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Susana Arias was born in Panama City, Panama. She lives in Santa Cruz, California since 1978.

One Person Exhibitions

- **2015** *Sailmaker* - Monterey Peninsula college Gallery - Monterey, California
- **2013** *Artist of the Year* - Museum of Art and History - Santa Cruz, California
- **2011** *Sculptures and Paintings* – Galeria Habitante – Panama City, Panama
- **2007** *Nidos de Oropendula, Caballos y Otros Temas* - sculptures and paintings - Galeria Habitante - Panama City, Panama
- **2003** *De Esta Vida y Otra* - sculptures & hand made paper wall works - Galeria Habitante - Panama City, Panama
- **2000** *Distinguished Artist* - Santa Cruz Art League - Sculptures and Paintings - Santa Cruz, California
- **1996** *Sculptures* - Evolving Space - San Francisco, California
- **1991** *Sculptures* - Galeria Arteconsult - Panama City, Panama
- **1990** *Sculptures and Paintings* - Galeria Habitante - Panama City, Panama
- **1989** *The Artist Studio: About People* - Installation - Gallery of fine Arts - Santa Cruz, California
- **1988** *Painting the Landscape* - Installation - San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art - San Jose, California
 - *Sculptures* - Brookman Gallery - Los Angeles, California
 - *Sculptures* - Pacific Grove Art Center - Pacific Grove, California
 - *Sculptures* - Jerome Evans Gallery - Sacramento, California
- **1987** *Sculptures, Paintings* - Museum of Contemporary Latin American Art - OAS - Washington, DC
- **1986** *Urban References* - Sculptures, Paintings, Installation - Arteconsult - Panama City, Panama
- **1985** *What Grows out of the Art Center Case* - Installation - Santa Cruz Government Center - Santa Cruz, California
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 - *An Environment* - Installation - Gallery 6 - San Jose State University - San Jose, California
 - *15 minutes of Performance Painting* - Installation/Performance - Gallery 6 - San Jose State University - San Jose, California
 - *Folded Worlds* - Sculptures - Gallery 4 - San Jose State University - San Jose, California
- **1984** *Sculptures* - Museum of Contemporary Art - Panama City, Panama
 - *Sculptures* - Artconsult International - Boston, Massachusetts

- *Sculptures* - Dancing Man Gallery - Santa Cruz, California
- *Sculptures, Paintings, Installation* - Local Works Gallery - Santa Cruz, California
- **1982** *Sculptures* - Arteconsult - Panama, City, Panama
- **1977** *Sculptures* - Panarte - Panama City, Panama

Group Exhibitions

- **2020** *Vessel* – Epperson Gallery of Ceramic Arts - Crockett, California
 - *Artist's Vision* - Marin Society of Artists – San Rafael, California
 - *Takeaways* – Pajaro Valley Arts – Watsonville, California
 - *Sculpture Is 2020* - Sierra Azul Nursery and gardens - Watsonville, California
- **2019** *Sculpture IS 2019* - Pajaro Valley Arts - Watsonville, California
 - *Small Works* – Radius Gallery - Santa Cruz, California
- **2018** *Hablamos Juntos*- Pajaro Valley Arts - Watsonville, California
 - *Off Center* – 2nd Annual International Ceramic competition – Blue Line Arts – Roseville, California
 - *Sculpture IS 2018* – Sierra Azul Nursery and gardens - Watsonville, California
- **2017** *A Figurative Affair* - Blitzer Galley - Santa Cruz, California
 - *Sculpture IS 2017* - Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens - Watsonville, California
 - *Jubilee*– Felix Kulpa Gallery and Sculpture Gardens – Santa Cruz, California
- **2016** *Art in the Arboretum: Color* - UC Santa Cruz Arboretum - Santa Cruz, California
 - *Rare Earth: National Ceramics Exhibition* - Cabrillo Gallery - Aptos, California
 - *Fired up: Monumental Clay* - Palo Alto Art Center - Palo Alto, California
 - *Sculpture Is 2016, In the Garden* - Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens - Watsonville, California
 - *Sculpture Is 2016, in the Gallery* - PVA Gallery- Watsonville, California
- **2015** *A Figurative Affair* - Blitzer Galley - Santa Cruz, California
 - *Sculpture IS 2015* - Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens - Watsonville, California
- **2014** *Matices de las Americas* - El Centro Cultural de la Raza - San Diego, California
 - *Sculpture IS 2014* - Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens - Watsonville, California
 - *Collector's Choice* - Sylvia White Gallery - Ventura, California
 - *America's Clay Fest II* - Blue Line Arts - Roseville, California
- **2013** *Perceptive Strokes: Women Artists of Panama* - OAS Gallery - Washington, D.C.
 - *A Figurative Affair* - Blitzer Gallery - Santa Cruz, California
 - *Sculpture Is 2013* - Sierra Azul Nursery and gardens - Watsonville, California
 - *Santa Cruz County Artists of the Year* - PVAC - Watsonville, California
 - *Ceramics Annual of America* - Civic Center - San Francisco, California
- **2012** *Art 4 Art* - Blitzer Gallery - Santa Cruz, California
 - *Crocker Kingsley Exhibit* - Blue Line Gallery - Roseville, California
 - *Sculpture IS 2012* - Sierra Azul Nursery & Gardens - Watsonville, California
- **2011** *Figuratively Speaking* - Davenport Gallery - Davenport, California
 - *Sculpture IS 2011* - Sierra Azul Nursery & Gardens - Watsonville, California
- **2010** *It's in the Pulp: The art of Papermaking in Santa Cruz* – Museum of Art & History – Santa Cruz, California
 - *Clay* - Davenport Gallery - Davenport, California
 - *Art for Art* - 415 River Street - Santa Cruz, California

- *California* - Cabrillo Gallery - Aptos, California
- *Abstractions* - Davenport Gallery - Davenport, California
- *Go Figure* - Art League Gallery - Santa Cruz, California
- *Sculpture IS 2010* - Sierra Azul - Watsonville, California
- *50/50 Show II* - Sanchez Art Center - Pacifica, California
- **2009** *Sculpture Is 2009* - Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens – Watsonville, California
 - *Figures & Faces* - Pacific Art League - Palo Alto, California
 - *Future: Santa Cruz Studio Ceramics* - Museum of Art and History - Santa Cruz, California
 - *Assemblage + Collage + Construction* - Museum of Art and History - Santa Cruz, California
 - *Au Naturel: The Nude in the 21st Century* - The Art Center Gallery - Astoria, Oregon
 - *Local Essence* - Santa Cruz Art League - Santa Cruz, California
 - *Altogether: Collage/Assemblage* - Santa Cruz Art League, Santa Cruz, California
- **2008** *Art for Art* - Mill Gallery - Santa Cruz, California
 - *The Unbreakables* - Cabrillo Gallery - Aptos, California
 - *Experiments in Print* - Mountains Art Center - Ben Lomond, California
 - *Clay at the Cow* - Dead Cow Gallery - Santa Cruz, California
 - *Form & Function* - Mountains Art Center - Ben Lomond, California
 - *Los Gatos Art Association Exhibit '08* - Los Gatos Museum of Art - Los Gatos, California
 - *3rd Dimension* - Contemporary Sculpture at O'Hanlon Center - Mill Valley California
 - *Sculpture IS 2008* - Sierra Azul - Watsonville, California
- **2007** *Market in Motion* - Pajaro Art Gallery - Watsonville, California
 - *Los Gatos Art Association Exhibit 2007* - Los Gatos Museum of Art - Los Gatos, Ca. - 1ST Place
 - *Market in Motion* - Pajaro Art Gallery – Watsonville, California
 - *Outdoor Sculptures* - Arboretum, University of California, Santa Cruz - Santa Cruz, California
- **2006** *On and Off the Wall* - Mountains Art Center, Ben Lomond, California
- **2004** *Form & Function* - SC Mountains Art Center, Ben Lomond, California - Best of Show
- **2002** *Exemplary Contempor'y-* Eloise Pickard Smith Gallery University of California - Santa Cruz, California
- **1998** *Works on Paper* - Koret Gallery - Palo alto, Ca. Honorable Mention
- **1996** *Form & Function '96* - Evolving Space - San Francisco, California
- **1995** *II Bienal "Barro en la Americas* - Centro de Arte de Maracaibo Lia Bermudez - Maracaibo, Venezuela
 - *Exhibit* - Gallery of Functional Art - Santa Monica, California
 - *Exhibit* - Evolving Space - San Francisco, California
 - *91st National Open* - Long Beach Arts - Long Beach, California
 - *Chaminade Artist series 22* - Santa Cruz, California
- **1994** *Fletcher Challenge Ceramics Award Exhibit* - Auckland, New Zealand
- **1992** *Barro en las Americas* - Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Caracas - Caracas, Venezuela
- **1991** *Artists of Today* - Raymond Gallery - Panama City, Panama
- **1990** *Exemplary Contempor'y-* Eloise Pickard Smith Gallery University of California - Santa Cruz, California

- *Exhibit* - Raymond Gallery - Panama City, Panama
- On Exhibit - TABA Inc. - Bethesda, Md.
- Latin American Invitational” - Virginia Miller Gallery Coral Gables, Fla.
- **1989** *Tapestry in Talent* - Invitational - Site Specific Installation - San Jose, California
- **1988** *Gallery of Fine Arts* - Installation - Santa Cruz, California
- **1987** *Primera Bienal de Pintura de Cuenca* - Cuenca, Ecuador
 - *Sculptor’s Encounter* - Museum of Contemporary Art - Panama, Rep. of Panama
- **1986** *All Ca. ‘86 on a Small Scale* - Laguna Art Museum - Laguna Hills, California
 - *Sixth Annual Competitive Exhibition* - Triton Museum Santa Clara, California
 - *Colectiva de Verano* - Arteconsult - Panama City, Panama
 - *Segunda Bienal de la Habana* - Habana, Cuba
- **1985** *Sculptures on Exhibit* - Barbara Singer Gallery - Cambridge, Ma.
 - *Fifth Annual Competitive Exhibition* - Triton Museum of Art - Santa Clara, California
 - *Central Coast Second Biannual Open Competition* - Pacific Grove Art Center - Pacific Grove, California
 - *Squid Art ‘85* - Santa Cruz Art Center - Santa Cruz, California
 - *16th Annual Competitive 2-D Competition* - San Jose Art League - San Jose, California
 - *Central Coast 2nd Biennial Open Competition* - Pacific Grove, California
- **1984** *California Women Artists 1984* - The Corporate Center - Sacramento, California
 - *All County ‘84 Juried Exhibition* - The Art Museum of Santa Cruz County - Santa Cruz, California
 - *Tandem Corporation Exhibition* - Tandem Corporation - Santa Clara, California
 - *Contemporary Latin American Artists* - Artcosult International - Boston, Ma.
 - *Encore* - Vida Gallery - San Francisco, California
- **1983** *Fact and Fantasy* - Vida Gallery - San Francisco, California
 - *Sculptures on exhibit* - San Jose Art League Gallery - San Jose, California
- **1982** *The Panamanian Woman in Plastic Arts* - Galeria Etc. - Panama City, Panama
 - *Sculptures on Exhibit* - Bruised Reed Gallery - Monterey, California
 - *Sculptures on Exhibit* - Galeria 80 - Panama City, Panama
- **1981** *Eleventh Annual 3-D Art Regional* - San Jose Art League - San Jose, California
 - *Ninth Annual Art Show* - Menlo College Gallery - Menlo Park, California
- **1976** *BFA Exhibit* - Newcomb College Gallery, Tulane University New Orleans, Louisiana

Public Collections

- *Racing Through the Airport* - painting - collection Santa Cruz Government Center - Santa Cruz, California
- *Creatures from the Bay* – bas-relief sculpture around traffic circle – Depot park –Santa Cruz, California
- *Green Trees* - ceramic sculpture - collection Santa Cruz Government Center - Santa Cruz, California
- *Winter Trees* - ceramic sculpture - collection Santa Cruz Government Center - Santa Cruz, California
- *Red Trees with Green Leaves* - collection of Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens - Watsonville, California

- *Some Eggs Have Priority* - Ceramic Sculpture - collection of MAH - Museum of Art and History - Santa Cruz, California
- *Polo Grounds Arch* - Architectural Ceramic Sculpture - Polo Grounds State Park - Aptos, California
- *Sentry* - Architectural ceramic sculpture - Aptos Jr. High - Aptos, California
- *Yellow Cactus* - Pit Fired Clay and Wood - Museo del Barro - Caracas, Venezuela
- *Cactus* - Cement and Wood sculpture on Ocean St. and River St. - Santa Cruz, California
- *Sobrevivencia Animal* - Bronze - Compañia ASSA - Panama City, Panama
- *Shadowed Time* - Bronze, Rammed Earth & Steel Sculpture - Mike Fox Park - Santa Cruz, California
- *Anna's Wall* - Cement, Coal & Wood Sculpture - Happy Valley Rd. - Santa Cruz, California
- *Black Box* - Monotype - Coast Commercial Bank - Aptos, Ca.
- *Urban Reference* - Rammed Earth and MM Sculpture - Museum of Modern Art of Latin America - OAS – Washington, D.C.
- *Man and Nature* - Clay and Wood Sculpture - Bolivarian Museum of Contemporary Art - Santa Marta, Colombia
- *Urban Reference #651* - Rammed Earth Sculpture - Casa de las Americas - Habana, Cuba
- *Isla* - Cement & MM Sculpture - Museo de Arte Moderno Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- *Seated Man* - Bronze - Museum of Contemporary Art - Panama, City, Panama
- *Gallina* - Bronze - Deutsch-Südamerikanische Bank - Panama City, Panama
- *Bird on a Twig* - collection of Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens - Watsonville, California

Commissions/Public Art & Grants

- **2013** *Artist of the Year* - elected by the Santa Cruz County Arts Commission -Santa Cruz, California
- **2012** *2012 Project of the Year* - Beach Area Roundabout - Depot Park -Santa Cruz, California
- **2011** *Creatures from the Bay* - Beach Area Roundabout - Depot Park -Santa Cruz, California
 - *D. Green Memorial Bench* - UCSC Arboretum - Santa Cruz, California
 - Grant from the Cultural Council for production of *Experience Clay* Event
- **2007** *Santa Cruz Archaeological Society Presidential Award* – for artistic effort and contribution toward archaeological awareness -
- **2005** *Sentry* – Ceramic Sculpture – Aptos Jr. High –Aptos, California
- **2004** *Polo Grounds Arch* - Tile Arch Installation - Polo Grounds State Park, Aptos, California
- **2002** *California Creatures* - Clay installation - Trescony St. Santa Cruz, California
 - *The Sky is the Limit* - Clay and Painted Mural – De LaVeaga School - Santa Cruz, California
 - *Spring to Fall* - Clay Leaf Installation on Swift St. cross walk - Santa Cruz, California
- **2001** *Hawaii* - Mural at Westlake School - Santa Cruz, California
 - *Tide Pools/Poppies tiles* - Tile around Kindergarten doors - Westlake School - Santa Cruz, California
- **2000** *Outer Edges* - Mural at Westlake School - Santa Cruz, California
 - *Light Time* - Working Sundial/Traffic Circle on King St. - Santa Cruz, California
 - *Artistic Achievement and Advancement of Archaeological Awareness* - Honor by the California Archaeology Society – “Finding Our Past” -

- **1999** *Our City, Our Town* - Tiles at Police Department - Santa Cruz, California
 - *Rain Forest* - Mural at Westlake School - Santa Cruz, California
- **1998** *California Mural: A Celebration of Life in the Year of El Niño* - Mural at Westlake School - Santa Cruz, California
- **1997** ***Environs Enhancement Award*** - for Highway 1 “Finding our Past” - California TRANNY Awards – Sacramento, California
- **1996** *Finding our Past* - Clay and Cement Bas-relief - Bay Ave./Porter St. Underpass - Santa Cruz, California
- **1995** *Isla* - Cement & MM Sculpture - Museo de Arte Moderno - Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- **1993** *The Park Alive* - Clay and Painted Mural - Mesa Vista Park - Watsonville, California
- **1990** *175 Children’s Faces* - Clay Bas-relief at Vine Hill School Scotts Valley, California
- **1988** ***National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship*** Grant
- **1986** *Cactus* - Cement and Wood sculpture on Ocean St. and River St. - Santa Cruz, California
- **1985** *Shadowed Time* - Bronze, Rammed Earth & Steel Sculpture - Mike Fox Park - Santa Cruz, California.
 - *Anna’s Wall* - Cement, Coal & Wood Sculpture - Happy Valley Rd. - Santa Cruz, California
 - *Primer Simposio Ibero- Americano de Escultura* - Museo de Arte Moderno - Santo Domingo, Republica Dominicana

Art Events Organized by Susana

- **2018** ***Sculpture IS 2018*** - juror, Pajaro Valley Arts, Watsonville, California
 - **Scotts Valley Art Walk** – juror, Scotts Valley, California
- **2017** ***Sculpture IS 2017*** - juror, Pajaro Valley Arts, Watsonville, California
 - *Curator of exhibits and installations* - UC Santa Cruz Arboretum
 - ***Art in the Arboretum: Environmental Installations*** - May – November – UCSC - Santa Cruz, California
- **2016** ***Sculpture IS in the Gallery*** - Co-curator sculpture exhibit, Pajaro Valley Arts, Watsonville, California
 - ***Sculpture IS in the Garden*** - Co-curator sculpture exhibit, Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens, Watsonville, California
 - ***Demonstrations and Talks*** - organizer Cabrillo Gallery, Aptos, California
 - ***Demonstrations*** - organizer Pajaro Valley Arts, Watsonville, California
 - *Curator of exhibits and installations* - UC Santa Cruz Arboretum
 - ***Art in the Arboretum: Sculpture*** - June – October - UC Santa Cruz, California
 - ***Art in the Arboretum: Color*** - November – January - UC Santa Cruz, California
 - ***Demostrations and workshops: Sculpture/Blaksmithing*** - August - UC Santa Cruz, California
 - ***Demostrations: Sculpture/welding and composition*** - November - UC Santa Cruz, California
- **2011** ***Experience Clay*** – demonstrations, workshops, and exhibit of 25 ceramic artists Muesum of Art and History, Santa Cruz, California
- **2009** ***Art Extravaganza*** – demonstrations and workshops by 30 artists in different disciplines in conjunction with Sculpture IS 2009

- *Curator of Sculpture Is 2009 through 2016-* Sierra Azul Nursery and Gardens, Watsonville, California