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solo exhibitions

- 2018 *From Plankton to Whales: Stories of Interconnection* – Ocean Artworks Gallery, Granville Island Cultural Society, Vancouver BC
- 2012 *Waterways of Wonder: Curiosities from Port Moody, the Burrard Inlet and Beyond* - Port Moody Arts Centre, Port Moody BC
- 2011 *The Voice of the Sea II* - Place Des Arts, Coquitlam BC
- 2010 *Us and Them* - Britannia Art Gallery, Vancouver BC

group exhibitions (selected)

- 2016 *Confluence*, Maple Ridge Art Gallery, Maple Ridge (with artists Rebecca Fisher and Kat Wahamaa, curated by Barbara Duncan)
Science Collides, Curiosity Collider / Telus World of Science, Vancouver BC
- 2015 *SPARK! Curiosity Collider*, VIVO Media Arts Centre, Vancouver BC
- 2012 *Positively Petite - Juried exhibition*, Place des Arts, Coquitlam BC
Seafood for Thought, Gulf of Georgia Cannery, Steveston BC
13th Annual Juried Marine Art Exhibition, Harbor History Museum, Gig Harbor WA
- 2011 *Fairytales Remix* - Seymour Art Gallery, North Vancouver BC
- 2010 *Twitter/Art + Social Media* - Diane Farris Gallery, Vancouver BC
- 2009 *Urban Landscapes* - Tay River Gallery, Perth ON
Transformation: Artworks Made from Recycled Objects - Crafhouse Gallery, Vancouver BC
Obsolete - Koffler Centre for the Arts, Toronto ON
Out of Space: Artists, Their Space and The Art They Create - CHAPEL Arts, Vancouver BC
Synthesis - Firehall Arts Centre, Vancouver BC
- 2006 *Beneath the Surface* - Exchanges Gallery and Artist Run Centre, Victoria BC
- 2004 *Salmon Hotspots of the Skagit River* - DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge, Omaha NE
Small in Nature - Juried show, Arrowsmith Gallery, Oceanside Community Arts Council, Parksville BC

social practice / community-engaged art

- 2018 -15 *A River of Light: Community lantern installation* – Lead artist collaborating with community members to design and create annual outdoor lantern installations celebrating our place in nature, Maple Ridge, BC. *Supported by the City of Maple Ridge Artist-in-Residence program.*
- 2018-17 *Birds! Birds! Birds!* – Collaborative, community-engaged project celebrating local and migratory birds through bird chorus, costume, and stilt walking, culminating in a large-scale parade with flocks of birds on stilts from around BC and across Canada. Lead artists: Paula Jardine, Carmen Rosen, Cathy Stubbington, Robi Smith. Culminating parade opened the Vancouver International Bird Festival and the 2018 International Ornithological Congress. *Supported by the Vancouver Foundation, BC Arts Council, City of Vancouver, International Ornithological Congress.*
- 2018 *Birds in Residence* – Year-long, collaborative community-engaged artist residency celebrating local, regional and migratory birds through nature walks, habitat mapping, puppet-making, and bird song. With artists Paula Jardine, Carmen Rosen, and Cathy Stubbington. *Supported through the Vancouver Park Board's Artists in Communities program and the Coal Harbour and West End Community Centre Associations.*
- 2018-17 *Words to Live By* – Postcard project featuring a different illustrated word each week, with reflections on taking positive action in local and global contexts. Sent as both electronic and analog postcards to subscribers in Canada and the US.
- 2018-16 *This Place* – Community-engaged collage-based project reflecting on significant places in Maple Ridge, BC. *Supported by the City of Maple Ridge Artist-in-Residence program.*
- 2017-16 Kanaka Creek Elementary murals– Collaborated with grade 6 & 7 students at Kanaka Creek Elementary School to design and paint a series of murals covering a large outdoor storage unit, Maple Ridge, BC. *Supported by a City of Maple Ridge Public Art Grant and school Parent Advisory Committee.*
- 2017-14 *Nature in Strathcona: Mapping our Watershed through Art* - Lead artist on a False Creek Watershed Society project to engage neighbours in creating an art map of nature in Vancouver's Strathcona neighbourhood. *Funded through a City of Vancouver community arts grant.*
- 2005-03 Wild Salmon Guild – Member of artist collective focused on engaging the public in celebrating the significance of wild salmon in coastal culture through performance and installation art, in Victoria, BC.

residencies + awards

2019 - 2014	Artist in Residence, City of Maple Ridge
2018	Artist in Communities Residency (Collaborative) - City of Vancouver Artists in Communities program, <i>Birds in Residence</i> , with artists Paula Jardine, Carmen Rosen, and Cathy Stubington
2017	Senior scholarship, BC Arts Council
2013	Downtown Eastside Small Arts Grant, Vancouver Foundation
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2004	Artist Fellowship - <i>Earthwatch Institute</i>

corporate commissions

2018	Curiosity Collider / Science Writers and Communicators of Canada – Original artwork for Conference keynote speakers
2016	BC Children’s Hospital Teck Acute Care Centre, Vancouver BC – Large scale permanent mural (awarded through competitive jury process)
2012	Vancity Credit Union, Burnaby BC – Original artwork (awarded through competitive jury process)

curatorial

2018	<p><i>Creating Meaning: The art of lived experience</i> – Housing Central Conference, Vancouver BC. Features professional artists and those with lived experience of housing instability, homelessness, addictions, mental health issues, and developmental and cognitive disabilities.</p> <p><i>Art of the Salish Sea</i> – Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference, Seattle WA. Featured 12 professional visual artists from British Columbia and Washington State, including three large scale art installations by Canadian artists supported by the Canadian Consulate General in Seattle.</p> <p><i>Losing Home, Finding Hope</i> – Juror, Fort Gallery, Fort Langley BC</p>
2017	<p><i>Housing Central Art Exhibition</i> – Housing Central Conference, BC Non-Profit Housing Association, Richmond BC. Featured artwork created by professional artists along the themes of housing and homelessness, as well as individuals with lived experience.</p>
2016	<p><i>Art of the Salish Sea</i> – Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference, Vancouver BC</p>
2014	<p><i>Art of the Salish Sea</i> – Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference, Seattle WA</p>
2011	<p><i>Seeing the Salish Sea</i> - Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference, Vancouver BC</p> <p><i>From Starfish to Sticklebacks: Seven BC Artists Explore the Wonders of the Ocean</i> - International Marine Conservation Congress, Victoria BC</p>
2010	<p><i>Birds at Sea</i> - First International Seabird Conference, Victoria BC</p>

presentations

- 2017 “Drawing meaning from nature: observation, symbols and stories,” Co-delivered with Dr. Zuzana Vasko, 2017 World Environmental Education Congress, Vancouver BC - Workshop
- 2016 “FLOW: Art projects that connect river and ocean ecosystems,” Northwest Aquatic and Marine Educators (NAME) Conference - Presentation
- 2014 “Telling the Ocean’s Stories Through Art,” NOAA Northwest Fisheries Science Centre, Seattle WA - Artist talk
- 2012 Intimate Studio Visit, Eastside Culture Crawl Society - Artist talk
Alpha Secondary School, Burnaby BC - Artist talk
- 2011 “When Art Meets Science,” Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference - Presentation
Seymour Art Gallery, North Vancouver BC - Artist talk
Place des Arts, Coquitlam BC - Artist talk, art workshop for families
- 2009 Studio 101, Lord Seymour Elementary, Vancouver BC – Artist talk and workshop
- 2004 Annual conference of the Earthwatch Institute, Cambridge MA – Presenter, featured artist

education

- 2018-16 Master of Education in Arts for Social Change, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver BC
- 2012 Environmental Installation - Continuing Studies, Emily Carr University for Art and Design, Vancouver BC (Instructor: Nicole Dextras)
- 1999 Editorial Illustration – Continuing studies, Emily Carr Institute for Art and Design, Vancouver BC
- 1997 Bachelor of Journalism (honours), minor in Art History, Carleton University, Ottawa ON
- 1996-95 Drawing classes - Ottawa School of Art, Ottawa ON

media (selected)

- 2018 Fatur, Miranda. “Last year lighting up the Alouette” *Maple Ridge News*, Aug 15
- 2017 Flanagan, Colleen. “New street banners in Maple Ridge” *Maple Ridge News*, June 28
- 2016 Wadhvani, Ashley. “Transforming trash: *Confluence* runs June 11 to July 2 in The ACT”
Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows Times, June 9
“Focus on preservation of nature: The exhibition draws attention to climate change and the ongoing deterioration of local wildlife habitat” *Maple Ridge News*, June 8
Flanagan, Colleen. “Lighting up Alouette” *Maple Ridge News*, July 20
- 2015 Maple Ridge Arts Council. *Art Can Change*. [Documentary film]
- 2012 Reid, Marelle. “Drawing inspiration from nature in the city” *Burnaby NOW*, Aug 22
Warren, Janice. “Art centres cross boundaries with waterways” *Tri-City News*, Aug 22
Warren, Janice. “Fish, Libraries and Venice” *Tri-City News*, Jan 12