

Rae Duncan

Paper Artist

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ARTIST PROFILE

Rae Duncan is an artist who works primarily in the medium of paper.

She earned her Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Fine Arts from California State University, Los Angeles. Professionally, she has over 25 years of art experience in the corporate arena. She held various positions, beginning as an Illustrator, Graphic Designer, and Apparel Designer, and worked her way into leadership positions as an Art Director, Creative Director, Director of Marketing & Advertising, and ultimately, Director of Product Development. Her career provided her with the wonderful opportunity to work in and travel to numerous other countries worldwide, primarily in mainland China. She is genuinely grateful for those opportunities, as they afforded her a chance to learn

from the many artisans she met along the way.

Today, Rae specializes in paper art, fashioning handmade designs from all paper types — archival, recycled, specialty, cardboard, etc.

“I truly enjoy the artistic experience of creating something beautiful from nothing more than a few pieces of paper and my imagination,” Rae said. “Nature usually directs my path, and I constantly draw upon it for inspiration. Through my art I show the fluidity of paper, revealing the many possibilities of this material and bringing forth the beauty that lies within.”

Rae sells her original paper art paintings primarily through local galleries, personal referrals, and during the annual Newnan-Coweta Juried Art Show. These 2-dimensional paper paintings are made with hand-cut archival paper, individually placed and mounted onto canvas, then sealed with gel medium or resin.

Another way that Rae demonstrates her love of art is through teaching Paper Art Workshops for the Coweta Public Library System. Rae has taught these educational and engaging workshops for over ten years. Created exclusively for libraries, they are highly successful in enhancing each library's adult education programs, driving up attendance, and fostering goodwill within the community,

Rae enjoys paper crafting; where she creates exhibits and sells exquisite handmade floral creations from crepe paper, bond paper, archival papers, and even recycled books! Her unique style combines a bit of whimsy with familiar forms, usually found in nature. "I purposefully chose paper (recycled papers) as my medium to promote sustainability."

Rae believes in being actively involved in her community and enjoys volunteering. She currently serves as the vice president of the Newnan-Coweta Art Association, Inc. (NCAA) and is the NCAA Chair of the Student Scholarship Committee, working in partnership with the Patrons of the Centre Student Scholarship Board. Before these positions, Rae served as a board member of the Friends of the Coweta Public Library System (CPLS-FOL). When time permits, she volunteers at her church, Saint Smyrna Baptist Church. She is also a lifetime (board) member of the D.B. Friends of the Library in California where she learned the positive and extraordinary powers of volunteerism!

Rae resides in Newnan with her family. You can follow her on [Instagram](#) or reach her via email at rae2crafty@gmail.com.