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## **Biography**

Hello, I'm Leanne Fortney, a contemporary figurative painter exploring the psychological side of portraiture and the quiet stories that exist within human presence. Working primarily in oil with a restrained palette, I combine classical painting techniques with a contemporary sensitivity to inner life. My figures often exist in quiet, reflective spaces where small gestures, expressions, and atmosphere hint at emotion rather than telling a direct story.

## **Education**

### **Master of Arts in Art History**

*George Mason University, 30 graduate credits*

### **Master of Arts in Teaching in Art Education**

*University of South Carolina, 23 graduate credits*

### **Bachelor of Arts in Art History**

*University of Delaware, graduated May 2013*

## **Exhibitions and Artistic Contributions**

### **Group Exhibitions**

- *BlackRock Center for the Arts, Germantown, Maryland*  
*Women Artists of the DMV: The Thank You Show*  
*June 20 - October 18, 2026 (scheduled)*
- *The Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, Maryland*  
*2026 National Juried Exhibition*  
*May 2–July 12, 2026*
- *Artspiration Fredick, Frederick, Maryland*  
*Members Only*  
*April 4 – 26, 2026*
- *Artspiration Frederick, Frederick, Maryland*  
*Shades of Black*  
*February 1 – 28, 2026*
- *Del Ray Artisans, Alexandria, Virginia*  
*Toy Stories*  
*January 2 – 31, 2026*

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- *Washington County Arts Council, Hagerstown, Maryland  
Annual Community Art Show: The Best Local Art of 2025  
December 4, 2025 – January 13, 2026*
- *Washington County Fine Arts Museum, Hagerstown, Maryland  
2025 Cumberland Valley Artists  
November 8, 2025 – April 26, 2026*
- *Artspiration Frederick, Frederick, Maryland  
Women Artists of the DMV  
November 1, 2025 – January 4, 2026*
- *The Ven at Embassy Row, aVENues of connection Gallery, Washington, D.C.  
International Women's Art Exhibition  
February 7 – March 29, 2025*
- *Hill Center Galleries, Washington, D.C.  
2025 Regional Juried Exhibition  
January 15 – May 3, 2025*
- *Maryland Art Place (MAP), Baltimore, Maryland  
Out of Order Online  
June 19 – July 6, 2020*
- *The Athenaeum (Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association), Alexandria, Virginia  
Doodles of These Times  
April 2 – June 10, 2020*
- *Shenandoah Valley Art Center, Waynesboro, Virginia  
40Under40 Exhibition  
March 1 – 30, 2019*

## **Publications**

- *Hedge Apple Literary Magazine  
Hagerstown Community College  
Spring 2025*

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- *Hedge Apple Literary Magazine*  
*Hagerstown Community College*  
*Spring 2021*

### **Special Events**

- Remembrance Cabaret for Reema Samaha (Virginia Tech Victim)  
*June 2015 & June 2016*

### **Community Arts Education/Arts Volunteer**

- Workshop Facilitator- Finding Art Through Intentional Play  
*Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association (Athenaeum), Alexandria, Virginia*  
*July 2025*
- Social Media Manager  
*Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association (Athenaeum), Alexandria, Virginia*  
*December 2020 to Present*
- Docent  
*Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association (Athenaeum), Alexandria, Virginia*  
*June 2016 to December 2020*
- Art Workshop Facilitator Volunteer  
*Juvenile Arbitration of Lexington County, Lexington, South Carolina; Women's Well-Being Initiative; University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina*  
*June 2014*
- Workshop Facilitator Volunteer  
*Juvenile Arbitration of Lexington County, Lexington, South Carolina; Women's Well-Being Initiative; University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina*  
*February to March 2014*
- Family Arts Day Facilitator Volunteer  
*South Carolina State Museum, Columbia, South Carolina; University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina*  
*March 2014*
- Community Art Outreach Volunteer  
*Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware, Pegasus ArtWorks, Claymont, Delaware*  
*August 2012 to May 2013*