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Grants/Awards

Whistle Bend Feature Wall Commission, Whitehorse, Yukon, 2019/2020
Bike Rack Design Competition, Yukonstruct, Whitehorse, Yukon, 2019
Major Artwork, Grand Hall, Haines Junction Convention Centre, Yukon, 2018/19
Advanced Artist Award, Yukon Government, 2017/18
Sculptural Project, *SubARCCtic V*, City of Yellowknife, Yellowknife, NWT, 2017
Canada Council for the Arts, Travel Grant, 2017
Tourism Banner Art Competition, Yukon Government, 2017
Arts North of Ordinary, Cover Art Competition, 2016
Yukon Touring Artist Fund, 2011, 2017
Kaarle Hjalmar Lehtinen Fund/ Finnish Institute of Migration, 2008
NWT Arts Council Grant, 2005, 1999, 1996, 1994
Great Northern Arts Festival, Award of Excellence, Photography 1994
Sooter's National Photo Contest, Canada, First Prize, 1990

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2020 *Stix & Stones*, Arts Underground, Whitehorse, Yukon
2019 *Ubiquitous*, Yukon Art Centre, Whitehorse, Yukon (CARFAC compliant)
2018 *Precious*, Yukon Artists at Work, Whitehorse, Yukon
2017 *SubARCCtic V*, City of Yellowknife, Yellowknife, NWT (CARFAC compliant)
2016 *Beyond Focus*, Yukon Artists at Work, Whitehorse, Yukon
2014 *Metal-Stone-Clay*, Yukon Artists at Work, Whitehorse, Yukon
2014 *Insidious*, Arts Underground, Whitehorse, Yukon.
2013 *Blood-letting: a rite of purification*, Gallery 22, Whitehorse, Yukon
2011 *Shift*, Gallery 22, Whitehorse, Yukon
2010 *Eye of the Lens*, Baked Café, Whitehorse, Yukon
2000 - 2002 *Blood-letting: a rite of purification*, Prince of Wales Heritage Centre, Yellowknife, NWT. (Toured NWT)
1998 *Northern Visions*, Indigo Gallery, Edmonton, AB (and Toured NWT)
1995 *Our Forgotten North*, Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, Yellowknife, NWT. (Toured NWT)

Selected Group Exhibitions

2019/16/17 Art House, Carcross, Yukon
2018 Words North Art Exhibition, Dawson Creek, BC
2016 *Internationalization: through the lens*, Beaumont Studio Galleries, Vancouver, BC
2016 & 2015 *Created in the Canyon*, Northern Front Studio, Whitehorse, Yukon (CARFAC compliant)
2015 *NWT Arts Council Retrospective*, Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, Yellowknife, NWT (CARFAC)
Second Look, Alberta Craft Council gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
2013 *Set design/exhibit*, TEDx-Whitehorse, Whitehorse, Yukon
2011 *100th Anniversary of International Women's Day*, Ayr Space Gallery, Ayr, Ontario.
2010 *Scrawl on the Wall*, Arts Underground, Whitehorse, Yukon
2008 Swish Gallery, Dubbo NSW Australia
Retrospect Galleries, Sydney and Byron Bay, Australia
2003 & 2006 Northern Life Museum, Fort Smith, NWT
2001 *Film Fatale*, International Women's Day Exhibit, Iqaluit, Nunavut

Juried Art Festivals, Residencies and Fairs (selected)

Ted Harrison Artist Retreat, Crag Lake, Yukon, Canada, 2018 (3 months)
The Arctic Circle Residency, Svalbard, Norway, 2018, (Operated by the Farm Inc., New York, USA)
SubARCCtic V, Yellowknife, NT, 2017. (CARFAC compliant for residency)
Tissardmine Artist Residency, Morocco, 2016
En Plein Air Festival, Whitehorse, Yukon, 2015, 2014. (CARFAC compliant)
Cranberry Fair, Whitehorse, Yukon, annually 2011 thru 2019, 2009.
Great Northern Arts Festival, Inuvik, NWT 2019, 2013, 2011, 1998, 1997, 1996, 1995, 1994
Naaka, Hay River Arts Festival, NWT 2007
Nah a Dehe, Open Sky Festival, Fort Simpson, NWT 2006, 2003

Artist Talks

2019 Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse, Yukon (CARFAC compliant)
St. Elias Convention Centre, Haines Junction, Yukon
McBride Museum, Whitehorse, Yukon
2018 Ted Harrison Retreat, Crag Lake, Yukon
Arctic Circle Residency, Svalbard, Norway
Diverbo English Language Program, La Alberca, Spain
2017 Yellowknife Snow Castle, Yellowknife, NWT (CARFAC compliant)
SubARCCtic V, Art-build site, Yellowknife, NWT (CARFAC compliant)
2014 Yukon Artists at Work, Yukon
1999 Diamond Jenness School, Hay River, NWT (CARFAC compliant)
1998 William McDonald School, Yellowknife, NWT (CARFAC compliant)
St. Patrick High School, Yellowknife, NWT (CARFAC compliant)

Selected Professional Experience

2012-present Instructor: Art in Education / Yukon Art Ed-Venture, Yukon-wide.
2010-present Instructor: Artist in the School and City of Whitehorse programs, Yukon-wide.
2016 Featured Artist, JAR workshop weekend and gala event, Haines Junction, YT
Featured Artwork, International Women's Day, London Assembly, City Hall, UK
2012-2013 Executive Director, Yukon Arts Society/Arts Underground, Whitehorse, YT
2007 Featured Guest Artist / Workshop Instructor, Naaka, Hay River Arts Festival, NWT
1998 Guest Celebrity, Peter Gzowski Invitational Golf Tournament for Literacy, Hay River, NWT
1997 Author/Speaker. A Celebration of Northern Authors, Yellowknife, NWT
1996 Featured artwork, CBC-TV, Northbeat studio backdrop, Yellowknife, NWT

Selected Publications:

Inuktitut Magazine, Cover, Winter 2018-2019 / Issue 124, February, 2019, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, Ottawa, ON
The Northern Review, Cover Art, Number 48, October 2018, Whitehorse, YT.
Arts North of Ordinary, cover art competition, Whitehorse, YT, 2016/17
Yukon Fish & Wildlife Management Board, Calendar, Yukon, 2017
Canada's Northwest Territories: a land of diversity, Kromar Printing, MB, 2003.
Our Forgotten North: a glimpse of the subarctic in Canada's north, Coast Color Press, BC, 1997.
Blood-letting: a rite of purification, exhibition catalogue, Swarm Enterprises, AB, 2000.
Northern Vision Quest, perpetual birthday calendar, Northern Visions exhibition, 1998.

Contributor. Photography and writing 1995-present: *Inuktitut Magazine*, *Canadian Geographic*, *UpHere Magazine*, *NWT Explorer's Guide*, *The Milepost*, *Borealis Magazine*, *Explore Magazine*, *River Magazine*, *Butter Fat Magazine (Dairyworld)*, *Okanagan Life Magazine*, *Horse Racing BC*.

Contributor. Stock photography 1995-present: *Gates Foundation*, *Over Canada: an aerial adventure*, *Yukon Government*, *Yukon Fish & Wildlife Management Board*, *Canada Post Corporation*, *Government of the Northwest Territories*.

Selected Media Coverage:

2019 *Can Technology Be Trusted*, *Yukon North of Ordinary*, Vol. 13 Issue 3 Fall 2019, Karen McColl, Yukon
Challenged By Technology, *What's Up Yukon*, Issue #646, Oct. 2nd, Danny McDonald, Yukon

Selected Media Coverage (continued):

- 2018 *Evoking Kintsugi*, What's Up Yukon, Nov.14, Nicole Bauberger, Whitehorse, Yukon.
St. Elias Convention Centre project, CBC Yukon-radio, May 30, Meagan Dueling, Whitehorse, Yukon.
Artist seeks garbage way north, Svalbard, Norway, May 31, Tara McCarthy, CBC-radio, Whitehorse, Yukon.
- 2017 *Artists combine forces for Circumpolar Duet*, CBC Yukon- radio, Sept. 29, Dave White, Whitehorse, YT
Yukon tourism banners out for 2017, CKRW 96.1 FM, June 13th, Whitehorse, YT.
Six new Yukon tourism banners, CBC News Yukon, June 13, Whitehorse, YT.
Yukon tourism banners out for 2017, Real Estate + Tourism, Canada, June 12.
- 2016 *The Art of Repurposing*, cover contest feature, Arts North of Ordinary 2016/17, Whitehorse, YT.
Exhibit of inspiring photographs to open today, Whitehorse Star, Sept. 15, Whitehorse, YT.
Interview: Beyond Focus, CBC-radio, A New Day, Sept 15, Whitehorse, YT
- 2014 *Yukon artist offers textured take on the natural world*, Yukon News, Oct. 24, Whitehorse, YT
Interview. *Insidious*, CBC-Radio: Airplay, April 4, Whitehorse, Yukon
The Insidious Computer, What's Up Yukon, April 17, Whitehorse, Yukon
- 2013 Interview. *Artist prepares for the Christmas Season*, CBC-Radio: Airplay, December 10, Whitehorse, YT
Spilt to see: artist Leslie Leong shows us her insides, Whitehorse Daily Star, February 1, Whitehorse, Yukon.
Life is in the Blood, What's Up Yukon, January 24, Whitehorse, Yukon.
The Bloody Business of Art, Yukon news, January 18, Whitehorse, Yukon
Interview. *Blood letting*, CBC-TV: Northbeat, January 18, Whitehorse, Yukon
Interview. *Blood letting*, CBC-Radio, Whitehorse, Yukon
- 2011 *A Shape-Shifting Artist*, What's Up Yukon, November 24, Whitehorse, Yukon.
Shifting perspectives, Yukon News, November 16, Whitehorse, Yukon.
Visual words get political at Arts Underground, Yukon News, Friday, February 25, Whitehorse, Yukon.
Interview. *One person's trash is another person's art*, CBC-Radio: Airplay, Whitehorse, YT
Interview. *Shift Exhibition*, CKRW/Rush FM, Whitehorse, Yukon
- 2010 *Wide-ranging photographer captures both hemispheres*, Yukon News, Sept. 8, Whitehorse, YT.
Lens Like An Eye, What's Up Yukon, August 26, Whitehorse, Yukon.
- 2002 Interview. *Blood letting*, CBC-TV: Northbeat, Yellowknife, NWT
- 1997 Interview. *Our Forgotten North*, CBC-TV: Northbeat, Yellowknife, NWT
- 1998 Interview. *Northern Visions Exhibition* CBC-TV: Northbeat , Yellowknife, NWT
Interview, *Festival of the Midnight Sun Documentary Film*, Yellowknife, NWT

Collections:

Private Collections: HRH Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, UK; Various Private Collections in Canada, US, Australia, Germany, UK

Permanent Collections: Northern Frontier Visitor Centre, Yellowknife; The Beckett School (Music) in Kitchener, Waterloo, Ontario; Town of Fort Smith, NWT

Gallery Representation:

Current: INSPIRED ARTS, Skagway, Alaska DOWN TO EARTH GALLERY, Yellowknife, NWT, YUKON ARTISTS AT WORK, Whitehorse, Yukon ARTS UNDERGROUND, Whitehorse, Yukon MCBRIDE MUSEUM OF YUKON HISTORY, Whitehorse, Yukon

Past: JUST IMAJAN GALLERY, Cochrane, Alberta KIRMSE'S CURIOS, SEVIGNY GALLERY & SKAGWAY JEWELRY CO., Skagway, Alaska DANCING MOOSE, Dawson City, Yukon POT O' GOLD, Whitehorse, Yukon SWISH GALLERY & RETROSPECTIVE GALLERIES, NSW Australia GALLERY OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN, Yellowknife

Professional Associations

- 2019 - present Member, CARFAC National, Ottawa, ON
- 2012- present Member, (Chair/ Past Chair / Board Member 2015-present), Yukon Artists at Work Society/Cooperative, Whitehorse, Yukon
- 2015 - present Jury member/developer, *reDesign*, reclaimed, post-consumer, recycled show, Whitehorse, Yukon
- 2009 - present Member, Yukon Art Society, Whitehorse, Yukon & Board Member 2013-2016
- 2013, 2016 Member, BC Craft Council, Vancouver, BC
- 1997-2002 Founding Member/Director, The Artists of the South Slave Society, Ft. Smith, NWT
- 1989- present Registered Professional Engineer, British Columbia (Non-practicing / EGBC / K. L. Leong)

Education, Workshops, Mentorship:

- 2019 Glaze and Kiln workshop, Northlight, Whitehorse, YT, Sue McLeod
Screen Printing 101, Arts Underground, Whitehorse, YT Rebekah Senko
Willow Basketry, Inuvik, NT, Cathie Harper.
Sewing a cowl with material scraps, Inuvik, NT, Brigitte Genois
- 2015 Introduction to the Forge, Atlin Arts & Music Festival, Paul Baker
Mold Making & Clay Workshop, Tagish Lake, Sandra Storey
Paper Making Workshop, Tagish Lake, Helen O'Connor
Welding Refresher, Crag Lake, Paul Baker
Introduction to Aluminum Casting, Crag Lake, Paul Baker
Fused Glass, Mt. Sima Studio, Jeanine Baker
Portrait Drawing, YA@W, Suzanne Paleczny
Portrait Painting (Acrylic). YA@W, Suzanne Paleczny
- 2014 Working with Oxides, Mentorship, Arts Underground, Sandra Storey
- 2013 Knife Making, GNAF (Great Northern Arts Festival), Inuvik, George Roberts
Beaver Fur Mitts, GNAF, Inuvik, Lena White
Lost Wax Casting, GNAF, Inuvik, Allyson Simmie
Intermediate Ceramics, Arts Underground, Larry Duguay
- 2011 Needle Felting, GNAF, Inuvik, Allison McCreesh
Sand Casting (brass/copper), GNAF, Inuvik, Claude Roussel
Ceramic Sculptural Portrait, GNAF, Inuvik, Harreson Tanner
- 2009 Welding Mentorship, Dubbo, NSW, Australia, Paul Allan
- 2008 Silverworks (Silversmith program), Tuggerah Lakes Community College, NSW, Australia
- 2004 Silversmith Workshop, South Slave Arts Festival, Kris Schlagintweit
Silver Spoon Chasing Workshop, South Slave Arts Festival, Kris Schlagintweit
Glass Bead Workshop, South Slave Arts Festival, Guest Instructor from Vancouver (Joy)
- 2003 Birch Bark Basketry, Open Sky Festival, Fort Simpson
Polymer Clay, GNAF, Inuvik, Lara Melnik
Pressed Flowers in Beveled Glass, GNAF, Inuvik, Rosalind Mercredi
- 2001 Finding Your Authentic Voice (writing workshop), Esalen, Big Sur, California
- 2000 Leather Clothing Design, South Slave Arts Festival, D'Arcy Moses
Beaded Moccasins, South Slave Arts Festival, Jane Dragon
- 1999 Willow Basketry, South Slave Arts Festival, Joan Lepine
Stained Glass Workshop, South Slave Arts Festival, Rosalind Mercredi
- 1998 Beading a Native Choker, GNAF, Inuvik, Crista Big Canoe
Soap Stone Carving, GNAF, Inuvik, Eli Nasogaluak
- 1997 Paper Making Workshop, GNAF, Inuvik, Indigo Gallery
Watercolour Painting, GNAF, Inuvik, Cyndi Foster
- 1996 Cedar Bark Basketry, GNAF, Inuvik, Sheila Alexandrovich
Caribou Hair Tufting, GNAF, Inuvik, Brendalynn (Inuk) Trenert
- 1995 Fish Printing, Festival of the Midnight Sun, Yellowknife, Willie Wong
Watercolour Painting, Festival of the Midnight Sun, Yellowknife, Willie Wong
- 1994 Print Making, GNAF, Inuvik, Janice Rahn & Joyce Majiski
Watercolour Painting, GNAF, Inuvik, Willie Wong
- 1989 The Photographer's Eye, UBC (University of British Columbia) Continuing Education
- 1986 Felting, De Veenhop, Nederland, Ditte Velink
- 1983 Buddhist Art in Asia, UBC credit course
- 1982 History of Architecture, UBC credit course
- 1981 North American Native Art, UBC credit course
- 1980 History of Western Art, UBC credit course
- 1979 Pottery Intensive, Herman Venema Studio, Abbotsford, BC