

Amanda Bennett

Teaching Artist | Fiber Artist | Arts Educator
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TEACHING ARTIST EXPERIENCE

Teaching Artist, Weaving Workshop

RealArt DeRidder Arts Cooperative | DeRidder, Louisiana | 2023

- Designed and facilitated an introductory weaving workshop for community members of varying experience levels
- Provided hands-on instruction in basic weaving techniques and creative exploration
- Fostered an encouraging learning environment that supported experimentation and artistic confidence

Teaching Artist, Bookbinding Workshop

RealArt DeRidder Arts Cooperative | DeRidder, Louisiana | 2024

- Developed and taught a community bookbinding class focused on foundational techniques and creative expression
- Guided participants through the process of constructing handmade books using accessible materials and methods
- Adapted instruction to support participants with diverse learning styles and artistic backgrounds

FIBER ARTS EXPERIENCE

Fiber Artist and Knitter

2003–Present

- More than 20 years of knitting experience
- Experienced in garment construction, pattern design, fiber selection, gauge and fit, lace knitting, cable knitting, and finishing techniques
- Creates educational resources that support knitters in building technical knowledge and creative confidence
- Committed to expanding access to fiber arts education in Southwest Louisiana

EDUCATION AND FACILITATION EXPERIENCE

Learning and Development Professional

2014–Present

- More than 12 years of experience designing and facilitating educational programs for adult learners through leadership roles at national education and healthcare organizations, including Imagine Learning and TimelyCare
- Developed curriculum, workshops, and training programs for diverse audiences in both in-person and virtual environments
- Specialized in creating accessible learning experiences that build confidence, engagement, and practical skill development
- Experienced in assessing learner needs, adapting content based on participant feedback, and measuring educational outcomes

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Knitting Guild Association (TKGA)

Master Hand Knitting Certification Program Candidate | January 2026–Present

Currently pursuing the Master Hand Knitting Certification, an advanced program focused on technical proficiency, textile knowledge, knitting history, and educational excellence in hand knitting.

EDUCATION

Baylor University

Bachelor of Arts in Film and Digital Media, cum laude

2007

TEACHING DEMOS

Instruction Sample:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/hs1cgfzvewh00zq1f4qx/Knitting-Demo-1-Instruction-Sample.mp4>

Demo - Knitting Tension:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/p16zqtnzanzipbnkrr3k/Knitting-Demo-2-Tension.mp4>

Demo - Fixing Twisted Stitches:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/uhp8nrk8pnsf2na21edr5/Knitting-Demo-3-Twisted-Stitches.mp4>