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Summary

I create contemporary figurative, colourful, and dynamic mixed media work on silk and paper.

My art is influenced by many years of yoga and meditation practice, and a profound emotional connection with living on the Nova Scotia coast. From 2012 onwards, I have created art inspired by the ocean, wind, marshlands, and rugged local geography. My work explores the interconnectedness between humans, nature, wildlife, and home. I have worked with fibre my entire life. Working with silk and other fibres allows me to balance sensuous colours, layers, and textures with energy and surprise.

I wish for the viewer to have an experiential and tactile art experience – to walk through a “field” of silk, to feel the textures and to be immersed in a peaceful and beautiful environment.

I have offered numerous visual art workshops in a variety of communities throughout Nova Scotia. Recently I have transitioned to being a full-time artist after many years practicing my art part-time while working in the educational sector. My work draws deeply from my experience as a Coach, Educator, Master Facilitator, and Certified Yoga & Art Teacher, which is built on the foundation of my formal art school training.

I believe I have a range of transferable skills and expertise from my 30 plus years of extensive experience working in educational and community settings with all levels of government that will serve me well as a full-time artist and in supporting the arts community. I have expertise in project management, proposal writing, facilitation, research, program design, partnership development and fiscal management.

My work can be found in private collections in Canada and Internationally.

Arts and cultural training and learning

Sept 2020 – June 2024	Artist Mentorship program with Joan Hanely https://hanleystudio.com/ virtual and in person (Maine & NH, USA)
July 2023	Abstract Painting Retreat, with Wayne Boucher https://www.wayneboucher.ca/ at Art Lab Studio and Gallery, Parrsboro, NS
Mar. 2022	Teaching an Online Workshop, Visual Arts Nova Scotia – virtual
Nov. 2021	Networking Workshop, Visual Arts Nova Scotia – virtual
Oct. 2021	Grant Writing Workshop, Visual Arts Nova Scotia – virtual
April 2021	Websites, Social Media & Tech Workshop, Visual Arts Nova Scotia – virtual

Nov. 2015	Certification Art & Yoga Teacher Training Level 2, Kripalu Centre for Yoga & Health, Stockbridge MA, US 2012
Oct. 2013 & 2014	Graphic Facilitation Level 1 and 2, Empowering Visuals for Social Change, with Corrie Melanson https://seachangeacolab.com/about/ , Halifax NS
Nov 2012	Certification Art & Yoga Teacher Training Level 1, Kripalu Centre for Yoga & Health, Stockbridge MA, US 2012
Nov. 2007	The Art of the Executive Leader, The Banff Centre – Leadership Development, Banff, AB
May 2003	Certification in Negotiation & Conflict Management, Dalhousie University, Halifax
May 2001	M.Ed. with Distinction University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB 2001
May 1994	B.F.A. with Distinction, Mount Allison University, Sackville NB, 1994

Selected artistic and cultural work presented to the public

June 29-Aug 25 2024	“Fabric of Community” (upcoming) Solo Show, curator Brandt Eisner, Ice House Gallery, Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia
May 1- May 25 2024	“Invasive” Group Show curator Steph Kincade, ArtsPlace, Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia
Feb 2024	“Fabric of Community” ArtsPlace – Member in Residence show, curator Sophie Paskins, ArtsPlace, Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia
Dec. 2023	“Squared Away” (Pop -up Group Show) curator Brandt Eisner, Community venue, Truro, NS
Sept. 2023	“Critical Care” – (Group Show) curator Brandt Eisner, Ice House Gallery, Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia
July 2023	“Coastal Inspired” (Solo Show) Art Lab Studios & Gallery, Parrsboro, Nova Scotia, July 2023
Dec. 2022	“Time to Exhale” (Solo Show) Marigold Arts Centre, Truro, Nova Scotia
Dec. 2022	“Squared Away” (Group Show) curator Brandt Eisner, Ice House Gallery Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia December 2022
May-June 2022	“Beyond Ordinary” (Group Show) Art Lab Studios & Gallery, Parrsboro, Nova Scotia
Dec. 2021	“Yuletide” (Group Show) curator Brandt Eisner, Ice House Gallery Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia
Oct. 2020	(Group Show) Art Lab Studio and Gallery, Parrsboro Nova Scotia

June 2018 "Connect to the Amazing Everyday" Pop-up Solo Art Show, HaTha Yoga Studio, Amherst, Nova Scotia

Artists and community collaboration activities

Oct. 2023 Paint the Edge of Winter, Art Lab Studio & Gallery, Parrsboro, NS

Aug. 2023 Paint the Town, ArtsPlace, Annapolis Royal, NS

Teaching (recent)

Feb. & Mar. 2024 Creating Joy Part 2 one-on-one painting on silk, ArtsPlace, Annapolis Royal, NS & HaTha Yoga Studio, Amherst, NS

Jan. 2024 Creating Joy Part 1 ArtsPlace, Annapolis Royal, NS & HaTha Yoga Studio, Amherst, NS

Sept. 2023 The Art of Indigo Dyeing – Sage & Sweetgrass, Dartmouth, NS

July 2023 The Art of Indigo Dyeing – Ice House Gallery, Tatamagouche, NS

June & July 2022 The Art of Indigo Dyeing – Ice House Gallery, Tatamagouche, NS

July 2022 Courageous Creating – Ice House Gallery, Tatamagouche, NS

Sept. 2022 The Art of Indigo Dyeing – Art Mentorship Retreat, Maine, USA

May 2022 Goddesses Re-emerging – HaTha Yoga Studio, NS

Jan. 2021 Courageous Creating – What is the Wild Plan? HaTha Yoga Studio, NS

May 2020 Courageous Creating – A Healing Journey through the Chakras, HaTha Yoga Studio NS - virtual.

Jan. 2019 Celebrate Your True Self- Life Size Figure Painting, HaTha Yoga Studio, Amherst NS

Jan. 2018 Bold Move- Say Yes to Yourself collage workshop- HaTha Yoga Studio, Amherst NS

Nov. 2017 Painting and Diving into the Lotus as a Symbol of Renewal Fall River Yoga Studio, Fall River, NS

Feb. 2015 Art that Empowers – Creative Exploration of Materials, HaTha Yoga Studio, Amherst, NS

Residencies

Jan. 20- Feb. 24 Member-in-Residence: Fabric of Community, **ARTSPLACE**, Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia

Awards and community recognition

April 1990 Student Drawing Award, Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB

Volunteer Experience

May 2023-present Board Member – Grace Arts Centre – supporting curator and Manager of The Ice House Gallery

May 2021-2022 Ex-Officio Member of Grace Arts Centre – supporting the curator of The Ice House Gallery

Memberships and affiliations

Visual Arts Nova Scotia (VANS) member

CARFAC board member

ArtsPlace, Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, member

Art Lab Gallery & Studios, Parrsboro, Nova Scotia, member

