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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Art (Hons) – Queen's University at Kingston – Kingston, Ontario Canada 1980
Major in Printmaking (intaglio), Minor in Art History

Diploma level studies – Textile Design, Fashion Design, Multimedia

Picture Framing – Professional Picture Framers Association National Conference 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Other areas of study – Adult Education, Information Technology, Direct Marketing

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2025 Group Exhibition – *The Parallel Art Show* – a Salt Spring National Art Prize initiative, ArtSpring, Salt Spring Island BC

2024 Group Exhibition – *Tossed & Found* – Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art, Salt Spring Island BC

2023 Gallery Member Group Exhibition **–** *Feast* **–** a personal *Salon des Réfuses*, concurrent with the Salt Spring National Art Prize (SSNAP) 2023, Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art, Salt Spring Island BC

2023 Solo Exhibition – *Live in Colour* – a selected exhibition of work from the *True Colours* series, including a Residency in the gallery, 3 workshops, an artist talk and activities for visitors, Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art, Salt Spring Island BC

2023 Group Exhibition – *Tossed & Found* – Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art, Salt Spring Island BC

2023 Group Exhibition – *Re-Imagined—Transforming Waste into Art* – a Salt Spring Island Printmakers Society (SSIPS) Initiative, ArtSpring, Salt Spring Island BC

2021 Group Exhibition – *The Parallel Art Show* – a Salt Spring National Art Prize initiative, ArtSpring, Salt Spring Island BC

2020 Group Exhibition – *Splash (annual Arts Umbrella fundraiser)* – Pendulum Gallery, Vancouver BC

2019 Group Exhibition – *Splash (annual Arts Umbrella fundraiser)* – Pendulum Gallery, Vancouver BC

2019 Featured Group Exhibition **–** *Easter Art Show—Homage* – artists paying tribute to artists, with artist talk at Mahon Hall; Curated by Pat McCallum. Mahon Hall, Salt Spring Island BC

2017 Group Exhibition – *Four—Gillian McConnell, Deon Venter, Kathy Venter, Bill Boyd* – Gallery 8, Salt Spring Island BC

2017 Group Exhibition – *The Parallel Art Show* – a Salt Spring National Art Prize initiative, ArtSpring, Salt Spring Island BC

2017 Group Exhibition – *Image to Text to Image: Creating* Dialogue – Comox Valley Art Gallery, Courtenay BC

2017 Group Exhibition – *Imprints* – Printmaking exhibition; Curated by Celia Duthie, Duthie Gallery, Salt Spring Island BC

2016 Group Exhibition – *Surfacing – Explorations in Two Dimensions* – ArtSpring, Salt Spring Island BC

2016 Group Exhibition – *Easter Art Tour* – with artist talk, Mahon Hall and Salt Spring Wild Cider, Salt Spring Island BC

2015 Group Exhibition – *Fuel—The Charcoal Project* – works by local artists and high school students (from *Artist in the Class* workshops) incorporating charcoal recovered from 100+ year old Japanese pit kilns under restoration in Mouat Park; Curated by Gillian McConnell, Salt Spring Island Public Library, Salt Spring Island BC

2015 Joint Exhibition – *Relation* / *Crude – prints by George Burton Wallace, 60 selected works from 100 Crude by Gillian McConnell*, Carbon Credits project; Curated by Margaret Day, Point Gallery, Salt Spring Island BC

2014 Group Exhibition – *Even Cheaper Show—Accessible Art*, ArtBarn International, Salt Spring Island BC

2014 Group Exhibition – *20/20—Connect-Disconnect*, ArtSpring, Salt Spring Island BC

2013 Solo Exhibition – *Works on Paper* – ArtSpring, Salt Spring Island BC

2013 Group Exhibition – *Even Cheaper Show —Accessible Art*, ArtBarn International, Salt Spring Island BC

2012 Group Exhibition – *Fine Art Signature Showcase* – with artist talk, ArtSpring, Salt Spring Island BC

2012 Joint Exhibition – *OXOgraphy* – Launch of the *OXOgraphy Conceptual Art Collective*, ArtSpring, Salt Spring Island BC

2012 *Velo Village SRAM pART Project* – art works created from 100 high-performance SRAM bike parts. Fundraising Auction for World Bicycle Relief, ArtSpring, Salt Spring Island BC

2012 Solo Exhibition – *Feature Wall—Exploring Art as Decoration and Decoration as Art* – Vancouver East Cultural Centre (The Cultch), Vancouver BC

2011 Group Exhibition – *Attachments – Artepelago art group*, Mahon Hall, Salt Spring Island BC

2011 Group Exhibition – *The Underlying Spirit: An Homage to Emily Carr – awarded First Prize, Flying Into the Wordless* – Sponsored by the Victoria College of Art, with Madrona Gallery, the BC Arts Council and the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria. Madrona Gallery, Victoria BC.

2011 Group Exhibition – *Painting on the Edge—9th Annual Open, International, Juried Exhibition*, Federation of Canadian Artists Gallery, Vancouver BC

2011 Joint Exhibition – *Easter Art Tour – with sculptor Morley Myers* – Morley Myers Gallery/Studio, Salt Spring Island BC

2010 Small Group Exhibition – *drift – Salt Spring Arts Council Showcase exhibition—Gillian McConnell, Megan Manning, Louise Goodman, George Sipos (poet)*; Curated by Gillian McConnell. Mahon Hall, Salt Spring Island BC

2009 Small Group Exhibition – *Interiors—Gillian McConnell, Stefanie Denz, Hamza bin al-Wathan, Louise Goodman, Megan Manning* – An exploration of physical and psychological spaces; Curated by Gillian McConnell, ArtSpring Centre, Salt Spring Island BC

2008 Group Exhibition – *Identity: Artists Portray Themselves* – ArtSpring, Salt Spring Island BC

2008 Feature Exhibition – *Easter Art Tour—Susan Haigh, Gillian McConnell, Hamza bin al-Wathan* – Mahon Hall, Salt Spring Island BC

2007 Joint Exhibition – *Land Marks—Ron Crawford, Gillian McConnell and Ian Thomas*; Curated by Margaret Day, The Point Gallery, Salt Spring Island BC

2006 Group Exhibition – *The Combined Brisbane Rotary Clubs Art Spectacular – awarded Best Work Under*

$500, Eave – Riverside Centre, Brisbane Queensland

2005 Group Exhibition – *Brisbane Art Fair – Wall 2 Wall Gallery* – Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Brisbane Queensland

2005 Group Exhibition – *Flying Arts Regional Art Awards* – Riverside Centre, Brisbane, QANTAS Founders Outback Museum, Longreach Queensland

2005 Group Exhibition – *24th Immanuel Arts Festival – awarded Outstanding Painting, Equilibrium*. Immanuel College, Maroochydore Queensland

2005 Group Exhibition – *In With The Out Crowd – a Salon des Réfuses (from the Archibald, Wynne and Sulman Prizes)* – Noosa Regional Gallery, Tewantin Queensland

2005 Joint Exhibition – *Surface 2 Surface—with Robert Andrews* – Art Factory Gallery, Brisbane Queensland

2004 Group Exhibition – *Ergon Energy Central Queensland Art Awards* – Rockhampton Art Gallery, Rockhampton Queensland

2004 Group Exhibition – *Harvest Regional Art Awards—Flying Arts Inc – awarded the Flying Arts Members's Prize* – Riverside Centre, Brisbane, Warwick Art Gallery, Warwick Queensland

2004 Joint Exhibition – *Double Exposure—with Desley Rolph* – Cool-Art Gallery, Coolum Beach Queensland

2004 Joint Exhibition – *Bittersweet—sugar cane, the end of an era?—with gold and diamond jewellery by MAD in Italy* – Noosa Regional Gallery, Tewantin Queensland

2004 Group Exhibition – *Stanthorpe Arts Festival* – Stanthorpe Regional Art Gallery, Stanthorpe, Queensland

2004 Group Exhibition – *Roma Art Group Easter Art Exhibition – awarded First Prize (Miniatures), La Dolce Vita I* – Roma Bungil Cultural Centre, Roma Queensland

2004 Group Exhibition – *Vivid* **–** Noosa Regional Gallery, Tewantin Queensland

2003 Solo Exhibition – *Terra Australis* – Blue Dolphin Gallery, Mooloolaba Queensland

2003 Group Exhibition – *22nd Immanuel Arts Festival – awarded Outstanding Painting, The Veil of Burning* Silence – Immanuel College – Maroochydore Queensland

2003 Group Exhibition – *27th Martin Hanson Memorial Art Awards* – Gladstone Regional Art Gallery & Museum – Gladstone Queensland

2002 Solo Exhibition – *Cool Colour Collage Collection* – Cinema Paradiso Café and Bar, Noosa Queensland

2001 Joint Exhibition – *For Always—with printmaker Jennifer McDowell* – Art Café Manly, Brisbane Queensland

2001 Group Exhibition – *8th Annual International Miniature Art Awards & Exhibition* – Gold Coast City Art Gallery, Surfers Paradise, Queensland

2001 Group Exhibition – *As Far as the Eye Can See* – Eumundi Road Gallery, Eumundi Queensland

PERFORMANCES

2017 *Celebration of Arts – Artists Mashup* – ArtSpring, Salt Spring Island BC

2016 *Summer at the Snow Fence* – The Point Gallery, Salt Spring Island BC

RESIDENCY / GRANTS / AWARDS

2023 *Live in Colour* – a 3 week Residency in the Salt Spring Gallery of Fine Art, to start a new work (*This is Green. This is Cobalt. This is Sacrifice.*) in the *True Colours* series, and record visitor interaction with colour as an embodiment of Physical, Mental, Emotional and Spiritual states of being. The residency included an exhibition of completed work from *True Colours*, 3 workshops, an artist talk and a *Name That Colour* competition. *This is Green. This is Cobalt. This is Sacrifice.* is a finalist in *The Parallel Show*, an initiative of the *Salt Spring National Art Prize* 2025, at ArtSpring, Salt Spring Island BC.

2011 *The Underlying Spirit: An Homage to Emily Carr—1st Prize* – Victoria BC

2006 *Combined Rotary Clubs Art Spectacular—1st Prize Works under $500* – Brisbane Queensland

2005 *24th Immanuel Arts Festival—Outstanding Painting of the Festival* – Maroochydore Queensland

2004 *Harvest Regional Art Awards—Flying Arts Members' Prize* – Brisbane Queensland
Roma Easter Art Exhibition—1st Prize, Miniatures – Roma Queensland

2003 *22nd Immanuel Arts Festival—Most Outstanding Work* – Maroochydore Queensland
Roma Easter Art Exhibition—2nd Prize, Miniatures – Roma Queensland

2002 *30th Annual Caloundra Art & Crafts Festival—Highly Commended, Computer Images* – Caloundra Queensland

2000 *Kenilworth Arts Festival—Highly Commended, Miniatures* – Kenilworth Queensland