



Grace Franklin

Visual Arts

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When Grace was in high school, her art teacher encouraged her to pursue a career in art. This encouragement helped Grace better understand herself as a student and later, as an adult.

Ms. Franklin began her college career at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 2008, she graduated from Meredith College, with a degree in Interior Design and a minor in Art. She spent her final semester of college in Copenhagen, where she studied interior architecture at the Danish Institute for Study Abroad.

After college, she started her own residential interior design business, Grace Martin Franklin Interiors, where she designed homes in Eastern North Carolina. Soon after, she obtained her North Carolina Real Estate license and worked as a real estate broker at Hodge and Kittrell Sotheby's International Realty.

Grace soon realized that her true passion was teaching art, so she returned to Meredith College in 2012 to get her license in K-12 Visual Arts Education. During this time, she also worked at the Palm Avenue store as an interior design consultant for the new Lilly Pulitzer furniture and fabric line.

As an artist, Grace has presented her work throughout North Carolina. She continues to experiment with a variety of art mediums, but focuses on painting and ceramics in her personal work. She hopes to incorporate all her experiences with art and design into her classroom in order to help students realize passions through art.

Grace married in 2016 and lives in Raleigh. She spends Summers in Morehead City, North Carolina. She enjoys boating and fishing with her family. Her love of the ocean also plays a role in the inspiration for her artwork. Her best friend is her happy yellow Lab, Merritt, who loves treats and squeaky toys.