

Iris Fieber

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Animal Caregiver & Behaviorist | Animal Rescue Specialist Pet & Wildlife Artist



Compassionate sensitive animal lover with 15+ years experience caring for, training, and analyzing behavior of birds, dogs, and cats using positive reinforcement techniques. Animal welfare educator who connects and ignites students' passion for animals and art. Animal fine artist and forensic illustrator creating "meticulous...beautiful, technically masterful... conceptually complex...rigorous, and deeply informed" works of art. —E. La Gattuta, Moraine Valley Community College

"Always willing to go the extra mile... a vital member of the community." —S. Dardar, Chicago Public Schools

SUMMARY of SKILLS

Animal Care | Animal Behavior | Animal Enrichment | Canine, Feline & Avian Training | Animal Rescue | Animal Conservationist & Volunteer | Program Leader | Grant Writing | Curriculum Development | Public Art Initiatives | Excellent Drawing & Communication Skills | Familiarity with Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, Microsoft Word | Fluent in Hebrew

EXPERIENCE

- 1997-Present **Canine, Feline & Avian Animal Caregiver**, *Fieber Household*, Mequon, WI
Train and care for 3 dogs, 2 cats, and 4 parrots.
- 2018 **Wisconsin Animal Rescue Corp (WARC) Member**
Completed training in rescue and emergency protocol regarding animal welfare, lab animal health, small and large animal emergency evacuations, and rescue.
- 2015 **Wisconsin Humane Society Volunteer**, *Ozaukee Humane Society*, Saukville, WI
- 2013-2014 **Animal Welfare Art Club Founder / Leader**, *Shorewood School District*, Shorewood, WI
Led students and staff to examine impact of the school environment on wildlife. Devised and implemented measures to protect and save birds who fly into large windows at the school.
- 2005-2013 **Animal / Veterinary Club Founder / Leader**, *Hyde Park Academy High School*, Chicago, IL
- 2010 **Limbe Wildlife Center Missionary Volunteer**, *Limbe Wildlife Center*, Cameroon, Africa
Delivered veterinary supplies, clothing, eye glasses, toys and art supplies. Connected teens to wildlife conservation and nature via artmaking.
- 2008 **Best Friends Animal Shelter Volunteer**, *Best Friends Animal Shelter*, Kanab, UT
- 2007 **Parrot Behavior Knowledge Student** with *Dr. Susan Friedman*, *Positive Reinforcement Training*, Online.
- 2000 **Refuge for Saving Wildlife Avian Shelter Volunteer**, *Refuge for Saving Wildlife*, Northbrook, IL

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- 2014-Present **Freelance Artist**, *EYE Images & Design*, Mequon, WI
Create illustrations, paintings, and art projects for commissioned clients and personal therapy.

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- 9/14-10/14 **Art Teacher**, *Milwaukee Public Schools, Milwaukee, WI*
- 2013-2014 **Art Teacher (Grades 6-12)**, *Shorewood School District, WI*
- Founded and sponsored after-school Animal Welfare Art Club to examine the impact of the school environment on wildlife and to protect and save birds who fly into large windows at the school.
 - "Students petitioned to retain her on staff after position was eliminated due to decline in enrollment."
—S. Juffer, Department Chair, Shorewood School District
- 2005-2013 **Art Teacher (Grades 9-12), Visual Arts Department Chair**, *Hyde Park Academy High School, Chicago Public Schools*
- Applied for and received multiple grants including: Youth Service America (YSA) State Farm Community Grant (\$1K) in 2012; Oppenheimer Foundation Grant (\$10K) in 2011; Fund for Teachers (FFT) Fellowship Award (\$4824) for educational mission trip to Limbe Wildlife Center in Cameroon in 2010; Donors Choose Grant in 2009.
 - Initiated partnerships with community organizations and spearheaded service public art initiatives including mosaics and murals.
 - Sponsored after-school enrichment programs including Art Club and Animal / Veterinary Club.
- 2003-2005 **Adjunct Art Instructor**: *Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills, IL*
Developed and fostered student skills in drawing, painting, and sculpture; supervised student portfolio development; prepared and implemented curricula for various art content areas.

EDUCATION

Parrot Behavior Training with Susan G. Friedman, PhD., *BehaviorWorks.org*
 Teacher Certification Program, *Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL*
Master of Fine Arts, *Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT*
Bachelor of Fine Arts, *Bezalel School of Art and Design, Jerusalem, Israel*

CERTIFICATIONS

Wisconsin Animal Rescue Corp Certificate, *UW Madison School of Veterinary Medicine, Madison, WI*
 National Board Teacher Certification (NBCT), *NBPTS.org*, achieved in 2012
 Nurturing Teacher Leadership (NTL), 800-hour program, *Chicago Teacher's Union, Chicago, IL*
 Forensic Art Composite Drawing for Law Enforcement Certificate, *Stuart Parks Forensic Associates, Oconomowoc, WI, and various other locations*

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Susan H. Whedon Award, *Public Sculpture, Yale University School of Art, New Haven, CT*
 Schickle-Collingwood Prize, *Yale University School of Art, New Haven, CT*
 Elchannani Prize, *Bezalel Academy of Art and Design, Israel*
 Annual Award, *Bezalel Academy of Art and Design, Israel*