

## THE DESIGN INITIATIVE, INC.

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### MARY-ANN AGRESTI, AIA, Architect / Artist / Educator



Born and raised in Rhode Island, Mary-Ann Agresti currently has a multi-disciplinary design and art studio in Hyannis, Massachusetts. As principal of The Design Initiative, an award winning full service interior design and architecture firm, since 1996, she is responsible for Design, Programming and Management of interior architecture projects domestically and internationally, with a focus on academic, institutional and public space.

**Ms. Agresti is an lecturer of interior architecture (INTAR) at Rhode Island School of Design,** focussing on building materials exploration and integrated design process. Parallel to her architecture practice, Mary-Ann is a artist, with several public murals and sculptures installed on Cape Cod and a letterpress and etching studio by her side.

### EDUCATION

**Master of Architecture,** University of Pennsylvania, 1991/ Thesis: Site Specific Design / Mount Hope, Bristol Rhode Island  
**Bachelor of Fine Arts,** Editorial Design, Syracuse University, 1986  
**Haystack School,** Deer Isle, Maine, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2015, 2016  
Design Process Conference, Verse and Verso, Book Arts Seminar, Found Object Wood Studio, Metalsmithing

### ACADEMIC + PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE

<b>Owner Primary Architect, The Design Initiative Inc,</b> Hyannis, Massachusetts	1996-present
<b>Adjunct Faculty of Interior Architecture, Rhode Island School of Design,</b> Providence RI	2002 - present
<i>Foundation Studio, Elective Studio, Building Materials Exploration</i>	
<b>Faculty of Visual Studies,</b> Pine Manor College, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts	1997 - 2000
<i>Interior Design, Graphic Design, Printmaking, Senior Thesis Advisor,</i>	
<b>Light House Charter School,</b> Seminar, Local Architecture and Design Process, Orleans, MA	2016, 2017
<b>Nauset Youth Alliance - Architectural Design grades 4-5, after school, Brewster MA</b>	2012
<b>Wixon Innovation School, grades 4-5 after school, Dennis Yarmouth School District, Dennis, MA</b>	2013
<b>Chatham Middle School, lunch and learn, Chatham, MA</b>	2014
<b>Citizens Schools Workshop Leader / Design,</b> Dever/McCormack Schools, Boston Massachusetts	1994, 1995
<b>Instructor, Design Theory,</b> The Art Institute of Boston, Boston Massachusetts,	1993

### SELECT ARCHITECTURAL PROJECT LIST

**Ms. Agresti has recently been Senior Interior Architecture Consultant for the following projects:**

University of Massachusetts Lowell, Alumni Hall  
The Massachusetts State House Master Plan, Space Planning Evaluation + Standards  
Chao Center for Executive Learning, Harvard Business School  
College of Business, Kuwait University, Shadadiyah Campus  
Boston University School of Management, Renovation  
College of Engineering and Petroleum, Kuwait University  
MIT Brain and Cognitive Research Center  
MIT Simmons Hall + Baker House Residential Halls  
MIT Koch Cancer Research Center  
Scientific Center of Kuwait Expansion, Kuwait City Kuwait  
Choate Rosemary Hall, Andrew Mellon Library, Renovation

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### **SELECT INSTALLATIONS | GRANTS**

**Gellies, Steel / powder coated outdoor installation, Hyannis Harbor, Aselton Park, 2019**

**Sea Saw, Interactive Furniture, Wood and Steel, Hyannis Harbor, Aselton Park, 2019**

**Shark in the Park, Chatham, 2018**

**Commemoration, Heritage Gardens, Sandwich, MA 2018**

**Hyannis Business Improvement District, Dress Up Downtown Campaign, Electric Box, 2017**

**Hyannis Business Improvement District, Dress Up Downtown Campaign, Mural, 2017**

**Secret Shelters, Heritage Gardens, Sandwich, MA 2015**

**Sea Captains' Row Map and Mural, CARE for the Cape Grant Recipient, 2015**

**Community Studios, Boston Foundation for Architecture Grant Recipient, 2015**

**Nature Frames, Cape Cod Art Association, Barnstable, Mass, Jurors' Selection, Installed 2017**

### **EXHIBITS / COLLABORATIONS**

Creative Exchange Podcast Invited Guest, 2019

Creative Exchange - Arts Foundation of Cape Cod 2017

Transformative Public Art: Discovering the Value of Spaces Between Chairperson  
Artist Panelist

Piece by Piece, Cotuit Center for the Arts, Contributing Artist, 2017, 2019

Cahoon Museum, Cotuit MA, "Brush Off", Invited Artist, 208, 2019

"Curent Impressions", Printmakers of Cape Cod, Juried Show, 2016

Provincetown Art Museum Members Juried show, 2009

Printmakers of Cape Cod, Cultural Center, Juror's Choice, 2012

"The Triptych Project" collaboration with Julie Shaw Lutts, Boston, MA, 5/2005

PLACES, collaboration with 8 book artists, edition of 40, Boston, MA, 2004

Un Folding Poems; Boston, Massachusetts, 1997

A collaboration of eight book artists in an edition of 27.

Ms Agresti's entry was a four color letterpress, illustrated accordion book.

Part of the rare book collection of the John Hay Library at Brown University and private collections.

"Image and Verse," The Lowell Street Gallery of the Cambridge Art Association,  
Cambridge, MA, 3/98

"Passing Through, Monoprints and Artist Books by Mary-Ann Agresti," The Hess Gallery,  
Pine Manor College, Cestnut Hill, MA, 10/97

"No Boundaries: A Collection of Artists' Books," Cambridge Artists' Cooperative, 3/97, Juried Show