

Susan Ryles



Retiring in 2002 after a 28+ year career with BellSouth in Human Resources, Susan returned to school to study what was always her first love, art, at the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) in Atlanta. She earned her BFA in Sculpture in 2009 (Summa Cum Laude). Susan's interest in the three-dimensional world began in the late 90's with wheel thrown and hand built clay/ceramics as a creative outlet and stress reliever from a hectic corporate career. After graduating from SCAD, Susan participated in an arts incubator program, part of the revitalization efforts of the downtown historic district in Stone Mountain Georgia, where she owned and ran a small art gallery and studio. This led to a position as the Executive Director of the Downtown Development Authority and the Main Street organization for the City of Stone Mountain. After taking the Executive Director's position at Glynn Visual Arts in 2015, most of Susan's creative energies are spent managing Glynn Visual Arts, a non-profit community arts center on Saint Simons Island, a perfect blending of her artistic and business experience.

- Executive Director - Glynn Visual Arts, Saint Simons Island, GA, 2015-Current
- Executive Director - Main Street & Downtown Development Authority, Stone Mountain, GA , 2011-2013
- Butterfly House Studio & Gallery Owner, Stone Mountain, GA, 2010-2012
- BFA Sculpture 2009 (Summa Cum Laude) - Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD) - Atlanta, GA
- Clay Artist, Atlanta, GA - Own clay studio. Exhibited and sold original hand built clay art
- 2006 President Tucker Arts Guild, Tucker, GA - www.tuckerartsguild.org
- BellSouth Telecommunications Career Employee, Jacksonville, FL/Atlanta, GA - Retired as Human Resources Manager with 28+ years experience