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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

- 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 Imago Gallery, Warren, RI. *Guest Artist. Serious Make Believe: Sculptural Installation*
Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, MA. *89th Regional Exhibition of Art and Craft*
- 2024 Spaulding R. Aldrich Heritage Gallery, 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*
Juniper Rag, *PULP*
- 2023 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*
MAPspace, Port Chester, NY. *A Complexity of Joys*
- 2022 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. *72nd A-One*, Juror: Sharon Butler
MAPspace Port Chester, NY. *Intimacies*, A Crit Lab exhibition
- 2021 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*
Attleboro Art Museum, Attleboro, MA. *2021 Members' Exhibition*
- 2020 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: 4th 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 38th 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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