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CV

PERSONAL/ BACKGROUND:

- Born in Bracebridge, Ontario Canada, 4th Generation Muskokan
- Mother, Grandmother
- Writer, poet, Life-long learner
- Owner/Operator, Muskoka Place Gallery
- Founder of Muskoka Chautauqua
- Arts advocate, community animator/focalizer

EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- 2012 – 2019 Various intensive workshops including: Blu Smith, Mark Hope, Brian Atyeo, Heidi Burkhardt, June Thomson
- 2010 – 2011 Print Making – Nipissing University – Janet Stahle Fraser
- 2009 – 2010 Canadian Art History – Nipissing University – Tim Rainey
- 2001 to 2010 - studying with Pat Fairhead, M.A., M.Ed., R.C.A., C.S.P.W.C., O.S.A.
- 2008 – Art History – Nipissing University – Cindy Long
- 2008 – Greg Hindle, Gord Miller Summer classes
- 2007/8 – Muskoka Futures Innovators Program
- 2007/8 Cultural Careers Council of Ontario Pilot Project Peer Learning Circle
- 2007/8 Advanced Painting – Nipissing University - Ed Novak
- 2006/7 Studies in Culture and the Arts – Nipissing University – Robert Hemming
- 2005/6 Drawing I and II – Nipissing University - Janet Stahle Fraser
- 2004/5 Women and Art History, Nipissing University – Professor Michelle Roycroft
- 1993/4 Painting with Dr. Paul Kelly, Professor of Fine Art, Nipissing University
- 1994/5 Matrix Studio course with Dr. Paul Kelly, Professor of Fine Art, Nipissing University
- Sir Sanford Fleming, Fine Arts

- 1993-present - A number of classes and workshops with Audrey Jolly, Ed Novak, Linda Blix, Joan Holben, Jon Oelrich, Nancy Gray Ogle, Nola McConnan
- 1971/72 University of Waterloo Fine Arts

AWARDS:

- James O'Brien, 61st Annual Chautauqua Exhibition of Contemporary Art, Chautauqua Institution, NY, 2018
- Award of Excellence in Acrylic Painting, Muskoka Arts and Crafts Spring Show, 2016
- Recipient of the Muskoka Awards inaugural Arts Award for creativity, personal artistic achievements and support and leadership in Muskoka's arts community, 2009
- Award of Excellence in Acrylic Painting, Muskoka Arts and Crafts Spring Show, 2008
- Township of Muskoka Lakes Award for Dedication and Advancement in Arts and Culture, 2004

MEMBERSHIPS:

- Arts and Letters Club of Toronto
- Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour – associate member
- CARFAC
- Muskoka Arts and Crafts
- Society of Canadian Artists – associate member

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

- Gibbons Centre, Alliston, Two-Woman Show with Jennifer Murphy 2019
- Township of Muskoka Lakes Public Gallery Space – solo show 2017
- Muskoka Place Gallery, Two-Woman Show with Marie St. Germain – 2017
- Muskoka Place Gallery, Two-Woman Show with Donna McLaren – 2016
- Muskoka Place Gallery, Fire & Ice, solo exhibition – 2011
- Muskoka Place Gallery, solo exhibition – 2006
- Catto Gallery, Muskoka Lakes Museum, Port Carling,

GROUP/JURIED EXHIBITIONS:

- Arts and Letters Club of Toronto–Juried Fall Members Show – 2019

- Muskoka Arts and Crafts Spring Show – 2019
- 61st Chautauqua Annual Exhibition of Contemporary Art, NY - 2018
- Muskoka Arts and Crafts Spring Show – 2018
- Arts and Letters Club of Toronto – Juried Exhibition 2017
- Orillia Museum of Art and History, Juried Exhibition – 2017
- Muskoka Place Gallery – Two Women Show – 2017
- Muskoka Place Gallery Group - 2017
- Muskoka Arts and Crafts Spring Show – 2016
- CEI Galleries & Kati Bujna Fine Art Studio - 2013
- Arts and Letters Club, Toronto, Juried Show – 2012
- Arts and Letters Club, Toronto, Juried Show – 2011
- Chancery Gallery, Bracebridge, group show – 2011
- Discovery Centre Gallery, Minett, group show - 2011
- Proof Studio Gallery, Toronto, Year of the Rabbit group print show – 2011
- Proof Studio Gallery, Toronto, Year of the Ox group print show– 2010
- Arts and Letters Club, Toronto, Juried Show – 2010
- Muskoka Place Gallery, Group Exhibition – 2010
- Discovery Centre Gallery, Minett, group show - 2011
- Proof Studio Gallery, Toronto, Year of the Ox group print show – 2009
- Arts and Letters Club, Toronto, Juried Summer Show – 2008
- Allison Potato Festival Art Exhibition - 2008
- Muskoka Place Gallery, 2 women show - 2008
- Muskoka Place Gallery, Spring Group Show – 2008, 2010, 2011
- Muskoka Place Gallery, Group Exhibition – 2008, 2009,2010, 2011
- Muskoka Place Gallery, 4 group exhibitions – 2007, 2008
- Muskoka Lakes Spring Art Tour – 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011
- Chapel Gallery, Bracebridge, Muskoka Arts and Crafts Spring Show – 1995-2011
- Chapel Gallery, Bracebridge, Muskoka Arts and Crafts Members Show 1995-2011
- Orillia Museum of Art and History – juried group show, 2007
- WKP Kennedy Art Gallery, North Bay – 2005 Juried Group Show
- Muskoka Place Gallery, Port Carling – 2005 Juried Group Show
- Catto Gallery, Muskoka Lakes Museum, Port Carling, three-artists' exhibition 2005
- Muskoka Tourism Information Centre, Gravenhurst – 2005
- Muskoka Place Gallery, Port Carling – 2004 Three Group Shows
- Silver Bridge Gallery, Port Carling – 2003

JURIED TOURS/EXHIBITIONS (BY PEERS):

- Arts and Letters Club, Toronto 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2017
- Muskoka Lakes Spring Arts Tour 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016
- Orillia Museum of Art and History – group show, 2007, 2016, 2017
- Big Art Thing summer arts tour 2005, 2006

PUBLISHED ARTICLES, STORIES, BOOKS, PAPERS, ARTWORK:

- Muskoka Magazine – May 2013
- Retreats Magazine – July 2008
- Township of Muskoka Lakes Ratepayers Association – 2005 Arrow – painting
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- The White Dress and 8 paintings in My Story Listens to Your Story – An Anthology of Women’s Images and Stories – Centre for Emerging Leadership – 2001
- Muskoka Lakes Association Yearbook – painting 2000
- Barriers to Democracy for Muskoka Magazine 1999
- Art and Healing for MAC Newsletter 1998
- CD Cover (back cover) – Muskoka Lakes Music Festival – Festival Favourites – Vol. 1
- Websites – Centre for Emerging Leadership, Muskoka Arts and Crafts, Muskoka Place Gallery, Muskoka Cultural Impresarios, Arts Council of Muskoka
- Hildegard of Bingen – an historical perspective in a contemporary context framed in the domains of leadership, art, and community unpublished paper with painting

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS/INTERVIEWS:

- “Y”s Women in the Arts – 2012, Nipissing University, Bracebridge, Ontario
- National Post – July 2008
- Mobilizing Community around Arts and Culture – Direction Ontario Tourism conference, Ottawa
- St. Thomas Anglican Church, Bracebridge – guest speaker, Divine Dinner series
- Women’s Resource Centre, Bracebridge – guest speaker, Daphne’s Drop In – Hildegard of Bingen – an historical perspective in a

contemporary context framed in the domains of leadership, art, and community

- Gravenhurst Manor Women's Group – Hildegard of Bingen
- December 2004 – Brain Brew Radio – PRI Public Radio International – Re: Anthology
- August 2005 – Radio Body Talk – Health Network Radio – Arts and Healing heard on several radio stations across the United States with live web broadcast worldwide on <http://www.healthradionetwork.com>