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### **AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Art Auction to raise funds for Royal Ottawa Hospital composed by Algonquin College • July 2022-23

Art hanging outfitting prestigious Hotel Rideau • 2022-23

Solo art Display in Town Hall in Smiths Falls • March 2022

Awards Gala / Auction to raise funds for BMH Art Show in Ottawa (Brain and Mental Health Art Show) • March 2022-23

Marianne van Silfhout Art Gallery "Honorable Mention Award" • March 2012

Heavily collected by the Federal Government of Canada • March 2014

Held in many private collections and several countries • 2008-Present

Represented by Four Elite Galleries • 2016-Present

Highest amount of sales during Vernissage at Brush Strokes Gallery • 2010

### **EXPERIENCE**

Jurier for - Outdoor Public Art Event Eastern Ontario • September 2023

Sole Proprietor Organic Conception® Art Gallery • 2011-2014

Owned Compositions® Art Gallery and Art Supply Store • 2009-2012

Teach Art (painting, drawing, sculpting) • 1998-present

Ask to Participate in the Biennale Internazionale, Florence Italy • 2011

Worked at various camera stores (Moto Photo, Paul Nelson Photo, Shoppers)

Worked at various art stores (Michael's, Omer Dessares)

Worked at Various Print Shops as Pre-Press Technician (Ferguson Graphics, Bradda Printing)

• 1998-2005

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Hold fund-raisers for the Carleton Place and Memorial Hospital Foundation - 2018 - Present

Donate Art to Various Charities • 2008 - Present

President of the SFDACC (Smiths Falls and District, Arts and Culture Council) • 2016 - Present

Art Instructor and Assistant Volunteer at Phasein Therapeutic Art • 2022-Present

Rideau Lakes Artist Association • 2016-2017

Job Shadowed by High school student • 2012

OMMA (Ottawa Mixed Media Association) • 2010-2011

Ottawa Artisans Guild • 2009-2023

### **EDUCATION**

Clay Sculpture; St. Lawerence College, Brockville Ontario • 2022

Poetry; St. Lawerence College, Brockville Ontario • 2019

Digital Music Production; Algonquin college, Ottawa Ontario • 2014

Life Drawing With & Without Model; St. Lawerence College, Brockville Ontario • 2011

Graphic Design; Algonquin College, Ottawa Ontario • 2001-2003

Design Foundations; Algonquin College, Ottawa Ontario • 2000-2001

Classes; Drawing, Acrylic Painting, Oil Painting, Sculpture • 1996-2008

High School Diploma, Carleton Place Ontario • 1994-1999

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

Your TV Interview on Art Classes • February 2023

Your TV Interview on SFDACC (Smiths Falls and District Arts and Culture Council)

• April 2022

Magazine page by Le HangArt regading SOLO Exhibition Old Montreal, Quebec

• November 2021 & October 2022

Front page newspaper article recognizing Arts & Culture

• November 2019

Regional Contact - CTV News Ottawa, Five minute documentary on "Discovering Creativity through Struggle"

• April 2018

Artwork used for Promotional Purposes in the Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition

• July 2016

Full Spread in The Humm Newspaper "Come Back Leah Hicks"

• June 2016

Two Newspaper articles regarding vernissage Harmony Gallery

• November 2016

Magazine "Spurge" describing My Art Gallery
• September 2014

Two Newspapers showcasing art Florence Italy

• October 2011

Florence Biennale Participating Artists Book
• October 2011

# **EXHIBITIONS**

SOLO Exhibition - Organic Conception Old Montreal - Quebec October 2022

SOLO EXHIBITION - United Gratitude S22 Gallery -Kingston Ontario April 2022

Modern Woman - Showcasing Woman Artists ARTA GALLERY - Toronto Ontario March 2022

SOLO Exhibition - Appel Old Montreal - Quebec November 2021

Magazine and Web Display Article British Vogue - London England January - March 2021

Magazine and Web Display Article Adobe 2 - London England January - March 2021

S/M/L Show Santini Gallery - Ottawa Ontario September 2020 & 2022

Woven Dreams Solo Exhibit Santini Gallery - Ottawa Ontario March 2020

Chicago Art Expo FULTON STREET COLLECTIVE - Chicago USA September 2019

Art In Motion ARTA GALLERY - Toronto Ontario September 2019

The Table Restaurant SOLO SHOW - Ottawa Ontario July-August 2019

Fantasy the Forest Art Show - Kingston Ontario July 2019

Like Art Show ARTA GALLERY - Toronto Ontario July 2019

Signatures Show - Ottawa Ontario November 2018 Gallery Artists Group Exhibition II - Toronto Ontario June 2018

Gallery Artists Group Exhibition I - Toronto Ontario May 2018

Dear World - Toronto Ontario February 2018

A Golden Glow to Light the Day Exhibit - Toronto Ontario November 2016

RAW Natural Born Artists - Toronto Ontario February 2017

Harmony Gallery, Vernissage - Smiths Falls Ontario Vernissage and Wall Display Smiths Falls, January 2016 - 2018

Stewart Park Music Festival - Perth Ontario July 2016

Stairwell Gallery Vernissage and sale Almonte Ontario, April-June 2015

Women's Art Festival - Kingston Ontario August 2015

The New Art Festival - Ottawa Ontario June 2015

Marianne Van Silfhout Art Gallery Untapped Art Show Brockville Ontario, March 2012

Ottawa Artisans Guild - Ottawa, Ontario May 2008-2012

Biennale Internazionale Dell'Arte Contemporanea Florence Italy, November 2011

Ottawa Art Expo - Ottawa, Ontario October 2009-2011

All Exhibitons have been Juried