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## EDUCATION

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

## SELECTED SOLO AND TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 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

- 2025 Spaulding R. Aldrich Heritage Gallery, Whitin Mill, Whitinsville, MA. *Inside and Out*
- 2024 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* Juniper Rag, *PULP* Fountain Street, Boston, MA. *...gladly beyond*
- 2023 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* MAPSpace, Port Chester, NY. *A Complexity of Joys* ArtsWorcester, Worcester, MA. *Biennial*, Prize Winner
- 2022 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 MAPspace Port Chester, NY. *Intimacies*, A Crit Lab exhibition Boston Sculptors Gallery Boston, MA. *Build and Lay Bare*, Associate Members Show
- 2021 Fountain Street Boston, MA. *The Space for Maybe*, Core Members Exhibit NY Artists Equity Gallery, New York NY. *Recumbent: The Art of Lying* Attleboro Art Museum, Attleboro, MA. *2021 Members' Exhibition* Boston Sculptors Gallery, Boston, MA. *Becoming*, Associate Members Show
- 2020 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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