



Deb Strong Napple

Creating a New Beauty in Flagstaff, AZ

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Artist's Statement

Deb Strong Napple is a synesthete whose work removes barriers between thinking and feeling, seeing and hearing, printmaking and painting, landscape and abstract. Deb's pieces are journeys of intense emotion composed of color and form that free participants' imaginations.

As a synesthetic artist, Deb, hears musical notes and tones while painting landscapes en plein air, and she has been further blessed with color as an emotional language.

Deb is not limited to any particular medium. Rather, she combines her gifts to create evocative prints, paintings, and other works in her studio through a poetic process that expresses emotional dimensions through visual means.

Selected shows and awards:

Selected Artist-in-Residence

Petrified Forest National Park
August, 2018

From New Jersey to Arizona and Back, Deb Strong Napple

Art for Healing Gallery, Princeton NJ
November 2017 - February 2018

Breaking the Barrier

Coconino Center for the Arts
May, 2017

A Wild Beauty

Coconino Center for the Arts
October, 2016

Long Views: Etchings, Woodcuts and Paintings

Solo Show
Red Raven Art Company, Lancaster, PA,
August 2014

New Faces Exhibit

Artists' House Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
March, 2013

The Stella Drabkin Memorial Award

ACPS Annual Member Exhibition, Philadelphia, PA
October, 2012

71st Annual Juried Exhibition,

Woodmere Art Museum, Philadelphia, PA
July 28 – September 30, 2012
Awarded Pearl Van Sciver Prize

The Color Woodcut Purchase Prize

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
May 2010 and May 2011

Excellence in Printmaking Exhibition

Washington Printmakers Gallery, Silver Spring, MD
February, 2011

A Reverence for Water

Printmaking Council of New Jersey
October, 2010

Absolutely Abstract 2010

Philadelphia Sketch Club
September 2010

PRINTWORK 2010

National Juried Show of Printmaking and
Print/Mixed Media
Barrett Art Center, Poughkeepsie, NY
August 2010

The Color Woodcut Purchase Prize

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
May 2010

The Artists of the Carlson Trust

Oxford Art Alliance, Oxford, PA
May 2010

Featured Emerging Artist

Red Raven Art Company, Lancaster, PA,
September 2009

Carlson Landscape Residency

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
May 2009

Contemporary Voices

69th Annual Juried Exhibition
Woodmere Art Museum, Philadelphia, PA
March 2009

Education

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
Philadelphia, PA
Certificate in Printmaking, Minor in Painting
2007-2011

Old Dominion University
Norfolk, VA
B.A. in English, emphasis on Creative Writing
1985

Speaking Engagements and Writing

“Six Ways that Printmaking is Like Sex,”
Pecha Kucha Presentation
Flagstaff, AZ June 2016

“What is Printmaking,” Gallery talk
Abington Art Center
April 2013

“What is a Printmaker? ”
Woodmere Art Museum’s Artist Spotlight Series, 2012 This article was written for, and published online by, the Woodmere Museum of Art in Philadelphia to accompany the 2012 annual juried show.

Art-at Lunch Series speaker
Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Phila. PA
May, 2011

Featured speaker
Octoraro Art Association
Oxford, PA
November 6, 2010

Collections

Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin, P.C.
Philadelphia, PA

Welbrook Senior Living
Flagstaff, AZ

Banner Healthcare System
Phoenix, AZ

University Medical Center of Princeton
Princeton, NJ

MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper
Camden, NJ

Ernest Healthcare
Flagstaff, AZ

Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
Print Department, Philadelphia, PA

**Private collections in Washington, DC,
Los Angeles, CA, Arizona and Philadelphia, PA**