1996, 2006)
- **Nayatt Elementary School, Barrington:** Serving as educational consultant to Art Enrichment Committee in developing programs for elementary school, and contributing experience to art department. (2004, 2005)
- **Brown Play School Member of Board of Trustees:** Determined operating policy on budget, hiring, curricular and a variety of other issues. (1999-2003)

FREELANCE (PARTIAL CLIENT LIST):

Publishing: Scott Foresman, Scholastic, Pearson Education, MacMillan-McGraw Hill, Harcourt, Stech-Vaughn, Rigby Publishing, HarperCollins Publishers, Delacorte Press, Sleeping Bear Press, Dell Publishing, Houghton Mifflin, Random House, Silver Burdett, Sesame St. Magazine, The Discovery Channel, Putnam, Children’s Television Workshop, The American Library Association, Little Brown and Co., Chronicle.

Advertising: Mead Johnson, Milton Bradley, AT&T, Pillsbury, Disney, Universal Studios, McDonalds, Proctor and Gamble, Johnson & Johnson, Wyeth Nutritionals, Hewlett Packard, See’s Candies, Celestial Seasoning’s Tea, Annie’s Homegrown Inc., Hasbro, Why Dragon Fly Inc., The Baby Society, Saatchi and Saatchi, Gray Advertising.

Licensing: Popshots Inc, Marcel Shurman, Franklin Mint, Applejack LTD., Danbury Mint, The Bradford Exchange, Merry Makers, Stave Puzzles, The Great American Puzzle Company, F.X. Schmid, Ceaco, Suns Out Inc., Venus Homes, Edaron Puzzles, Cookie Jar Entertainment.

BOOKS ILLUSTRATED:

- **My Little Pony, Under the Sparkling Sea,** Little Brown and Company (2013)
- **Willow Buds, When Toady Met Ratty,** Little Brown Books for Young Readers (2008)
- **Willow Buds, The Tale of Toad and Badger,** Little Brown Books for Young Readers (2008)
- **R is for Rhode Island Red,** Sleeping Bear Press (2005)

- **The Sorcerer's Apprentice**, Little Brown and Company (2005)
- **The Wind in the Willows**, SeaStar, a division of Chronicle Books (2002)
- **A Mouse Told His Mother**, Little Brown & Company (1997)
- **Little Mouse's Painting**, Morrow Junior Books (1992)
- **Before I Go to Sleep**, Putnam Publishing Group (1990)
- **The Porcupine Mouse**, Morrow Junior Books (1988)
- **My Best Friend Duc Tran: Meeting a Vietnamese-American Family**, Mesner Publishing (1987)
- **Jeremy's First Haircut**, Albert Whitman & Company (1986)

AWARDS/HONORS:

- **Providence Art Club** –*Second Place Pasquale Masiello Award (2011)*
- **Providence Art Club** –*Pasquale Masiello Award (2009)*
- **Providence Art Club**–*J. Banigan Sullivan Award (2009)*
- **State of Rhode Island** – *Honor for Rhode Island independence Day Exhibition (2006)*
- **Governor's Competition**– *Honorable Distinction (2006)*
- **City of Providence**– *Citizen's Citation (2005)*
- **Providence Art Club**– *Ruth W. Findley Award (2004)*
- **Society of Illustrators Los Angeles**– *Certificate of Merit (2003, 2004, 2005)*
- **Associated Press**– *Holiday Books Pick of the Year (2002)*
- **Association of Educational Publishers**– *Distinguished Achievement Award (2000)*
- **Society of Illustrators**– *Steven Donahos Award (1995)*
- **Society of Illustrators**–*Certificate of Merit (1986, 1988,1989, 1992, 1995, 1996, 2001)*
- **Communication Arts** –*Award of Excellence (1986, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1995, 1996)*
- **Bologna Book Fair, Critici in Erba Prize, Bologna Italy**– Little Mouse's Painting (1993)
- **New York Book Show, First Place Juvenile Trade**– Little Mouse's Painting (1992)
- **American Institute of Graphic Arts**– *Book Show Certificate of Excellence (1988)*
- **Bank Street College**– *Irma Simonton Black Award, The Porcupine Mouse (1988)*
- **Art Directors' Club**– *Merit Award (1986)*
- **Starred Reviews:** *The Boston Globe, Kirkus, School Library Journal, Booklist, Junior Library Guild Selection, Book of The Month Club Selection, American Bookseller*

EXHIBITIONS:

- **Rhode Island School of Design**–Faculty Show Illustration Department, (2011, 2013)
- **National Museum of American Illustration**– *My Little Pony, Under the Sparkling Sea*, solo exhibition, Newport, RI (2013)
- **We ART Boston**, traveling show for the Boston Children's Hospital (2013)
- **Providence Art Club**, *Back to the Future: From Wind in the Willows to Willow Buds* (May 2010)
- **Society of Illustrators**, Members Show–NYC, NY, (October 2010)
- **Wavepaint Gallery**, Ipswich MA 2010

- **URI Feinstein Campus: Imagination! The World of Children's Book Illustrators-** 2009
- **Fleet Library at Rhode Island School of Design-** *The Wind in the Willow: A 100th Anniversary*, Providence, RI- 2008 (on view until January 2009)
- **National Museum of American Illustration-** *Willow Buds & The 100th Anniversary of The Wind in the Willows*, solo exhibition, Newport, RI, 2008 (partial on view currently))
- **Hasbro Children's Hospital-** *Words + Pictures*, group show-Providence, RI (2008)
- **NeuroDevelopment Center,** *Words + Pictures: Rhode Island Celebrates Children's Books*, group exhibition, Providence, RI (2008)
- **Imago Gallery-** group exhibition, Warren, RI (2008)
- **The Society of Illustrators-** *Our Own Show*, NYC, NY (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)
- **The Society of Illustrators Member's Gallery-** solo exhibition, NYC, NY (1998, 2003, 2006)
- **University of Rhode Island,** *Celebration of Children's Book Author's and Illustrators*, Group exhibition- Providence Campus, RI (2004, 2006, 2009)
- **Newport Art Museum,** *Picturing the Page*, group exhibition, Newport, RI (2006)
- **Storyopolis-** *The Art of Children's Books*, group exhibition, Studio City, CA (2006)
- **The Rhode Island State House-** *Rhode Island Red at the State House*, solo exhibition, Providence, RI (2006)
- **Atrium Gallery-** *Governor's Competition Scenes of Rhode Island*, Providence, RI (2006)
- **Providence Art Club-** *Art of the Book*, two person exhibition, Providence, RI (2005)
- **Providence Art Club-** *Little Pictures Show-* group exhibition, Providence, RI (2005)
- **Providence Art Club-** *Member's Show, Small Works*, Providence RI (2003, 2004, 2005)
- **Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art,** - Faculty Biennial, Providence, RI (1993, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2010)
- **RISD Works-** solo exhibition, Providence, RI, 2002, group exhibition, Providence, RI (2005)
- **Elizabeth Stone Gallery-** Birmingham, Michigan (2000, 2001, 2003, 2004)
- **Books of Wonder Gallery** –solo exhibition, Beverly Hills, CA (1992, 2003)
- **Books of Wonder-** solo exhibition, NYC, NY (2002)
- **Grand Valley State University** -*The Fine Art of Contemporary Children's Art*, Allendale, MI (1999)
- **The Atrium Gallery,** *Picture Books + Images*, group exhibition, Providence, RI (1999)
- **The Storybook Holiday,** group exhibition, Hilton Head, South Carolina (1998)
- **The De Cordova Museum-** *Telling Stories With Pictures*, Lincoln, MA- 1997
- **Central Piedmont College-** *Exhibition of Playful Narratives*, Charlotte N.C. (1993)
- **Elizabeth Stone Gallery-** traveling Exhibition, Birmingham, MI (1993)
- **The Society of Illustrators-** Book Exhibition, NYC, NY (1988, 1989, 1992, 1995, 2001)
- **Springfield Art Association-** *25th Anniversary Celebration of Noted American Illustrators*, Springfield, IL (1989)
- **Faber Biron Art Association-** *Exhibition of the Exemplary Use of Color*, Stamford, CT (1985)

PRESS (PARTIAL LIST):

The Wall Street Journal- June 2013

The Round Stable- June 2013

- **The Providence Phoenix- Museum and Gallery-** May 2010, March 2013
- **Publisher's Weekly- May 2013 the Wall Street Journal-** June 2013
- **The Providence Journal- Lifebeat Section-** August 2009, June 2013
- **The Providence Journal Lifebeat Section-** April, May, June, 2008
- **Antiques and The Arts Weekly-** June, 2008
- **The Newton Bee-** July, 2008
- **Maine Antiques Digest** – July, 2008
- **Riverbank News, Kenneth Grahame Society-** Northern Ireland-April, 2008
- **Universal Penman-** April, 2008
- **Barrington Times-** December, 2007, April & February, 2008
- **RISDViews-** Fall, 2002, 2004 & 2005, Spring, 2008
- **Art Buyer Magazine-** 2006, 2007, 2008 – Spring Edition
- **Greetings Today-** Spring, 2007, 2008
- **Licensing Worldwide-** Spring, 2007
- **The Hampton Union-** February, 2007
- **NEARI Newslines-** April, 2006
- **Providence Journal Lifebeat, Spending, Best Bets Sections-** November, 2005
- **Newport This Week, Arts & Entertainment-** November, 2005
- **Arts & Antiques Magazine-** November, 2006
- **Rhode Island Monthly-** December 1999, October 2002 & 2005, May, 2006
- **The Parents Paper-** October, 2002
- **Through the Eyes of a Child, an Introduction to Children's Literature-** 1996
- **Communication Arts-** January/February, 1996
- **Talking to the Artists; Vol. II-** Simon & Schuster- 1995
- **Collector Editions Magazine-** 1993
- **Art & Design News-** November, 1991
- **Young Illustrator Series-** 1991

PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES (PARTIAL LIST):
SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES

- **Davis School-** Bedford, MA (2013)
- **Nayatt School-** Barrington (2013)
- **Amvet School, Attleboro-** MA, (1998- 2012)
- **Coventry Elementary Schools-** Coventry RI (2011)
- **Quidnessett Elementary School,** South County RI (2011)
- **Warwick Neck Elementary School,** Warwick RI (2011)
- **Providence Athenaeum-** Providence, RI (2008)
- **Guiteras School-** Bristol RI (2008)
- **St. Peter's School-** Warwick, RI (2008)
- **Pincroft School-** Norton, MA (2008)
- **Hugh Cole School-** Warren RI (2008)
- **Nayatt School Library-** Barrington, RI (2008)
- **Walter Ranger School-** Tiverton, RI (2008)
- **Amvet School, Attleboro-** MA, (1998- 2012)
- **Lincoln School-** Providence, RI (2007)

- **Elmhurst Elementary School**- Portsmouth, RI (2006, 2007)
- **Wyman Elementary School**- Warwick, RI (2007)
- **Hampden Meadows Elementary**- Barrington, RI (2007)
- **Elmhurst Elementary School**- Portsmouth, RI (2006, 2007)
- **Fishing Cove Elementary School**- North Kingston, RI (2006)
- **Seekonk Library**, Seekonk- MA (2006)
- **Mary E. Fogarty School**- Providence, RI (2006)
- **Myron J. Francis School**- Rumford, RI (2006)
- **Westerly Library**- Westerly, RI (2006)
- **Rhode Island Department of Education Conference**- Warwick, RI (2006)
- **Clayville Elementary School**- *Young Authors Program*, Scituate, RI (2005)
- **Marievill Elementary School**- N. Providence, RI (2005)
- **Audubon Society**- Bristol, RI (2005)
- **Newport Public Library**- Newport, RI (2005)
- **Barrington Public Library**- Barrington, RI (2005)
- **Moses Brown Lower School**, Providence, RI (2005)
- **St. Philomena School**, Portsmouth, RI (2005)
- **Melville School, Portsmouth**, RI (2005)
- **St. Michael's School**, Newport, RI (2005)
- **Wolf School, East Providence**, RI (2004)
- **Martin Elementary School, Seekonk**, RI (2004)
- **Fort Barton Elementary School**- Tiverton, RI (2004)
- **Nayatt Elementary School**- Barrington, RI (2004)
- **Sowams Elementary School**- Barrington, RI (2004)
- **Pawtucket Library Arts Festival**- Pawtucket, RI (2004)
- **St. Bridget School**- Framingham, MA (2004)
- **Metcalf Elementary School**- Exeter RI (2003)
- **Morse School Book Festival**- Cambridge, MA (2003)
- **William Windsor School**- Greenville- RI (2003)
- **Fairlawn Early Learning Center**- Lincoln, RI (2003)
- **Washington Oak School**- Coventry, RI (2002)
- **Martin Elementary School**-Attleboro, MA (2001, 2002)
- **Wheeler School**, Providence- RI (1999)
- **Tyler Free Library**-Foster, RI (1999)
- **Palmer River School**- Rehoboth, MA (1999)
- **Greenbush Elementary School**- West Warwick, RI (1996)
- **Norfolk Elementary School**- Norfolk, MA, (1995)
- **Pascoag Grammar School**- Burrillville, RI (1994)
- **Seekonk Library**-Seekonk, MA (1993)
- **Warwick Library**- Warwick, RI (1993)
- **Mallet School**, Farmington, ME (1993)
- **Rhode Island School of Design Continuing Education**, Providence, RI (1993)
- **National Education Association**- Teacher's Conference, Warwick, RI (1993)
- **Redlands Elementary School**- Redlands, CA (1992)
- **Lincoln School**- Providence, RI (1992)
- **University of Findlay**- Findlay, OH (1991)

- **Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**- Providence, RI (1991)
- **Rye Art Center**- Rye NY (1990)

INSTITUTIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

- **Eric Carle**- Amherst, MA (2013)
- **Norman Rockwell Museum**- Stockbridge, MA (2011)
- **Library of the Mind, RISD Auditorium**- Prov., RI (2010)
- **Eric Carle Museum**- Amherst, MA (2010)
- **Kindling Words**- Santa Fe NM (2009), Essex Junction VT (2009)
- **Panel Discussion, Delaware Book Festival**- Dover, DE (2008)
- **Southeast Regional Reading Council**- Swansea, MA (2008)
- **Local Author Series**- Cranston, RI (2008)
- **Daughters of the American Revolution**- North Kingston, RI (2008)
- **Holocaust Education and Research Center Luncheon**- Swansea, MA (2008)
- **National Museum of American Illustration**- Newport, RI (2008)
- **Providence Athenaeum**- Providence, RI (2008)
- **Women's Network, Narragansett**- RI (2007)
- **Lincoln School Children's Book Festival**- Providence, RI (2007)
- **Book & Author Luncheon**- Narragansett, RI (2006)
- **Rhode Island Department of Education**- Warwick, RI (2006)
- **New England Gifted and Talented Conference**- Warwick, RI (2006)
- **Reading Across America**- Warwick, RI (2006)
- **Rhode Island School of Design Museum**- Providence, RI, 2006 (2002)
- **Aquidneck Island Book Festival**- Newport, RI (2006)
- **Alpha Omega State Delta, Kappa Gamma**- Newport, RI (2006)
- **Women's Club- Book & Author Luncheon**- Narragansett, RI (2006)
- **New England Booksellers Association**- Providence, RI (2005)
- **Portsmouth Book Festival**- Portsmouth, RI (2005)
- **The National Family Literacy Conference**- N. Kingston, RI (1998)
- **The Rhode Island Festival of Children's Books and Authors**- Providence, RI (1998)
- **Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators Conference**- Providence, RI (1996)

MEMBERSHIPS:

- **Providence Art Club (inducted as Exhibiting Member in 2003- current)**
- **Society of Illustrators, NYC (inducted as Exhibiting Member in 1991- current)**
- **National Education Association**
- **Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators**
- **PTFA Rhode Island School of Design**

PRO BONO AND CHARITY WORK (PARTIAL LIST)

Donated time, designed books, posters, and given other promotion materials for charities such as:

- **Rhode Island Library Association**
- **Boston Children's Hospital**
- **GRACE Foundation**
- **Horizons Initiative**
- **Gateway Healthcare**
- **Hasbro Children's Hospital**
- **American Library Association**
- **Brown Play School**
- **Reach Out and Read Rhode Island**
- **All Children's Theatre**
- **Mount Hope Learning Center**
- **Providence Community Health Center**
- **NeuroDevelopment Center**
- **American Cancer Society**
- **Save Bristol Harbor**
- **All Children's Theatre**
- **Save the Bay**