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1959 Born: Peterborough, Ontario, Canada,

Education/ Professional development

86-89 Associate, Ontario College of Art & Design
Honors in Ceramics and Textile Design. Toronto,
2022 John Britt, Cone 6 Glazing Workshop, Ottawa, On
20-21 Hands on wood firing, Frantic Farms, Warkworth,
2021 Ceramic Congress, International Ceramics
virtual five day symposium
02-24 Established Studio Under The Trees Studio
3 Wembley Drive, Toronto,
2015 Creative Entrepreneurship Program, Artscape, Toronto
2011 FUSION Mentorship with Angelo Di Petta
95-99 Established "Beyond the Front" collective studio
245 Carlaw Avenue, Toronto,
91-94 Artist in Resident & pottery instructor
Harbourfront Craft Studio, Toronto,

Solo & Two Person Exhibitions

2019 *Franzen and Franzen*, Rebecca Gallery, Toronto, On
2007 *Tea Time*, La Tea Da Tea House, Solo show, Toronto, On
2000 *Renaissance Women*, 2 person Show
Rebecca Gallery, Toronto, On
1994 *Ceramic Vessels: Celebrating Life*, solo show
True Places Gallery, Mississauga, On

Group Exhibitions

00- 23 *Karen Franzen and Friend's Holiday Show*, Toronto
2021 *The Collage Show*, Gerrard Art Space, Toronto
19 -23 *Harvest of Holiday Delights*, Port Hope, On
19- 24 *In A Garden*, Port Hope, On
2013 *Parallel Journeys Two Mentorships*
Ontario Crafts Council, Toronto, On
08-13, *In A Garden*, Port Hope On
2011 *Shadowboxes Exhibition*, Fundraiser
Textile Museum Toronto, On
2009 *Nuit Blanche "If Walls Could Speak"*, Dish gallery,
Distillery District, Toronto. On
2008 *Nuit Blanche "Secrets of the Disk"*, Dish gallery,
Distillery District, Toronto, On
2008 *Colour, Line, and Form*. Portfolio, Orangeville, On
2005 *Ceramics Group Show*, The Guild Shop, Toronto
2004 *Private Eye Collectors and Their Stories*
The McMichael Art Gallery, Kleinberg, On
2004 *Colour, Line, and Form*. Portfolio, Orangeville, On
01-03 *Art In The Garden / Moore Gardens Show*, Toronto
2000 *A Bowl for All Seasons*, Gardiner Museum of Ceramics,
Toronto, On
1997 *Japanese External Trade Show*
International Frankfurter Messe Asia, Tokyo, Japan
1997 *Holiday Collection II*, Ontario Crafts Council, Toronto
1997 *Invitational Teapot Exhibition*, The Guild Shop, Toronto
1995 *Taking the Lid Off*, Gardiner Museum of Ceramics
1995 *Tea Time*, Gallery Lynda Greenberg, Ottawa

1995 *Beyond the Front*, Rail's End Gallery, Halliburton, On
93-95 Gallery Lynda Greenberg, Ottawa
1994 *Faculty Show*, Rail's End Gallery, Halliburton, On
1994 *Total Decor*, Core Gallery, Toronto,
1994 *Beyond the Garden Wall*, York Quay Gallery,
Toronto
1992 *Spring '92*, Forge Studio Gallery, Terra Cotta, On
1992 *Face to Face*, York Quay Gallery, Toronto,
1991 *Rites of spring*, York Quay Gallery, Toronto
1991 *Holiday Collection*, Ontario Crafts Council, Toronto,
1990 *Curiosa Felicitas*, York Quay Gallery, Toronto,
1989 *Ceramics: Ontario College of Art Graduate Show*,
Gallery 76, Toronto, On
1989 *Franzen & Friends*, Bermuda Society of Arts,
Hamilton, Bermuda
1989 *Conflux: A Selection of Work by OCA Women Artists*,
Gallery 76, Toronto, On
1989 *Communities Connecting*,
Anna Leonens Gallery, Halifax, Nova Scotia
1987 *Franzen, Franzen & Franzen*,
Bermuda Society of Arts, Hamilton, Bermuda

Juried Exhibitions & Studio Tours

2024 FUSION Breakthrough Plus traveling exhibition
2024 *The Joy Show*, Jackalope Gallery, Toronto, On
22-23 *Fusion Clay and Glass*, Artscape Wichwood Barns,
Toronto, On
2022 FUSION Breakthrough Plus, Leslie Grove Gallery,
Toronto, On
2021 *The Smalls Show*, Leslie Grove Gallery, Toronto
2019 *Fusion Clay and Glass Show*,
Artscape Wichwood Barns, Toronto
2016 *Merry Makers Market*, (curator, organizer)
Pitchfork Company, Toronto, On.
2016 *Life Along the 506*, (curator) Flying Pony Café
Gallery, Toronto, On
2011 *Danforth East Arts Festival*, Toronto, On
01-18 *Beach Studio Tour*, Toronto, On
07-08 *The Fusion Show*. Toronto. On
08-10 *Uxbridge Studio Tour*, Uxbridge, On
04-07 *Toronto Outdoor Exhibition*, Nathan-Phillips Square
05-07 *Muskoka Arts & Crafts Show*, Bracebridge, On
01-07 *Cabbagetown Arts Festival*, Toronto, On
01-03 *Plaid Tidings*, Branksome Hall, Toronto
2005 *Willow Beach*, NEW Gallery, Toronto
98-09 *The Moose Show*, CBC Atrium, Toronto
1999 *Toronto Outdoor Exhibition*, Nathan-Phillips Square
97-03 *Willow Beach Arts Festival*, (founding member)
Port Hope, Ontario
97-04 *West End Studio Tour*, Toronto. Ontario
91-97 *Toronto Outdoor Exhibition*, Nathan-Phillips Square
94-97 *East of the Don Studio Tour*, (founding member),
Toronto.
1993 *Fireworks '93*, Ontario Clay & Glass Association
1993 *Out to Lunch*, In the Making Gallery, Toronto
1992 *Group Show*, Mississauga Civic Centre Art Gallery.
Mississauga, On
1991 *Ontario Crafts '91*, Ontario Crafts Council

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Commissions, Special projects

- 18 & 21 *Bushel Basket Bonanza*, Fundraiser arts event
Fairmount Park Farmers Market, Toronto
- 03-17 *506 Streetcar Project*, Curator cultural arts festival,
Little India, Toronto
- 09-10 *Bowlerama*, Hawthorn Alternative School, Toronto
Made 150 bowls for students to decorate.
- 90-24 Tile murals (kitchen/dining/bath), private residences
- 02-06 Commemorative Garden Platters for volunteer awards,
Toronto Green Community, Toronto
- 2006 Personalized Giant Cup and Saucer award for retiring
accountant Mother Goose Society, Toronto.
- 2001 Commemorative Teapot for retirement gift Celia
Lotteridge, Mother Goose Society, Toronto
- 2001 Bridal Registry: complete dinnerware & serving pieces,
tea service, at home accessories (lamps, knobs, bath),
Heather Finlay and Malcolm Horne
- 1997 Ceramic decal design for production tableware,
Trend Image Licensing
- 1994 Reproduction pieces: Cézanne still life objects,
Barnes Exhibit window display, Art Gallery of Ontario
- 1994 Watering can purchased by ceramic collector Aaron
Milrod,
- 90-92 Ceramic Trophies, *Reach for the Sky*, International
Trampoline Festival, Harbourfront Toronto, On

Grants & Awards

- 2011 *Best in Show Booth Award*, Danforth East Arts Festival
- 2001 *Best in Show Booth Award*, Cabbagetown Arts Festival
- 1993 Ontario Arts Council Crafts Grant
- 1992 Ontario Arts Council Crafts Grant
- 1990 Tuckers Purchase Award, Harbourfront Festival of Craft &
Design
- 1989 Ontario College of Art, Design Award, Honorable
Mention

Arts and Special Events Planning

- 2024 FUSION Clay and Glass Association
50th Anniversary Chair
- 2021 Fairmount Park Farmer's Market, Arts Coordinator
- 2016 Merry Makers Market, Pitchfork Gerrard Street East,
- 2016 506 Streetcar Project, Founding Member
Roden Public School, 100th Anniversary Celebration
Bain Co – op Craft Show coordinator

Gallery Representation

- Blue Crow Gallery, Toronto, On
On Divine Craft, Lakefield, On

Teaching / Workshops

- 02-24 Pottery workshops, Studio Under The Trees
3 Wembley Drive, Toronto, On
- 2021 On-line Zoom clay workshops
- 2018 Makers Fair, Bomore Public school. Toronto
Made collaborative giant coil pots with the help of
many hands.
- 2004 Saturday Morning Workshop, Fusion, Toronto
- 2003 Hand-building Workshop, Ryerson Polytechnic
Institute
- 2010 Presenter Mississauga Potter's Guild, Mississauga,
- 2008 Assisted Fed Franzen in Mural project involving
staff and students of Roden Public School, Toronto,
- 2008 Presenter Burlington Potter's Assoc. Burlington, On
- 2007 Presenter, Toronto Potters Association
Cedar Ridge creative Centre, Scarborough, On
Workshop for student Teachers
- 93-02 Pottery Instructor, Toronto Board of Education
Continuing Education Night School Programme.
- 00 – 02 Tile Design Workshop (2 days), Willow Beach,
Port Hope, On
- 2000 Tile Design Studio Workshop (1.5 day), Toronto, On
- 1999 Tile Design Workshop (1 day), for Ontario Crafts
Council Volunteers, Bain Co-op Community Centre
- 1999 Facilitator, Teaching Teachers: Exploring Clay with
Children, Ryerson Polytechnic Institute
- 93-98 Pottery Instructor, Beyond the Front Studio,
Toronto
- 1997 Presenter, Ontario College of Art & Design
- 1995 Presenter, Low Fire Earthenware Decoration,
Hill Potters Association, Richmond Hill, Ontario
- 1995 Workshop Facilitator, Low Fire Earthenware
Decoration (2 day), Waterloo Potters Workshop,
Kitchener Waterloo
- 1995 Workshop Facilitator, Low Fire Earthenware
Decoration (6 day), Halliburton School of Fine Arts
- 1993 Presenter, Toronto Potters Association
- 90-93 Harbourfront Craft Studio: Resident Artist &
Instructor, Children's Clay Workshop, and Raku
Workshop
- 1992 Presenter, Exploring Clay, Ontario Institute for
Study & Education, Toronto, On

On Line publicity and television interviews

- Fusion Clay and Glass Faces of FUSION
Instagram interview, 2021
- Global news, May 4, 2012
- Bill Andersen Blogs, billandersen.ca
- London VII Blog
<http://byvi.co/2018/06/28/massa-tincidunt-vel/>

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Publications

506 Streetcar Project, Beach Metro News, 2016

MacLean, Bill "Beaches Art Scene" Beach Metro News
Dec., 2007-2009 2009

MacLean, Bill "Beaches Art Scene" Beach Metro News,
MacLean, Bill "Fall brings forth host of artists Beaches Art
Scene" Beach Metro News, October 4, 2005

On the Agenda: Studio Tour, *The Toronto Star*, Oct. 14, 2000

Urie, Mary, "Happy Fish," *East Toronto Community News*,
Nov 1996

Lanthier, Kateri, "MostCreativeKitchen"

Canadian House & Homee, Summer 1996

Hanna, Dierdre, "Craft Studio Grows from Humble Roots," *Now
Magazine*, Feb. 24, 1994

"Prize Trophies," *Craft News*, Vol. 16: No. 1, Jan. 1991

Robb, Marion, "Franzen Family Phenomenon," *The Royal
Gazette*, Bermuda, Sept. 11, 1987

"A Family Affair," *The Royal Gazette*, Bermuda, Feb. 2, 1987