

- 2023-24 *The Past That Makes the Future Better* (outdoor wall installation painted on fabric): Designed by Ellen Elmes and repainted from original design by Richlands area community artists. Railroad Ave., Richlands, VA; commissioned by Citizens for the Arts, Tazewell County Board of Supervisors, Ginger Branton, Mary W. Lawson, and Travis Hackworth.
- 2023 *Portrait of Effie Waller Smith* (permanent large-scale installation on canvas): Designed and painted by Ellen Elmes; commissioned for the Breaks Interstate Park Museum by Austin Bradley, Superintendent of the Breaks Interstate Park, Haysi, VA.
- 2022-23 *Grundy, Virginia: A Community Portrait* (outdoor wall installation painted on fabric) Repainted from original design by Grundy area community artists; sponsored by the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, Food City, Inc., and local donors.
- 2022 *Standing Tall & Proud: African American Heritage of Tazewell County* (outdoor wall installation painted on fabric); designed by Ellen Elmes and painted with Tazewell County community artists. Main Street, Tazewell, Virginia; commissioned by Tazewell County Board of Supervisors, Tazewell, Virginia.
- 2021 *On Mercer Street* (outdoor wall installation painted on fabric) Designed by Ellen Elmes and painted with Princeton community artists; sponsored by Princeton West Virginia Community Arts.
- 2020 *Passing the Torch* (outdoor wall installation painted on fabric): Designed and painted by Ellen Elmes for the Centennial Celebration of the 19th Amendment; commissioned by the Women's Suffrage Centennial Celebration Coalition of Johnson City; Johnson City, Tennessee.
- 2019 *Tazewell Now & Then*: (outdoor wall installation painted on fabric): Community and Tazewell Schools collaboration on drawing and painting, final design by Ellen Elmes; sponsored by Tazewell Today, Tazewell, Virginia.
Tazewell As Seen Through the Eyes and Words of Louise Leslie (indoor installation): Designed and painted by Ellen Elmes for the restored North Tazewell train station, Virginia and sponsored by the Town of Tazewell.
- 2018 LOVE sign (outdoor installation): Designed and painted by Ellen Elmes for the Breaks Interstate Park, Haysi, Virginia; sponsored by the Park and the VA Tourism Commission.
- 2017 *History of a Hometown Bank* (indoor installation): Designed and painted by Ellen Elmes; commissioned as a permanent installation for the new banking facility of the Bank of Tennessee, Kingsport, Tennessee.
- 2016 *Looking East on Front Street in the 1940s* (indoor installation): Designed and painted by Ellen Elmes; a look back in time to the stores and merchants of downtown Richlands, Virginia; Commissioned by Travis Hackworth and the Clinch Valley Millworks, Richlands, Virginia.
- 2016 *Railroad History of Richlands Mural* (outdoor wall): Designed and painted by Ellen Elmes as part of Foreman's Section House and Park Renovation Project; supported by VA Commission for the Arts Grant Award.
- 2014 *Celebrating Abingdon's History* (outdoor wall): Designed and painted by Ellen Elmes; a visual overview of Abingdon, Virginia. Commissioned by Advance Abingdon and the Town of Abingdon; supported by VA Commission for the Arts Grant Award.
- 2013 *The Kingsport Carousel Project*: Elmes was lead designer, painter and facilitator of the Rounding Board Painting Project for the Kingsport Carousel Project. Cultural Arts Division of the City of Kingsport, Tennessee.
- 2012 *Daddy's Home: Portrait of a West Virginia Mining Family* (indoor installation): Designed and painted by Ellen Elmes; commissioned by McArts, McDowell County, West Virginia.
- 2011 *History of Pal's* (outdoor wall): Designed and painted by Ellen Elmes; commissioned by Pal's Sudden Service Revere Street, Kingsport, Tennessee.
- 2010 *Tribute to the Stanley Brothers* (indoor installation): Designed and painted by Ellen Elmes: eight acrylics on canvas illustrating the Stanley Brothers' songs. Ralph Stanley Museum & Community Center, Clintwood, VA; Commissioned by Common Ground on the Hill, McDaniel College, Maryland, and supported by the Town of Clintwood, VA.
- 2009 *Flora, Fauna, & Fantasy of Tallahassee, Florida* (outdoor installation): An After School Arts Program Community Mural; Elmes coordinated research, design, and creation of school community mural; commissioned by the charter School of Arts & Sciences, Tallahassee, Florida.
- 2008 *Changing Lives* (indoor triptych installation): Designed and painted by Ellen Elmes in honor of Ira & Mary Zepp. Center for Teaching Excellence, Hoover Library; commissioned by McDaniel College, Westminster, Maryland.
- 2007 *Common Ground Scotland Collaborative Migration Wall Project* (indoor installation): Elmes collaborated with tutors and students in the creation of wall mural. Allanton Sanctuary, World Peace Center, Auldgrith, Dumfries, Scotland; facilitated by Common Ground Scotland.
- 2006 *Community Portrait: Grundy, Virginia* (outdoor mural): Elmes coordinated research, design, and creation of community mural with students focusing on stories of life and people in Grundy, Virginia; sponsored by Southwest Virginia Community College and the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors.

- 2003 Once Upon A Time (indoor wall paintings): Coordinated research, design, and creation of wall paintings illustrating fairy tales/nursery rhymes painted by Southwest Virginia Community College students; commissioned by Pediatrics Wing of the Norton Community Hospital, Norton, Virginia.
- 2004 Imagine Nation Youth Mural Project (indoor wall): Elmes coordinated design and creation of children's mural sponsored by Collinsville YMCA and Piedmont Arts Center, Martinsville, Virginia; VA Commission for the Arts Grant Award.
- 2003 Richlands Teen Center Murals Project (indoor wall): Elmes coordinated design and creation of wall paintings with Southwest Virginia Community College and high school students of Richlands, Virginia.
- 2002 Coal Miners Memorial Project (outdoor monument): Elmes designed and created drawings in collaboration with SWCC student Thomas Hagerman for granite wall etchings of the Coal Miners Memorial. Richlands, Virginia.
- 2001 VCCS Chancellor's Professorship Award Projects (outdoor murals): Elmes coordinated design and creation for Richlands and Dickenson County, Virginia, with Southwest Virginia Community College students Virginia Community College Grant Award, Virginia Community College System and supported by Town of Clintwood, Virginia.

Teaching Experience:

College Level

- 2008-'19 Adjunct Professor of Art, Fall Semesters (retired from full-time teaching); Southwest Virginia Community College, Richlands, Virginia
- 1988-2007 Assistant Professor of Art; Southwest Virginia Community College, Richlands, Virginia
- 2000-'03 Team Teacher- NIS Community College Partnership; Ivanovo State University, Ivanovo, Russia

Artists Residencies/Workshops/Retreats (selected)

- 2003-'10 & 2012, 2016 Lillian E. Smith Center for Creative Arts, Clayton, Georgia
Resident artist for purpose of creating new works.
- 1997-2024 Common Ground on the Hill Traditions Week; watercolor painting workshop instructor, McDaniel College, Westminster, Maryland
- 2002, '04, '05 Common Ground Scotland Summer Schools, Ayreshire, Scotland; Tutor, watercolor painting
'07, '09
- 1995-'96 Artist-in-Residence and Instructor of Art, Aberdeen College, Aberdeen, Scotland
- 1988 Artist-in-Residence Cape Lookout National Seashore, Arts-in-the-Parks program

Honors/Awards/Presentations:

- 2017 Speaker at the Lillian E. Smith Symposium on Arts & Social Change; Piedmont College, Athens, GA
- 2013 Honorary Citizen/Key to the City Award
- & 1987 Downtown Kingsport Association, Kingsport, TN
- 2008 Gallery at Southwest Virginia Community College re-named in honor of artist: "The Ellen Von Dehsen Elmes Gallery"
Distinguished Service Award for 19 years teaching at Southwest Virginia Community College
- 2002 McDaniel College Trustees' Alumni Award; McDaniel College, Westminster, Maryland
Ambassador of the Arts Award; Southwest Virginia Community College, Richlands, Virginia
- 2000-02 Chancellor's Professorship Award for Community Murals and Service Learning Project
Virginia Community College System, Richmond, Virginia
- 2000, '08 Governor's Awards for the Arts Nominee, Richmond, VA
& 1984
Phi Theta Kappa Faculty Scholar Award
for Contribution to Scholarship in the Creative Arts; Southwest Virginia Community College,
Richlands, Virginia
- 1993 Excellence in Education Award for Arts-Across-the-Curriculum Project, awarded at Virginia
Technological Institute, Virginia
- 1988 Citizen of the Year Award for Community Service in the Arts, Richlands Area Chamber of Commerce,
Richlands, Virginia