

Gloria B. Blades

Graduated Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA in 1981.
BFA – Painting & Printmaking, cum laude

Selected Corporate Collections:

Capital One; MCV Hospital permanent collection
MCV Hospital (Ambulatory Care Center)
Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond; Best Products Co.
University of VA Hospital; Longwood Fine Arts Center
Gateway Building @ MCV Hospital
Univ. of Richmond Harnett Print Center

*Plus Individual Collectors

Exhibitions include 40 juried including numerous solo, group and invitational in USA ,
Korea and Austria.

Awards received at Charles Taylor Art Center in Hampton VA, Peninsula Fine Arts
Center in Newport News VA, Longwood College in Farmville VA; Shockoe Bottom Arts
Center in Richmond VA; Montpelier Arts Center VA.

The series Games I Never Played As A Child: Inspiration came from watching my
granddaughters. “I HAVE AN ONGOING INTEREST IN ISSUES OF GENDER AND
GENERATION. I BELIEVE THE TOYS AND GAMES EACH GENERATION PROVIDES
FOR ITS CHILDREN IS A VERY REVEALING COMMENT....THE ORIGINAL INTENT IN
THESE DRAWINGS WAS TO USE SOME OF THE TOYS AND GAMES OF BOTH
GENDERS AND GENERATIONS AS NARRATIVE ELEMENTS FOR THE ART.
HOWEVER, MY PERSONAL CHILDHOOD MEMORIES OF GAMES AND PLAY HAVE
GIVEN AN EMOTIONAL CONTENT TO THE WORK. EMOTIONS OF FEAR,
FRUSTRATION AND ANGER REVEALED THEMSELVES IN ADDITION TO THE MORE
DESIRABLE FEELINGS OF JOY, ACCEPTANCE AND UNINHIBITED CURIOSITY.”

