

# SYLVIA VANDER SLUIS

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## EDUCATION

- 1975 MFA, Western Michigan University
- 1972 BFA cum laude, Syracuse University

## PUBLIC ART

- 2025 GBH Community Canvas, Boston, MA. *Artwork on Digital Billboard*

## SELECTED SOLO AND TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2027 Mary Cosgrove Dolphin Gallery, Worcester State Univ., Worcester, MA. *Monsters, Masks, and Memory*, Solo Show
- 2023 Fountain Street, Boston, MA. *What We Make of This World*, Two-Person Exhibit
- 2021 Fountain Street, Boston, MA. *Material Witness*, Two-Person Exhibit
- 2019 Fountain Street Boston, MA. *Unspooled*, Two-Person Exhibit
- 1979 Helen Schlien Gallery Boston, MA Solo Exhibit
- 1971 Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University, Solo Show

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 Spaulding R. Aldrich Heritage Gallery/New England Sculpture Assoc., Whitin Mill, Whitinsville, MA. *Inside and Out*  
Cambridge Art Association, Cambridge, MA. *2026 Members Prize Show*.
- 2025 Imago Gallery, Warren, RI. *Guest Artist. Serious Make Believe: Sculptural Installation*  
Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, MA. *89<sup>th</sup> Regional Exhibition of Art and Craft*
- 2024 Spaulding R. Aldrich Heritage Gallery/New England Sculpture Assoc., Whitin Mill, Whitinsville, MA. *Inside and Out*  
Hudson Valley MOCA, Peekskill, NY. *Crit Ecologies: Artists, Community, Criticality*. Curated by Dr. Livia Strauss, Exec Dir, HV MOCA and Patricia Miranda, founder The Crit Lab  
Danforth Art Museum, Framingham, MA. *Annual Juried Exhibition 2024*. Juror: Jessica Roscio, Curator. Sunday Spotlight Artist Interview.  
Brickbottom Gallery, Somerville, MA. *Black & White*
- 2023 Juniper Rag, *PULP*  
Fountain Street, Boston, MA. *...gladly beyond*  
Fountain Street, Boston, MA. *Limitless Translations: The Artist as Storyteller*  
NE Sculptors Assoc./LexArts, Lexington, MA. *Soulful Sculpture*  
Narrows Center for the Arts, Fall River, MA. *Bridges*  
Mary Cosgrove Dolphin Gallery, Worcester, MA. *Sculptural Elements*
- 2022 MAPSpace, Port Chester, NY. *A Complexity of Joys*  
ArtsWorcester, Worcester, MA. *Biennial*, Prize Winner  
ArtsWorcester, Worcester, MA. *Impact*, in partnership with Fitchburg Art Museum  
Fountain Street, Boston, MA. *Form and Emptiness*, Core Members Exhibit  
Silvermine Arts Center, New Canaan, CT. *72<sup>nd</sup> A-One*, Juror: Sharon Butler
- 2021 MAPspace Port Chester, NY. *Intimacies*, A Crit Lab exhibition  
Boston Sculptors Gallery Boston, MA. *Build and Lay Bare*, Associate Members Show

- Fountain Street Boston, MA. *The Space for Maybe*, Core Members Exhibit  
 NY Artists Equity Gallery, New York NY. *Recumbent: The Art of Lying*
- 2020 Attleboro Art Museum, Attleboro, MA. *2021 Members' Exhibition*  
 Boston Sculptors Gallery, Boston, MA. *Becoming*, Associate Members Show  
 Piano Craft Gallery, Boston, MA. *Upended*, Fountain Street Core Members Show  
 Fountain Street, Boston, MA. *Sharp Focus*, Core Members Show  
 Cambridge Art Association, Cambridge, MA. *2020 National Prize Show*  
 Cambridge Art Association, Cambridge, MA. *2020 Members' Prize Show* Juror: Jessica  
 Roscio, Curator, Danforth Art Museum, Framingham MA  
 Surface Design Association, Sebastopol, CA. *Current Threads*, Online Exhibition
- 2019 Fountain Street Boston, MA. *Unspooled*, Two-Person Exhibit  
 The Martin Group Boston, MA. *Storytelling in Textiles*, Juried Exhibition  
 Cambridge Art Association Cambridge, MA. *Mary Schein Members Fall Salon*  
 Galatea Fine Art Boston, MA. *New England Collective X Juried Show*, Juror: Katherine  
 French, former director Danforth Museum, Framingham MA  
 Davis Art Gallery Worcester, MA. *Unconventional*, Juried Exhibition  
 Mosesian Center Watertown, MA. *Please Touch the Art*, Juried Exhibition  
 Women's Caucus for Art. National Web Site, *Featured Artist*, June  
 Loading Dock Gallery Lowell, MA. *Fiberlicious*, Juried Exhibition  
 Zavo Restaurant New York, NY. *Bearing Witness*, Women's Caucus for Art  
 Fountain Street Boston, MA. *The Depth of Perception*, National Juried Exhibition
- 2018 Attleboro Art Museum, Attleboro, MA. *Members' Exhibition*  
 Cambridge Art Association, Cambridge, MA. *RED*, Juried Exhibition  
 Fountain Street, Boston, MA. *Breaking the Rules*, Core Member Group Show  
 Gallery Sitka West, Fitchburg, MA. *Bearing Witness*, Women's Caucus for Art  
 Arts Worcester, Worcester, MA. *The Sixth Annual One*, Member Exhibit  
 Fountain Street, Boston, MA. *Thrive*, Core Member Exhibit  
 Fountain Street, Boston, MA. *Small Wonder*, Core Member Exhibit
- 2017 Arts Worcester, Worcester, MA. *E Pluribus Unum*, Member Exhibit  
 Attleboro Art Museum, Attleboro, MA. *Members Exhibition*  
 Healing Arts Gallery, Peterborough, NH. *Well Being*, Women's Caucus for Art
- 2016 Townsend Meeting Hall, Townsend, MA *In the Beginning* Women's Caucus for Art
- 2015 Unum Corp., Worcester, MA *Arts Worcester Corporate Program* Solo Exhibit
- 2014 First Church of Lancaster, Lancaster, MA *Custom Banners*  
 Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, MA *Art Auction*  
 Post Road Art Center, Marlborough MA Juried Exhibition
- 2013 Galatea Fine Art, Boston, MA *New England Collective IV: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition*  
 Concord Art Association, Concord, MA *Members Juried 1: Painting and Sculpture*
- 2008 Thomas College, Waterville, ME *Art Quilts*
- 1979 Museum of Modern Art Lending Art Gallery, New York, NY  
 Woman Art Galleries, New York, NY  
 Just Above Midtown Gallery New York, NY *Pocket Art Exhibit*
- 1978 Attleboro Art Museum, Attleboro, MA *Women Exhibiting in Boston* Group Show
- 1977 Everson Museum, Syracuse, NY *Regional Exhibition*  
 Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester, NY *Finger Lakes Craft Exhibition*  
 May Memorial Society, Syracuse, NY *Fiber '77 Regional Art Exhibition*
- 1976 Craft Fair, Ithaca, NY *NYS Craftsmen, Inc*
- 1975 Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Ithaca, NY 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibit Artists Central NY

- 1974 Memorial Art Gallery Rochester, NY *Finger Lakes Exhibition*  
Everson Museum, Syracuse, NY *Regional Exhibition*  
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI *Annual WMU Spring Show*
- 1973 Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI *Graduate Painters*

**AWARDS**

- 2023 ArtsWorcester, Worcester, MA. *Biennial*, Prize Winner

**SELECTED PRESS**

- 2024 "Meet Sylvia Vander Sluis," *CanvasRebel* magazine August 26
- 2024 "Clearing the glass," *Substack | Cate McQuaid*, January 7
- 2024 "Fountain Street Gallery prepares for farewell," *The Boston Globe | Cate McQuaid*, January 2
- 2023 "Making Magic at Fountain Street Gallery," *The Boston Globe | Cate McQuaid*, April 21
- 2019 "Exposure," Surface Design Association, *Winter Journal*, pp30-31
- 2019 "Please Touch This Art at Watertown's Mosesian Center," *MetroWest Daily News*, June 20
- 2019 "Opening Reception: Unspooled @Fountain Street Gallery," Boston Hassle | Chosen Shows
- 2018 "28 Artists Breaking the Rules at SoWa's Fountain Street Gallery," *WBUR The Artery* Nov 27
- 2014 "Featured Artist," Women & the Arts weekly series - *Garnet News* Feb 14, 2014

**RESIDENCY**

- 2020 Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT

**CURATION / SPECIAL PROJECTS**

- 2020 Fountain Street, Boston, MA. *Growth and Disruption* - Online exhibit
- 2008 State University of New York, Oswego. "Designing for Life" - Presentation
- 2000 Lancaster Land Trust, Lancaster, MA – Logo design

**COMMISSIONS**

- 2024 Fabric Sculpture, 1stDibs
- 1972 Northway Inn, Syracuse, NY. Mural
- 1971 Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, NY. Mural
- 1968 West Genesee High School, Camillus, NY. Ceramic Tile Mural

**GALLERY MEMBERSHIP**

- 2017-2024 Fountain Street Gallery, Core Member (closed March 2024)
- 2021-2022 Boston Sculptors Gallery, Associate Member

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