

Greene Acres Art Studio

Lori Illner Greene • artist bio

Lori Illner Greene took on the role of Executive Director of the Fort Madison Area Arts Association at the end of May in 2021. She is responsible for operations of the Art Center, exhibit curation, public relations, and administration of the Association of working artists and supporters. While her role spans all areas, she is focusing on program development, expansion of events, cultural activities, and classes in accordance with a stated mission of expanding arts and cultural learning in the community.

As an artist, Lori Illner Greene has created work reflective of place and explores ideas of fragility through figurative sculpture, pastels, and encaustic painting. Her work is often informed by ideas of energetic connections associated with particle physics. She utilizes the technique of paper mâché like assemblage, sometimes including bits of material collected from her wanderings, to create sculptures that become the subject of her photographic imagery, drawings, and paintings.

Illner Greene participated in both solo and group exhibitions at Loyola University, Chicago, IL; Waubensee Community College Sugar Grove, IL; and Fort Madison Area Arts Association (FMAAA), Fort Madison, IA. She participated in the *SkyWay* juried exhibition in 2004 held annually in varying Chicago suburbs and multiple ongoing juried public art exhibitions hosted by the city in Aurora, IL in 2006 and 2007. Recent solo exhibitions are *Pastels* at FMAAA in 2018, and *Raptors* at the Visiting Artists Gallery, Burlington, IA in 2019. She participated in a group exhibit with artists Eric Cross and Jessica Larsen in August 2021 in Incline Village, Nevada entitled *Midway*.

Attending Mundelein College (Loyola University) 1987-91, she graduated with a bachelor's in history, minoring in both art and biology. Returning to study both art history and studio art she attended Waubensee from 2003-2007. Illner Greene enrolled in Sierra Nevada University (University of Nevada) in 2020 and will graduate with an MFA in Interdisciplinary Arts in the Fall of 2022. Her art education bookends and punctuates a career spanning GPS information system and agribusiness consulting, information systems design, historical building renovations and proprietorship of the Kingsley Inn, and it informs her current role as Executive Director of the Fort Madison Area Arts Association and the Art Center they provide to the community. She resides in Niota, Illinois with her husband, Eric Greene, where she has Greene Acres Art Studio.