

# Bill Baran-Mickle



Bill Baran-Mickle was honored in 2020 with the Island Treasure Award, which annually celebrates individuals whose work has made a significant impact in the arts and humanities on Bainbridge Island. This award spotlights not only Bill's lifelong artistic accomplishments in sculpture and metalsmithing, but also the foundational position he has played in the development of the arts community through his participation on boards, foundations, and panels.

His expertise was tapped in the inception and development of the

Bainbridge Island Museum of Art and in the growth and enlargement of the Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network. Bill was also a founding member of the Kitsap County Arts Board (the county's 1% for Arts Commission) and served as Chair of the Public Art Committee of Arts & Humanities Bainbridge.

Bill's involvement in metal work began in high school in the form of jewelry. An art scholarship and first place award in a county-wide high school art competition encouraged him to continue his metalsmithing education, ultimately earning a BFA at the California College of Arts and Crafts, an MFA at Rochester Institute of Technology, and later an MA at Syracuse University in Contemporary Art History.

Bill's works have been exhibited extensively in solo and group shows nationally and internationally and included in public collections at the Minneapolis Institute of Art, the Charles Penney Collection at State University College (Buffalo NY), and Southern Utah State College, as well as works included in the Permanent Collection of the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art. His entries were recognized at the Chianciano Biennale (3<sup>rd</sup> place for Sculpture, 2011) and London Biennale (1<sup>st</sup> place--Applied Arts, 2013).

Bill has also been a prolific writer, with nearly 40 articles, reviews and essays published in art and metalwork journals.

Bill moved to Bainbridge Island with his wife and four children in 1998, and he continues to work in his home-based studio. His most recent public art creation is the large working sundial at Battle Point Park, Bainbridge Island.

Resources: <https://www.baranmickle.com/artist/>  
<https://islandtreasureawards.org/awards/baran-mickle-bill/>  
<https://marquistopartists.com/2022/09/>  
<https://www.bainbridgereview.com/life/island-treasures-cantwell-baran-mickle-are-latest-inductees-to-storied-artistic-pantheon/>