CURRICULUM VITAE

Name:

ELENA SPARKE

My textile art practice investigates transversal points between art and language. Global cultural connection is addressed through innovative revival of heritage. Artistic examination of book form through textile medium offers tactile alphabets, reflecting complexity of humanness and nature, shared fragility and strength. I work exclusively with natural materials and processes, both ancient and new.

Education:

2021 MA Textiles (Distinction), University for the Creative Arts, Farnham, UK.

Exhibitions:

2026 ***The Poetics of Fragility***, MINIARTEXTIL35, Como, Italy.

2026 ***BookShock***, Oggetto Libro, ADI Design Museum, Milan, Italy.

2026 ***Flora and Fauna***, Women in Arts Network, Virtual Exhibition & Interview, UK.

2025 ***Material Reveries***, group exhibition, *Consuo* Textiles, Allen Gallery, Alton, Hampshire, UK.

2024 ***Unravelling Textile Traditions***, group exhibition with *Consuo* Textiles, Oxmarket Contemporary Gallery, Chichester, West Sussex, UK.

2024 ***The Society of Bookbinders International Bookbinding Competition***, accompanied by catalogue, 50th Anniversary Conference, York University Conference Centre, York, UK.

2024 ***Society of Women Artists 163rd Annual Exhibition***, accompanied by catalogue. The Mall Galleries, London, UK.

2023 ***Reflections of South Hill Park***, group exhibition with *Consuo* Textiles, accompanied by catalogue. South Hill Park Arts Centre, Bracknell, UK.

2022 ***The Wales Contemporary 2022***, touring exhibition, The Waterfront Gallery, Milford Haven, Wales and Gallery@OXO, South Bank, London.

2022 ***Turn the Page Artist Book Fair***, The Forum, Norwich, UK.

2021-2022 ***50th Anniversary Exhibition*** (online and onsite), West Dean College of Arts and Conservation, Chichester, UK.

2021 ***Pulling Threads***, MA Show, University for the Creative Arts, Foyer Gallery, Farnham, UK.

Awards: 1st Prize, Apparel/Décor Category, ***The International Year of Batik Competition*****,** The Batik Guild, UK (2025)

Publications:

2026 ***Book Object Digital Archive***, www.oggettolibro.it. (three projects selected)

2026 Artist Interview accompanying ***Flora and Fauna*** Virtual Exhibition, Women in Arts Network, UK. www.womeninartsnetwork.com

2024 ***Anthology – 10 Years of Turn the Page Artists' Book Fair***, Jules Allen & Jo Howe (Swallowtail Print, UK). pp. 189 - 190 (Citation of work)

Professional Membership: ETN European Textile Network. Artists Now. The Textile Society. Crafts Council Directory.

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