

Gina Niederhumer



Gina Niederhumer, artist and traveler between North and South, describes her journey through life via needle and thread. Themes spread from the past to the present, between Europe and Africa, often engaging with family history, old photographs and textiles. Working with found objects from her home country and texts from her journals, Gina tries to search for meaning behind her up-rootment and transforms the seemingly irresolvable into tangible artworks. By engaging with her family's story she tries to make sense of her own life. Gina has moved to South Africa at the age of 19. Coming from a long line of needlewomen, she connects with them through her work and combines past traditions with her fine art practice. Although the impulse for her work might come from the personal and private, the concerns she addresses are part of the larger human condition and applicable in a universal context.

Gina lives and works in Cape Town.

Education

- 2014 – 2016

Masters in Fine Art, UCT

- 2009 – 2013

BVA Studies at UNISA

- 2007

Drawing for a Communal Diary, Summer Academy (Salzburg, Austria)

- 1998 – 2000

Fine Art Studies at UNISA

- 1978 – 1980

Academy for Artistic and Industrial Design (Linz, Austria)

Selected Exhibitions

- 2016

Portrait of a Needlewoman – Mogalakwena Gallery (Cape Town) solo

- 2015

MEND – Masters Graduation Exhibition, Michaelis Gallery (Cape Town)

and/or - Masters Group Show, Michaelis Gallery (Cape Town)

Industrial Karoo – Fear & Loss (Pretoria, Cape Town)

Sewing a history of healing - Mogalakwena Gallery (Cape Town)

Black & White Contemporary – Kim Sacks Gallery (Johannesburg)

- 2014

Major Minor V (Johannesburg, Durban)

Industrial Karoo – Fear & Loss (Bloemfontain)

- 2013

Art Fair (Johannesburg)

Major Minor IV - (Durban, Kenya, Ontario)

CCDI Handmade Collection (Cape Town)

Angel- Grande Provence Gallery (Franshoek)

- 2012

Pointure - UJ Art Gallery (Johannesburg)

Contexturise - UJ FADA Gallery (Johannesburg)

KKNK, (Oudtshoorn)

In Bloom II - Casa Labia (Muizenberg)

Design indaba, CCDI, Handmade collection (Cape Town)

I am safe here - Artspace Gallery, (Johannesburg) 2 person show

The Painted Word - Grande Provence Gallery (Franshoek)

ArtSpace Exhibition at Jan Celliers (Johannesburg)

- 2011

BVA UNISA Graduation Exhibition - Grande Provence (Franshoek)

ArtSpace at Jan Celliers (Johannesburg)

Kimonos - National Quilt Festival (Stellenbosch)

- 2010 & 2009

Major Minor III – Rochester (New York, Cape Town)

Insight - Rust-en-Vrede Gallery (Cape Town)

Wordfest (Stellenbosch)

Voyages of Discovery - Fiberworks VI - Art.B Gallery (Cape Town)

Vista - Fiberworks V- (Durban)

African Melee Exhibition: Traditions, Magic Rituals and Heritage – 15th Carrefour
European Patchwork Exposition – St. Marie-aix-Mines, (Alsace, France)

- 2008 & 2007

Innovative Threads (Cape Town)

Don't be so Square - Travelling Exhibition (South Africa)

World Quilting Competition (USA)

Design Indaba (Cape Town)

- 2006 & 2005

Innovative Threads (Cape Town)

National Quilt Festival (Port Elizabeth)

Fragments of the Past – Art Hotel (Riebeeck-Kasteel) solo

The Sandrooms – Empire Cafe (Cape Town) solo

Sands of Time - Travelling Exhibition (South Africa)

- 1989 - 1992

Studio Route Exhibitions (Johannesburg)

- 1990 - 2002

Stars for Africa - National Quilt Festival (Durban)

National Quilt Festival (Cape Town)

Around the Bend - Travelling Quilt Exhibition (South Africa)

Commissions and Studio work

- 2002

Textile Studio – (Muizenberg, Cape Town)

- 2004

Commission: Banner Quilt for “Sustainable Energy for Africa” (CT)

- 1992 – 1997

Textile Studio (Greenside, Johannesburg)

- 1981 – 1984

Costumes and Backdrop for “Das Kleintheater” (Johannesburg)

Publications

Mend - (2015)

Mend - Vernähte Fäden (2015)

and/or (2015)

Craft Art in South Africa (2015)

Fear & Loss the industrial Karoo (2015)

Pointure (2012)

Fibreworks - Major Minor (2012)

Between (2011)

A Knitting Adventure (2011)

Vermächtnis (2010)

Absolution Cloth (2010)

Innovative Thread: a decade of South African Fibre Art (2006)