

FORT GANSEVOORT

YVONNE WELLS

1939 Tuscaloosa, AL

EDUCATION

1964 BA, Stillman College, Tuscaloosa, AL

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2023-2024 *Spotlight Series, American South Consortium Exhibition: Yvonne Wells*, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Montgomery, AL; Columbia Museum of Art, Columbia, SC; Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, AL; Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, CT

2023 *Yvonne Wells: Play The Hand That's Dealt You*, Fort Gansevoort, New York, NY.

2022 *Yvonne Wells*, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Montgomery, AL.

2021 *Yvonne Wells: The Stories We Tell, In collaboration with Jessica Lynne*, Fort Gansevoort (Online exhibition).

2013 *Piecing Together History: Civil Rights Quilts by Yvonne Wells*, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Montgomery, AL.

2012 *Telling Stories: Quilted Art by Yvonne Wells*, Carnegie Visual Arts Center, Decatur, AL.

2011-2012 *Yvonne Wells: Quilted Messages*, International Quilt Museum, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 *One Stitch at a Time: Southern Vernacular Quilts*, LSU Museum of Art, Baton Rouge, LA.
Voices Carry: Art by Alabama Women, Birmingham Public Library, Birmingham, AL.
WRONGED, Galerie Marguo, Paris, FR

2023 *Strike Fast, Dance Lightly: Artists on Boxing*, FLAG Art Foundation, New York, NY.
Feeling of light, Almine Rech, Brussels, Belgium.

2021 *Charlie Lucas and Yvonne Wells: What I Knew How to Do*, EBSCO Fine Art Gallery, The Shelby County Arts Council, Columbiana, AL and Wiregrass Museum of Art, Dothan, AL.
Good Trouble: Civil Rights Past & Present, Kentuck Art Center, Northport, AL.

2020 *Pieces and Patterns: Quilts of West Alabama*, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Montgomery, AL.

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- 2018 *The Original Makers: Folk Art from the Cargo Collection*, Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL.
- 2017-18 *From Heart To Hand: African-American Quilts from the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts*, Albany Museum of Art, Albany, GA.
- 2015-2016 *African-American Quilts from the Cargo Collection*, International Quilt Museum, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE.
- 2014 *Creator/Created*, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Montgomery, AL.
From Heart to Hand: African-American Quilts from the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL; Montclair Art Museum, Montclair, NJ
- 2011 *Black History Month at GMA*, Gadsden Museum of Art, Gadsden, AL.
- 2008 *Stitching History: The Story Quilts of Yvonne Wells*, Cloisters of Saint Augustine, Pietrasanta, Italy.
Quilts and Human Rights, Michigan State University Museum, MI.
- 2000 *Alabama Art 2000*, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Montgomery, AL and N.A.L.L. Art Association, Vence, France and Museum of Tourettes sur Loup, Tourettes sur Loup France.
- 1992 *Narrations: The Quilts of Yvonne Wells and Carolyn Mazloomi*, Louisville Visual Art Association, Louisville, KY.
- 1991 *Quilts: The Patterns of History*, Castle Gallery at New Rochelle College, New Rochelle, NY.
- 1989 *Stitching Memories: African American Story Quilts*, Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, MA.
- 1987 *The Art of Black America*, Terada Gallery, Tokyo, Japan.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Creative Director of Tuscaloosa 200 Bicentennial project & memory quilt, 2019
Governor's Arts Award, 2019
Alabama Arts and Visual Craftsmen Award, 1998
Created an ornament for the White House Christmas Tree, 1993
Kentuck Art Festival Best in Show, 1985, 1990, 1991, 1995, 1997, 2004

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PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts, Little Rock, AR
Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL
Flint Institute of Arts, Flint, MI
Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, MI
International Quilt Museum, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
Kentuck Art Center, Northport, AL
Mobile Museum of Art, Mobile, AL
Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, Montgomery, AL
Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington D.C.
The Bunker, West Palm Beach, FL
Wiregrass Museum of Art, Dothan, AL
Weisman Art Museum, Minneapolis, MN

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- 2014 Schwendener, Martha. "The Practical Art of Quilting", *The New York Times*, November 15.
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