

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Bettye J. Stull

PERSON

Stull, Bettye J.

Alternative Names: Bettye J. Stull; Betty Stull

Life Dates: June 12, 1931-

Place of Birth: Wheeling, West Virginia, USA

Residence: Columbus, OH

Occupations: Curator; Arts Educator

Biographical Note

Curator and arts educator Bettye J. Stull was born on June 13, 1931 in Wheeling, Virginia. After moving to Columbus, Ohio at the age of seventeen to live with her great-aunt, Stull became an administrative coordinator for the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, where she worked for over thirty years. In 1971, Stull married ceramic artist Robert Stull, who became a faculty member with the art department at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1987, Stull retired from the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department, and became a curator at the King Arts Complex in Columbus, Ohio where she worked to develop youth art education programs and helped launch the Elijah Pierce Gallery in the King Arts Complex. In 2004, Stull retired as curator from the King Art Complex, but continued as a consultant, where she curated "Columbus Collects," "Roots and Legacies," "Echoes of Our Ancestors," which featured a number of rising and established black artists, and an exhibition called "African Art Tradition & Influence: Woodrow Nash Sculptor." In 2008, Stull curated the "Color: Ten African American Artists and Sistahs" exhibition at the Ohio Craft Museum; and in 2010, she curated an exhibition called "Evolution of the Girl Child" at the McCoy Community Arts Center in New Albany, Ohio. Stull collaborated with a Cleveland based art group called "Creative Women of Color" to curate a 2012 exhibition called "SPEAK! Women Sharing Their Voices Through Art." Stull was also an art advisor on the Long Street Bridge "Culture Wall" Committee in Columbus, which was completed in 2014, and consisted of a collection of photographs and block prints that detail the history of Columbus Near East Side.

In 2011, Stull won the Greater Columbus Arts Council Award for her work as an arts educator. In 2012, she received the Award for Outstanding Achievement from the Ohio

Craft Museum. Stull also served on a number of boards and advisory committees including the Ohio Museum Association, the Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center Advisory Committee, the Greater Columbus Art Council Artists in Schools advisory committee, and the Greater Columbus Art League.

Bettye J. Stull was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on November 17, 2017.

Related Entries

Broad Street Presbyterian Church [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from ? to ?]

Director

St. Mary of the Springs College [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from ? to ?]

Columbus Receptions and Parks [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1986 to 1986]

Director

King Arts Complex [EMPLOYEEOf]

[from 1989 to 2013]

Curator