

Dara Dodson Fine Art

Resume

Education

- 1961-1969: Eight years formal art schooling in Bryan Station Junior High, Bryan Station Senior High School, Lexington, KY and Bourbon County High School, Paris, KY under teachers who were professional artists.
- 1970-2023: Studied under professional artists: Richard Robinson, Stefan Baumann, Paul Krater, John MacDonald, E. John Robinson, James Yarnell, Thomas Jefferson Kitts, Rick Howell, Elin Pendleton, Cesar Santos (living master), Carl Bretzke, Cindy Baron, and Richard Schmid. Workshops under professional artists whenever possible, such as James Yarnell, Ray Brilli, Bertrand Martin (France), Morgan Weistling
- 2023-Current: Ongoing study under two living master artists: Eduardo Salazar, Fort Worth, TX and Andrew Tischler (New Zealand)

Experience

- Taught Acrylic painting at First Coast Technical College in St. Augustine, FL - 3 years.
- Taught drawing/painting course via Zoom during/after Covid pandemic to international student body -3 years
- Private drawing/painting classes in my studio – all age groups – ongoing
- Judge for St Johns County middle schools' art contest at St Augustine Art Association
- Associate Judge for St Johs County middle schools' art contest St Augustine Art Association
- Taught Bargue drawing workshops at both St Augustine Art Association (STAAA) and at the Art Collective Gallery in St Augustine, FL - 2025
- Volunteer - Plein-Air Paint Out St Augustine - 2025
- Taught Composition workshop at STAAA - May 2026

- Judge of St Johns County schools' art contest for "A Day Without Violence" in association with the Betty Griffin Center -2026
- Current: Docent at STAAA hosting visitors
- Current: Docent at the Art Collective Gallery
- Featured in Society news article: Portland News, Portland, Tx December 1987
- Featured in St Augustine Record, June 2018
- Featured in Bourbon County Citizen, Paris, Ky, August 2019
- Featured in First Coast Senior Living, April 2026

Exhibitions

- Lexington Public Library – Solo Exhibition – 1975
- STAAA – Exhibited in most monthly juried group shows – 2015-2025
- Featured Artist – St Augustine Beach Art Studio – September 2017
- Featured Artist – Ocean Art Gallery, Ormond Beach – January 2018
- Featured Artist – Art Collective St Augustine – April 2025
- Featured Artist Special Showing – "Olde Florida "Cracker" Heritage"- ART COLLECTIVE– September 2026
- Solo Exhibition - Karpeles Manuscript Library Museum, St Augustine November-December 2026

Awards

- 1st place Award – Breakfast Optimist Art Fair – 1962
- 2nd place Award – Breakfast Optimist Art Fair 1963
- 1st place Award – Art Exhibit Bryan Station Senior High School - 1966
- 3rd place Award – Art Exhibit Bryan Station Senior High School – 1965
- 3rd place Award – Art Exhibit Bryan Station Senior High School – 1964
- 1st place Award – Bourbon County Art Show - 1968
- 4th place Award "Fantastic Florida Art Show"- STAAA - November 2023
- 2nd place Award "Tactile Art Show" – STAAA – October 2024
- "People's Choice" Award – ART COLLECTIVE – July 2025

- 4th place Award “What We See in Shadows” Art Show–STAAA–Sept 2025
- “People’s Choice” Award-ART COLLECTIVE-October 2025
- 2nd place Award “Faces & Figures Art Show” – STAAA- January 2026
- “People’s Choice” Award – ART COLLECTIVE – May 2026
- “People’s Choice” Award – ART COLLECTIVE – August 2026

Represented by the ART COLLECTIVE Gallery in St Augustine, FL – 2024 to Present

Collected by corporations and private collectors internationally.