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1959 **Born: Peterborough, Ontario, Canada,**

Education/ Professional development

- 86-89 Associate, Ontario College of Art & Design
Honors in Ceramics and Textile Design. Toronto,
2022 John Britt, Cone 6 Glazing Workshop, Ottawa, On
20-21 Hands on wood firing, Frantic Farms, Warkworth,
2021 Ceramic Congress, International Ceramics
virtual five day symposium
02-25 Established Studio Under The Trees Studio
3 Wembley Drive, Toronto,
2015 Creative Entrepreneurship Program, Artscape, Toronto
2011 FUSION Mentorship with Angelo Di Petta
95-99 Established "Beyond the Front" collective studio
245 Carlaw Avenue, Toronto,
91-94 Artist in Resident & pottery instructor
Harbourfront Craft Studio, Toronto,

Solo & Two Person Exhibitions

- 2019 *Franzen and Franzen*, Rebecca Gallery, Toronto, On
2007 *Tea Time*, La Tea Da Tea House, Solo show, Toronto, On
2000 *Renaissance Women*, 2 person Show
Rebecca Gallery, Toronto, On
1994 *Ceramic Vessels: Celebrating Life*, solo show
True Places Gallery, Mississauga, On

Group Exhibitions

- 00- 25 *Karen Franzen and Friend's Holiday Show*, Toronto
2021 *The Collage Show*, Gerrard Art Space, Toronto
19 -25 *Harvest of Holiday Delights*, Port Hope, On
19- 25 *In A Garden*, Port Hope, On
2013 *Parallel Journeys Two Mentorships*
Ontario Crafts Council, Toronto, On
08-13, *In A Garden*, Port Hope On
2011 *Shadowboxes Exhibition*, Fundraiser
Textile Museum Toronto, On
2009 *Nuit Blanche "If Walls Could Speak"*, Dish gallery,
Distillery District, Toronto. On
2008 *Nuit Blanche "Secrets of the Disk"*, Dish gallery,
Distillery District, Toronto, On
2008 *Colour, Line, and Form*. Portfolio, Orangeville, On
2005 *Ceramics Group Show*, The Guild Shop, Toronto
2004 *Private Eye Collectors and Their Stories*
The McMichael Art Gallery, Kleinberg, On
2004 *Colour, Line, and Form*. Portfolio, Orangeville, On
01-03 *Art In The Garden, Moore Gardens Show*, Toronto
2000 *A Bowl for All Seasons*, Gardiner Museum of Ceramics,
Toronto, On
1997 *Japanese External Trade Show*
International Frankfurter Messe Asia, Tokyo, Japan
1997 *Holiday Collection II*, Ontario Crafts Council, Toronto
1997 *Invitational Teapot Exhibition*, The Guild Shop, Toronto
1995 *Taking the Lid Off*, Gardiner Museum of Ceramics
1995 *Tea Time*, Gallery Lynda Greenberg, Ottawa

- 1995 *Beyond the Front*, Rail's End Gallery, Halliburton, On
93-95 Gallery Lynda Greenberg, Ottawa
1994 *Faculty Show*, Rail's End Gallery, Halliburton, On
1994 Total Decor, Core Gallery, Toronto,
1994 *Beyond the Garden Wall*, York Quay Gallery,
Toronto
1992 *Spring '92*, Forge Studio Gallery, Terra Cotta, On
1992 *Face to Face*, York Quay Gallery, Toronto,
1991 *Rites of spring*, York Quay Gallery, Toronto
1991 *Holiday Collection*, Ontario Crafts Council, Toronto,
1990 *Curiosa Felicitas*, York Quay Gallery, Toronto,
1989 *Ceramics: Ontario College of Art Graduate Show*,
Gallery 76, Toronto, On
1989 *Franzen & Friends*, Bermuda Society of Arts,
Hamilton, Bermuda
1989 *Conflux: A Selection of Work by OCA Women Artists*,
Gallery 76, Toronto, On
1989 *Communities Connecting*,
Anna Leonens Gallery, Halifax, Nova Scotia
1987 *Franzen, Franzen & Franzen*,
Bermuda Society of Arts, Hamilton, Bermuda

Juried Exhibitions & Studio Tours

- 2024-25 FUSION Breakthrough Plus traveling exhibition
2024 The Joy Show, Jackalope Gallery, Toronto, On
22-23 Fusion Clay and Glass, Artscape Wichwood Barns,
Toronto, On
2022 FUSION Breakthrough Plus, Leslie Grove Gallery,
Toronto, On
2021 The Smalls Show, Leslie Grove Gallery, Toronto
2019 Fusion Clay and Glass Show,
Artscape Wichwood Barns, Toronto
2016 Merry Makers Market, (curator, organizer)
Pitchfork Company, Toronto, On.
2016 Life Along the 506, (curator) Flying Pony Café
Gallery, Toronto, On
2011 Danforth East Arts Festival, Toronto, On
01-18 *Beach Studio Tour*, Toronto, On
07-08 *The Fusion Show*. Toronto. On
08-10 *Uxbridge Studio Tour*, Uxbridge, On
04-07 *Toronto Outdoor Exhibition*, Nathan-Phillips Square
05-07 *Muskoka Arts & Crafts Show*, Bracebridge, On
01-07 *Cabbagetown Arts Festival*, Toronto, On
01-03 *Plaid Tidings*, Branksome Hall, Toronto, On
2005 *Willow Beach*, NEW Gallery, Toronto, On
98-09 *The Moose Show*, CBC Atrium, Toronto
1999 *Toronto Outdoor Exhibition*, Nathan-Phillips Square
97-03 *Willow Beach Arts Festival*, (founding member)
Port Hope, On
97-04 *West End Studio Tour*, Toronto. On
91-97 Toronto Outdoor Exhibition, Nathan-Phillips Square
94-97 *East of the Don Studio Tour*, (founding member),
Toronto, On
1993 *Fireworks '93*, Ontario Clay & Glass Association
1993 Out to Lunch, In the Making Gallery, Toronto
1992 *Group Show, Mississauga Civic Centre Art Gallery*.
Mississauga, On
1991 *Ontario Crafts '91*, Ontario Crafts Council

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Commissions, Special projects

- 18 & 21 *Bushel Basket Bonanza*, Fundraiser arts event
Fairmount Park Farmers Market, Toronto
- 03-17 *506 Streetcar Project*, Curator cultural arts festival,
Little India, Toronto
- 09-10 *Bowlerama*, Hawthorn Alternative School, Toronto
Made & fired 150 bowls for students to decorate.
- 90-24 Tile murals (kitchen/dining/bath), private residences
- 02-06 Commemorative Garden Platters for volunteer awards,
Toronto Green Community, Toronto
- 2006 Personalized Giant Cup and Saucer award for retiring
accountant Mother Goose Society, Toronto.
- 2001 Commemorative Teapot for retirement gift Celia
Lotteridge, Mother Goose Society, Toronto
- 2001 Bridal Registry: 8 piece dinnerware set & serving
pieces, tea service, and home accessories
including lamps, knobs,
Heather Finlay and Malcolm Horne
- 1997 Ceramic decal design for production tableware,
Trend Image Licensing
- 1994 Reproduction pieces: Cézanne still life objects,
Barnes Exhibit window display, Art Gallery of Ontario
- 1994 Watering can purchased by ceramic collector Aaron
Milrod,
- 90-92 Ceramic Trophies, *Reach for the Sky*, International
Trampoline Festival, Harbourfront Toronto, On

Grants & Awards

- 2011 *Best in Show Booth Award*, Danforth East Arts Festival
- 2001 *Best in Show Booth Award*, Cabbagetown Arts Festival
- 1993 Ontario Arts Council Crafts Grant
- 1992 Ontario Arts Council Crafts Grant
- 1990 Tuckers Purchase Award, Harbourfront Festival of Craft &
Design
- 1989 Ontario College of Art, Design Award, Honorable
Mention

Arts and Special Events Planning

- 2024 FUSION Clay and Glass Association
50th Anniversary Chair
- 2021 Fairmount Park Farmer's Market, Arts Coordinator
- 2016 Merry Makers Market, Pitchfork Gerrard Street East,
- 2016 506 Streetcar Project, Founding Member
Roden Public School, 100th Anniversary Celebration
Bain Co – op Craft Show coordinator

Gallery Representation

- Blue Crow Gallery, Toronto, On
Divine Craft, Lakefield, On
Gardiner Mueum Shop, Toronto, On

Teaching & Workshops

- 02-25 Pottery workshops, Studio Under The Trees
3 Wembley Drive, Toronto, On
- 2021 On-line Zoom clay workshops
- 2018 Makers Fair, Bomore Public school. Toronto
Made collaborative giant coil pots with the help of
many hands.
- 2004 Saturday Morning Workshop, Fusion, Toronto
- 2003 Hand-building Workshop, Ryerson Polytechnic
Institute
- 2010 Presenter Mississauga Potter's Guild, Mississauga,
- 2008 Assisted Fed Franzen ,Mural project involving
staff and students of Roden Public School, Toronto,
- 2008 Presenter Burlington Potter's Assoc. Burlington, On
- 2007 Presenter, Toronto Potters Association
Cedar Ridge creative Centre, Scarborough, On
Workshop for student Teachers
- 93-02 Pottery Instructor, Toronto Board of Education
Continuing Education Night School Programme.
- 00 – 02 Tile Design Workshop (2 days), Willow Beach,
Port Hope, On
- 2000 Tile Design Studio Workshop (1.5 day), Toronto, On
- 1999 Tile Design Workshop (1 day), for Ontario Crafts
Council Volunteers, Bain Co-op Community Centre
- 1999 Facilitator, Teaching Teachers: Exploring Clay with
Children, Ryerson Polytechnic Institute
- 93-98 Pottery Instructor, Beyond the Front Studio,
Toronto
- 1997 Presenter, Ontario College of Art & Design
- 1995 Presenter, Low Fire Earthenware Decoration,
Hill Potters Association, Richmond Hill, Ontario
- 1995 Workshop Facilitator, Low Fire Earthenware
Decoration (2 day), Waterloo Potters Workshop,
Kitchener Waterloo
- 1995 Workshop Facilitator, Low Fire Earthenware
Decoration (6 day), Halliburton School of Fine Arts
- 1993 Presenter, Toronto Potters Association
- 90-93 Harbourfront Craft Studio: Resident Artist &
Instructor, Children's Clay Workshop, and Raku
Workshop
- 1992 Presenter, Exploring Clay, Ontario Institute for
Study & Education, Toronto, On

On Line publicity and television interviews

- FUSION Clay and Glass Assoc, *Faces of FUSION*
Instagram interview, 2021
- Global TV news, May 4, 2012
- Bill Andersen Blogs, billandersen