

SPENCER TINKHAM

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Education

2015 B.S. in Economics, Baylor University, Waco, TX

Selected Exhibitions

2026 *The Ark*, Powerhouse Arts; Brooklyn, NY

Re-Inhabiting Conservation: Bringing Wildlife Closer to Home, GoggleWorks Center for the Arts; Reading, PA

Art & Artifacts, Norfolk International Airport; Norfolk, VA

2025 *Yay Birds!*, Andra Norris Gallery; San Francisco, CA

Birds in Art 2025, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum; Wausau, WI
(Selected for tour) Detroit Zoo, Detroit, MI

Honors Exhibition, Brookgreen Gardens; Murrells Inlet, SC

Between Hand and Scroll, Fralin Museum of Art; Charlottesville, VA

2024 *Spencer Tinkham*, Solo Exhibition, Antler Gallery & *Hi-Fructose Magazine*; Portland, OR

Birds in Art 2024, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum; Wausau, WI

ArtFields, Lake City Creative Alliance; Lake City, SC

Spencer Tinkham: Witness, Solo Exhibition, Virginia MOCA; Virginia Beach, VA

2023 *Let There Be Flight | Spencer Tinkham*, Solo Exhibition, Rockport Center for the Arts; Rockport, TX

David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation Wildlife Artist of the Year 2023, Mall Galleries; London, UK

Birds in Art 2023, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum; Wausau, WI

Re-imagining Conservation: From Many Viewpoints, National Museum of Wildlife Art; Jackson, WY

2022 *Tidewater Untamed*, Mary M. Torggler Fine Arts Center; Newport News, VA

Birds in Art 2022, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum; Wausau, WI

(Selected for tour) Newington Cropsey Foundation, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY; Muscatine Art Center, Muscatine, IA; Hansen Museum, Logan, KS

Atrium Artists in Residence, Virginia MOCA; Virginia Beach, VA

Strange Paradise: A Window into Surrealism, Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center; Solomons, MD

The Guiding Hand, Chrysler Museum of Art; Norfolk, VA

2021 *2021 Miami University Young Sculptors Competition*, Juror Mark Dion, Miami University Hiestand Galleries; Oxford, OH

Animals, Light Space & Time Gallery; Virtual

2020 *Birds in Art 2020*, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum; Wausau, WI

(Selected for tour) Newington Cropsey Foundation, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY; Wendell Gilley Museum, Southwest Harbor, ME; Stamford Museum & Nature Center, Stamford, CT; Fullerton Arboretum, Fullerton, CA

Walk on the Wild Side, Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts; Suffolk, VA

2019 *Birds in Art 2019*, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum; Wausau, WI

(Selected for tour) Wichita Falls Museum of Art at Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX; Newington Cropsey Foundation, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY; Wendell Gilley Museum, Southwest Harbor, ME

Modern Makers, Virginia MOCA; Virginia Beach, VA

Residencies

2026 The Studios of Key West; Key West, FL

2025 Vermont Studio Center; Johnson, VT

Rockport Center for the Arts; Rockport, TX

2024 Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum; Wausau, WI

2022 Virginia MOCA; Virginia Beach, VA

Appearances

- 2025 “Anthropocene Conversations”, *Apaçık Radyo*- Istanbul, Turkey, January 7, 2025
- 2022 “Curate | Season 7 | Episode 3,” *WHRO-TV15, PBS.org*, November, 4, 2022
- 2019 “I’ve never taken any art classes.’ Birds in Art artist shares his unique story,” *WSAW-NewsChannel 7*, November 5, 2019
- “44th annual Birds in Art exhibit opens on Saturday,” *WAOW-TV9*, September 9, 2019
- 2017 “Creative Carver: Spencer Tinkham,” *WHRO-TV15, PBS.org*, October 24, 2017

Press

- 2024 “Susannah Kelly Art Award Exhibition,” *Hi-Fructose Magazine*, Issue 72, Fall 2024
- “Virginia MOCA exhibit showcases sculptor’s bird-inspired creations,” *The Virginian-Pilot*, April 28, 2024
- “For the Birds,” *AAA Explorer*, April/May/June 2024
- “Avian Art Takes Flight,” *Fine Art Connoisseur*, January/February 2024
- 2023 “Art Center hosting 2 unique exhibitions in late September,” *The Rockport Pilot*, September 20, 2023
- “Flying Off the Walls,” *Sculpture Review*, Fall 2023
- 2022 “Imaginative Torah pointers are at center of exhibit at Chrysler Museum,” *The Virginian-Pilot*, April 15, 2022
- 2021 “Art of the Decoy,” *Garden & Gun*, December 2021/January 2022
- “The Contractor Saw Takes Flight- Q & A With Spencer Tinkham, Artist & SawStop Owner,” *SawStop.com*, December 14, 2021

- “Birds in Art,” *Competition 2020*, February 2021
- 2020 “Eat, Drink & Be Cozy,” *Distinction*, December 2020/January 2021
- 2019 “Awesome Avians,” *City Pages*, October 10, 2019
- “‘Birds in Art’: How international, first-time artists discovered Wausau’s premier event,” *Wausau Daily Herald*, September 5, 2019
- “Into the Woods,” *Tidewater Traveler*, Spring 2019
- “Full-time Artistry- Spencer Tinkham,” *HocTok*, February 2019
- 2018 “The Interesting World of Duck Decoys and the People Who Collect Them,” *Hook & Barrel*, November/December 2018
- “Search & Decoy,” *Garden & Gun*, February/March 2018
- 2017 *Woodcarving Illustrated*, Spring 2017
- “Where Duck Decoys Became High Art,” *SmithsonianMag.org*, April 24, 2017
- “Carver Brings Wood to Life,” *Distinction*, Spring 2017
- 2016 “Made in Virginia 2016 Awards,” *Virginia Living*, December 2016

Awards

- 2024 Elected Member, National Sculpture Society, New York, NY
- Susannah Kelly Art Award: Sculpture, Antler Gallery & *Hi-Fructose Magazine*, Portland, OR
- Marilyn Newmark Memorial Grant, National Sculpture Society, New York, NY
- 2019 National Sculpture Society SEWE Scholarship, New York, NY
- 2017 Award of Distinction: 3D, *An Occasion for the Arts*, Williamsburg, VA
- 2016 Best Made in Virginia- *Virginia Living Magazine*

Collections

Dollar Tree, Inc., Chesapeake, VA

Elizabeth River Project, Norfolk, VA

The Fralin Museum of Art, Charlottesville, VA

Florence Griswold Museum, Old Lyme, CT

Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Wausau, WI

Top Trumps USA, Inc., Providence, RI

U.S. Energy Development Corporation, Fort Worth, TX