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### EDUCATION

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- 1981 B.A., International Business Administration and French, University of Uppsala, Sweden  
1982 Postgraduate Diploma in Economics of the EU, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
2016 Reiki Master  
Ongoing Studies at Mid-Atlantic School of Herbalism to become a Certified Herbalist

### BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

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- 1981 - 1988 Various accounting and financial positions in Sweden and in the United States  
1983 Started business, importing studio made brass articles from Sweden.  
1988 – 1998 The Art League, Inc. Assistant Executive Director (until 1997) and Executive Director thereafter  
The Art League is a not for profit organization, at the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria, VA, dedicated to working artists. It has a membership gallery with about 1000 members where artists can exhibit in monthly exhibits. It also runs a non-credit art school which serves over 2000 students per semester  
1999 until present. Self employed textile artist, selling and exhibiting locally, nationally and internationally. Teaching workshops in fabric sculpture at places such as the Smithsonian Institution.

### NON PROFIT BOARD EXPERIENCE

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- 1988-1998 Working with a board of Directors as an employee of a non-profit organization  
2003-2004 Artist Association of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria, VA, Treasurer  
2008-2015 DC Art Studios, Washington DC, Treasurer  
2015-present Trust for Virgin Islands Lands, Christiansted, VI, Treasurer

### CONSERVATION COMMITMENT

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Strong personal interest in environmental and cultural preservation issues  
Financial contributions to the Trust for Virgin Islands Lands over the last three years

