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## Education

<b>Master of Arts Degree (Art Therapy)</b>	1993
Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec	
<b>Graduate Diploma (Art Therapy)</b>	1989
Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec	
<b>Bachelor of Fine Arts (Major—Art Education; Minors—Psychology, Fibres)</b>	1988
Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec	
<b>Associate's Diploma—A.O.C.A. (Fine Arts Painting and Drawing)</b>	1984
Ontario College of Art, Toronto, ON	
<i>while at OCA: Fourth Year Independent Study in Florence, Italy</i>	1983-84

## Solo Exhibits (selected):

<b><i>A Month of New Pics</i></b> , Café Natura, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	2014-15
<b><i>Nestled (in my mother's garden)—a visual journal (2)</i></b> , Camera Craft Gallery, SSM, ON	2014
<b><i>(My) Hidden Nature—a visual journal of an urban garden space (1)</i></b> , Camera Craft Gallery, SSM, ON	2013
<b><i>Awaiting the Thaw: A Selection of Digital Prints</i></b> , Frida Café and Gallery, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	
<b><i>Limbo Dance: Installation</i></b> , Definitely Superior, Thunderbay, ON	1990
<b><i>Positions: Video Presentation, Interpretation, Discussion</i></b> , Concordia University, Mtl., PQ	
<b><i>Decompensation Series: 6 Month Outdoor Installation</i></b> , work from Limbo Dance, installed in bush lot, SSM.	
<b><i>Limbo Dance: Installation</i></b> , White Water Gallery, North Bay, ON	1989
<b><i>On Active Imagination: Installation</i></b> , Concordia U, Montreal, Quebec	1988
<b><i>Limbo Dance: Installation</i></b> , Meta Gallery, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	1987
<b><i>A Personal Reality: Installation</i></b> , Concordia University, Montreal, PQ	
<b><i>Limbo Dance: Installation</i></b> , Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec	
<b><i>A Story in Five Parts</i></b> , VAV Gallery, Concordia University, Montreal, PQ	1986

## Group Exhibits (selected):

<b><i>The Sketchbook Project #14: sketchbook title <u>Monocular Stitch'n Time</u></i></b> , organized by the Brooklyn Art Library, Brooklyn, NY, on tour in continental USA, summer-fall 2019	2019
<b><i>The Tiny Sketchbook Project—collaborative work with L.Meschino: sketchbook title <u>A Very Short Way Home</u></i></b> , organized by the Brooklyn Art Library, Brooklyn, NY, on tour Europe summer 2019	2019
<b><i>The Sketchbook Project #14—collaborative work with L.Meschino: sketchbook title <u>Go-Between</u></i></b> , organized by the Brooklyn Art Library, Brooklyn, NY, on tour in continental USA, summer-fall 2019	2019
<b><i>Canvas Project, includes publication in <u>A Visual Encyclopedia—a Global Visual Interpretation of Words</u></i></b> , Brooklyn Art Library, Brooklyn, NY	2019
<b><i>The ArtSpeaks Project Exhibit: Re-Purposing Trauma</i></b> , organized by ASProject Artists, showcasing the works of ASProject participants and arts mentors, at the Ideal Art Space, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	2017
<b><i>Sketch Book Project 2015 Tour: sketchbook title <u>A Good Book</u></i></b> , organized by the ArtHouse Co-op, Brooklyn, NY, on tour in USA & Canada, May-Nov 2015	2015
<b><i>SBP 2013 World Tour: sketchbook title <u>(My)Hidden Nature</u></i></b> , organized by the ArtHouse Co-op, Brooklyn, NY, on tour in USA & Canada, March-August 2013	2013
<b><i>Print Exchange—The Drive Home</i></b> , exhibited at Graphic Arts Workshop San Francisco, CA; Blackburn 2020: The Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop, NY, NY; organized by ArtHouseCo-op	2013
<b><i>Pen Pal Painting Exchange</i></b> , Art House Co-op, Brooklyn, NY	2013
<b><i>100 Years of Art in the Sault-Community Creative Art Project (invitational)</i></b> , Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	2012-13
<b><i>Self-Portrait Project 4x4</i></b> , Brooklyn Art Library, Brooklyn, NY	2012
<b><i>Photo Response Project</i></b> , Brooklyn Art Library, Brooklyn, NY	2012
<b><i>Limited Edition—The Sketchbook Project: sketchbook title: <u>A Good Book</u></i></b> —exhibit June 2012, publication date Fall 2012. Brooklyn Art Library, Brooklyn, NY	
<b><i>4x6 Exchange: International Art Swap &amp; Exhibit</i></b> , organized by the ArtHouse Co-op, Brooklyn, NY	2012
<b><i>The Sketchbook Project 2012 World Tour: sketchbook topic—<u>Hope—Good Fortune</u></i></b> , organized by The Arthouse Co-op, Brooklyn, NY, on tour April-November 2012	
<b><i>A Million Little Pictures: 2011 Photomobile Tour (US&amp;Canada)</i></b> , on tour September-November 2011, including Nuit Blanche Festival, Toronto, Oct. 1/11 (presented by Gallery 44, Toronto & ArthouseCo-op)	2011
<b><i>Clearing in the woods: New Works w R.Draisey</i></b> , HATCH Collective/Café 1923, Hamtramck, MI	2011
<b><i>Clearing in the woods: New Works w Rebecca Draisey</i></b> , MILK Coffee Bar, Windsor, ON	2011

**The Sketchbook Project US Tour: sketchbook topic *Revenge...is never forgetting***, ArtHouseCo-op. **2011**  
**Cycle(s), with T.Harris, D.Sparks, T.Hill**, Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie, ON **2008**  
**Drawn Together in Algoma**, (invitational), Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie, ON **2008**  
**In Memory: A Studio Review**, (invitational), Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie, ON **2007**  
**Prototypes**, (organizer/participant), whitespace gallery, Sault Ste. Marie, ON **2006**  
**Home is where the ART is, with Rebecca Draisey**, Artspeak, Windsor, ON **2006**  
**Touch the Monkey with T.Harris, D.Sparks, T.Hill**, Loplops Lounge and Gallery, Sault Ste. Marie, ON **2006**

#### **Arts Festivals/Fundraisers/Auctions (selected)**

**Arts Council Art & Craft Fair**, Superior Heights, Sault Ste. Marie, ON **2015**  
**ARCH Fundraiser**, Quattro Hotel, Sault Ste. Marie, ON **2015**  
**Sylvan Valley Artisan Studio Tour—15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour** (juried), Legion Hall, Echo Bay, ON **2015**  
**Saultlicious—The Grand Bazaar**, Mill Square, Sault Ste. Marie, ON **2015**  
**Artists without Borders**, Essar Hall, Sault College of AAT, Sault Ste. Marie, ON **2014**  
**Annual Gala Gift Show**, Bushplane Museum, Sault Ste. Marie, ON **2014/15/16**  
**Culture Days Showcase**, Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie, ON **2014**  
**ETSY Made in Canada Pop Up Market** (juried), Mill Market, Sault Ste. Marie, ON **2014**  
**Art on the Bay** (juried outdoor arts festival), Voyageur Lodge, Batchewana, ON **2014/16**  
**Arts at the Dock** (juried outdoor arts festival), Hilton Beach, St. Joe's Island, ON **2013/14/15**

#### **Awards and Grants**

- **Zonta Club of Sault Ste. Marie—recipient of Zonta's Yellow Rose** in honour of one's work with women in the community as a celebration of International Women's Day. **2018**
- **Ontario Trillium Foundation—1yr SEED Grant (2016) funding for The ArtSpeaks Project 2017-18**  
Using art to build resiliency in women dealing with trauma due to addictions, sexual assault, mental health issues; grant author/project co-ordinator/lead program designer. **2017-18**
- **Ontario Arts Council—Exhibition Assistance** **2013**  
For *(My) Hidden Nature* at Camera Craft Gallery, Sault Ste. Marie, ON, September 2013
- **Ontario Arts Council—Exhibition Assistance (Group Application)** **2010**  
For 'Cycle(s)' at Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie, ON, February 2011
- **Ontario Arts Council—Exhibition Assistance (Group Application)** **2006**  
For 'Touch the Monkey' at Loplops Lounge & Gallery, Sault Ste. Marie, ON.
- **Ontario Arts Council—Special Projects for Organizations** **2000**  
In conjunction with the Sault Area Hospitals Sexual Assault Care Centre, Sault Ste. Marie, ON.
- **Arts Council of Sault Ste. Marie and District—President's Award to Business** **1999**  
In recognition of the Fireball Coffee'n Arts House generous contribution to the arts.
- **Ontario Arts Council—Artists in Education Program** **1995**  
Arts workshops conducted in Public/Separate Highschools in Sault Ste. Marie, ON
- **Canada Council Visiting Artist Program** **1990**  
For *Limbo Dance: Installation and Workshop* at Definitely Superior Gallery, Thunderbay, ON
- **Ontario Arts Council—Exhibition Assistance** **1990**  
For 'Tempered Motion' at Meta Gallery, Sault Ste. Marie, ON
- **Ontario Arts Council—Exhibition Assistance** **1984**  
For 'Works on Canvas and Paper; Instances' at Art Gallery of Algoma, SSM, ON

#### **Bibliography and Media (selected)**

- **Beyond the Group of Seven—Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma's Arts and Culture Community**, interview by K.Huckson for northernontario.travel, March 26, 2019.
- **Biweekly ArtHives are Trauma Therapy**, interview by S.McCleary for SaultThisWeek.com, Feb.26/19
- **Nestled (in my mother's garden)**, video interview by D. Carlassio for Shaw TV, October 2014.
- **Art at Remand Centre Helps Rebuild Lives**, interview by A.Pearson for SaultThisWeek.com, May 6/14
- **Expanding the Classroom: Art Reach**; Education Today, Fall 2009, Volume 21, No.3, [www.opsba.org](http://www.opsba.org); Article by Mark D. Dunn with photos provided by M.Parrella-Illaria.
- **Fireball Chronicles—wrote/recorded for broadcast, forty-one, 5 minute segments on life in the north from the perspective of a café owner/artist for CBC Radio One—Points North with Dan Lessard**; aired weekly on Wednesdays from September 2000 until June 2001

#### **Workshops and Presentations (selected)**

- **The ArtSpeaks Project, co-facilitated with L.Meschino, PhD.** **2019**  
**Presentation & Discussion.** ArtHives Winter Institute—ArtHives Network, Sheridan College, Mississauga, ON

- **Re-purposing Trauma—Fostering Resiliency through Arts-Based Learning and Cultural Mentorship thru the ArtSpeaks Project** 2018

Presentation & Workshop. Invited by Addictions and Mental Health Ontario (AMHO), 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference: Where Change Happens; held at the Hilton Toronto, ON

- **Photo Camp, co-facilitator with Rosalie Favell** 2015

Workshop—week long. Algoma University, Sault Ste. Marie, ON

- **Creating Mandalas—Intro to Colour Theory with Acrylics**, Art Gallery of Algoma, SSM, ON 2015
- **Fibre Art Jewelry Workshop—Sunday Workshop Series**, Art Gallery of Algoma, SSM, ON 2014
- **The Fireball Cafe and Socio-Economic Activism in the Sault** 2005

Workshop. 2005 National Conference on CED and the Social Economy, Sault Ste. Marie, ON.

- **Mapping the World/Body** 1995-1996

Workshop Series. Artists in Education Program, Ontario Arts Council, presented in Sault, ON secondary schools.

- **Exploring Creativity** 1995

Workshop. Northern Ontario Artists' Association (N.O.A.A.) Conference, Elliot Lake, ON

### **Work Experience (selection)**

**Small business owner:** OpenART Studios, Sault Ste. Marie, ON 2007—present  
**Art Therapist,** Algoma Treatment & Remand Center, Sault Ste. Marie, ON 1995—present  
**Program & Curriculum Developer/Instructor (contract hire):** Video Game Art, General Arts & Sciences, Con. Education; CICE Learning Specialist, Sault College of Applied Arts & Tech, Sault, ON 2008-2016  
**Co-ordinator & Developer:** ARTREACH Workshop Series for Youth, SSM, ON 2005-2011  
**Program Co-ordinator, Curriculum Developer & Sessional Instructor:** Fine Arts Studies B.A. Degree Program, Algoma University College, Sault Ste. Marie, ON 2001-2005  
**Program Co-ordinator (2003-05); Adjunct Professor/Instructor:** Fine Arts Studies, B.A. Degree Program; School of History and Humanities, LSSU, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 1998-2005  
**Small business owner:** Fireball Coffee'n Arts House, Sault Ste. Marie 1995-2002