## MORGAN R. BUCKERT

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Morgan Buckert creates hand-crafted cowboy boots in her Hailey, Idaho, shop. Her upbringing on a ranch in South Texas continues to influence her today and brings a traditional Western element to her work. She works with leather because of the longevity of the product and the versatility of the material. Morgan builds cowboy boots employing traditional techniques such as welting and hand stitching and controls the medium through her hands, meaning each piece is unique, loved and sweat over, and meant to last a lifetime.

#### **EDUCATION**

## 2022 Wes Shugart

Nashville, Tennessee

One-on-one workshop with master bootmaker Wes Shugart

## 2022 National Center for Creative Aging

Boise, Idaho

 Three-day workshop on creative aging supported by Idaho Commission on the Arts

#### 2016-2018 Seth Teichert

MacKay, Idaho

Apprenticeship with bootmaker Seth Teichert

#### 2015 Footwear Symposium

Ashland, Oregon

- Attended first Footwear Symposium
- Founding Member of Footwear Guild

#### 2014 Penland School of Crafts

Penland, North Carolina

Received Work/Study scholarship to attend "Hand-Welted Shoemaking"

#### 2013 Penland School of Crafts

Penland, North Carolina

Received Work/Study scholarship to attend "Shoemaking with Toes Exposed"

## 2004-2006 University of New Mexico

Albuquerque, New Mexico

- M.A., History, U.S. West
- Thesis: "Silver Spoons:" Class and Conservation on Silver Creek, Idaho

## 2001-2004 University of Texas

Austin, Texas

- B.A., History, Minor in Geological Sciences
- B.A., Government

**AWARDS** 

#### 2022 CERF+ "Get Ready" Grant

Montpelier, Vermont

• Received "Get Ready" grant to improve the working conditions in workshop.

#### 2020 Idaho Commission on the Arts

Boise, Idaho

• Received Covid Relief grant for traditional artists working in Idaho.

#### 2019 Mazie Morrison Foundation

Absarokee, Montana

 Education grant from Sisters on the Fly-related foundation to work with cowboy boot maker Wes Shugart in Nashville, Tennessee.

#### 2017 Idaho Commission on the Arts

Boise, Idaho

 Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program recipient from Idaho Commission on the Arts to work with cowboy boot maker, Seth Teichert in MacKay, Idaho. The formal apprenticeship includes demonstration projects.

#### 2016 Idaho Commission on the Arts

Boise, Idaho

 Received Quick Funds Individual Project Grant from Idaho Commission on the Arts in Traditional Folk Art to work with cowboy boot maker, Seth Teichert in MacKay, Idaho

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**EXHIBITIONS** 

#### January-March 2023 Western Folklife Center

Elko, Nevada

 Cowboy Boots exhibited in "30 Years of Contemporary Cowboy Gear" in the Wiegand Gallery at the Western Folklife Center during the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering

## November 2022 Idaho Cowgirl Congress Idaho Falls, Idaho

- Three day event with education, networking, public exhibition, and auction organized by Idaho Commission on the Arts
- Public exhibition and auction at The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho

## April 2022 Big Skies, New Visions, Western Folklife Center Elko, Nevada

- Participated in panel discussion with the new generation of gearmakers
- Gave talk on the construction of custom cowboy boots

## August 2019 Sun Valley Arts and Crafts Festival

Ketchum, Idaho

Demonstrating Artist at Sun Valley Arts and Crafts Festival

## June 2019 Tradition Keepers Folklife Festival

Ontario, Oregon

• Demonstrating Artist at folk festival celebrating the diverse range of traditional Arts and culture in the Four Rivers area.

## April 2019 The Cowboy Bootmakers, Texas Folklife Austin, Texas

 Oral history exhibition and publication featuring cowboy boot makers and apprentices from across the United States

## August 2018 Wood River Valley Studio Tour

Hailey, Idaho

- Studios throughout the wood River Valley open their doors to the community to explore and learn about artists and their work
- Group exhibition including recent cowboy boots of art at gallery in Ketchum
- Create 8x8 mosaic piece for exhibition and auction to support the organization

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#### June 2018 Independent Goods

Ketchum, Idaho

Customization event with demonstrations and special product available

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- Three day event with education, networking, and public exhibition organized by Idaho Commission on the Arts
- Public exhibition at The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho

## July 2017 Cowboy Artist Demonstration Day

Challis, Idaho

Demonstrating Cowboy Artist at Land of the Yankee Fork State Park

## August 2016 Sun Valley Center for the Arts

Ketchum, Idaho

Demonstrating Artist at Sun Valley Center Arts and Crafts Festival

#### **TEACHING**

## July 2021 Sun Valley Museum of the Arts

Hailey, Idaho

 Taught No Waste Leather Bag and Accessories in two-day workshop of handbag design and construction using American tanned leathers with no waste.

## August 2019 Sun Valley Center for the Arts

Hailey, Idaho

 Taught Sandal Making 101: I Made Them Myself in two-day class building wearable custom sandals

## July 2019 The Atlanta School

Atlanta, Idaho

Taught Hand-Stitched Wallets at rural craft school

## February 2019 Sun Valley Center for the Arts

Hailey, Idaho

• Taught One Night Craft Series Class: Hand-Stitched Wallets

## January 2018 Gem Center for the Arts

Boise, Idaho

Classes in hand-stitching at new, award-winning venue

## 2010-2013 The Advocates Common Threads Program

Hailey, Idaho

 Co-created 8-week program to teach sewing skills to disadvantaged women and create bags to sell to support the program

#### **VOLUNTEERING**

## 2022-Present Cowgirl Artists of America

- Advisory Board Member
- Signature Member

## 2022-Present Sun Valley Museum of the Arts

Ketchum, Idaho

• Education Committee Member

#### 2018-Present Idaho Cowgirl Congress

Idaho

 Participate in inaugural event in April 2019 organized by Idaho Commission on the Arts

- Create Facebook Group and grow membership
- Participate in September 2019 workshop with Nancy Martiny
- Create Instagram page, facilitate Christmas giveaway, and reach over 5,000 people with our members work
- Organize October 2020 event in Twin Falls with workshops and exhibition at Magic Valley Arts Council
- Organized (and postponed) October 2021 event in Sun Valley, Idaho
- Member of organizing committee for November 2022 event at The Art Museum of Eastern Idaho, which included education, networking, a scholarship auction, and public exhibition

## 2018-2022 Sun Valley Arts and Crafts Festival

Ketchum, Idaho

Juror for Sun Valley Arts and Crafts Festival

## 2015-2018 Hailey Arts and Historic Preservation Commission Hailey, Idaho

• Serve as appointed commissioner to advise on public art and historic preservation in the city of Hailey, Idaho.