

Biography

As a teenager in Peterborough, I was chosen to be part of special extramural art courses for High School students of exceptional talent. This program operated under the patronage of Robertson Davies noted Canadian author, editor of the Peterborough Examiner. This experience set my compass towards the arts.

As an Art Teacher and promising artist on my own I took part in my first Group Show (Wood Sculpture), 1962. A move to Haliburton, changed my life from artist to art activist.

I was instrumental in starting the Haliburton School of the Arts which quickly became part of Sir Sanford Fleming College, Peterborough. To have a Haliburton Campus it was necessary to establish, incorporate a local art group. Today the arts thrive in ways I never dreamed. I successfully petitioned for Rails End Public Art Gallery, and was its first curator.

I was a Sir Sanford Fleming College governor for 8 years and chair of

the SSFC Foundation for twelve years. During this time I lobbied for a

full time campus in Haliburton.

In 2003, a major, modern Community College opened in Haliburton

Art Education and Training

- 1960 - Became a teacher, won scholarship to attend OCAD for four Summer Courses of 8 weeks to become Teacher Art Specialist.,
- 1960-1965 - Queens University for extramural Courses in English/History
- 1965-1979 - The Haliburton School of the Arts, Sir Sandford Fleming College, Con. Ed. Courses – Salt Glaze Pottery, Sculpture, Drawing and painting
- 1982-1985 - York University, Fine Arts
- 2006 - Haliburton School of the Arts, SSFC, 10 week Summer Program- Drawing, Painting, Stone Lithography
- 2007-Haliburton School of the Arts, Advanced Painting for Professional Artists.4week Course- (entry on the approval of selection committee
- 2008/2009 - Haliburton School of the Arts, 8 weeks

Art-related Professional Experience

- 2012 - Ontario Society Of Artists: voted into membership
- 1965-2004 - Founding partner in Haliburton School of The Arts now Sir Sandford Fleming Campus in Haliburton
- 1979-1983 - Founder and first curator of Rails End Gallery, Public Art Gallery in Haliburton
- 1966-1983 - Founder Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts
- 1981-1989 - Member of Board Of Governors, Sir Sandford Fleming College
- 1994-2004 - Member of Sir Sandford Fleming Friends' Fundraising Foundation Board
- 2000-2004 - Chair of Haliburton Campus Fundraising Committee
- 2000-2004 - Member, Fundraising Cabinet to build Haliburton Campus
- 2003 - Chair of Super-build Committee for Rails' End Gallery Expansion
- 2000-2014 - Director of Dysart et Al Sculpture Forest Committee, Public Sculpture Garden
- 2000-2014 - Member of Jury for sculpture selection committee Haliburton Sculpture Forest
- 2000 - Founding member for the Arts Council, Haliburton County
- 2005-2009 - Owner, The Carole Finn Art Gallery, Minden, ON.

Memberships

SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP

- Art Gallery of Ontario;
- Haliburton Arts Council;
- Rails' End Gallery (Lifetime);
- Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden;
- Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce;
- CARFAC;
- Smithsonian Institute
- Life-Time Honorary Member, Board of Governors' SSFC

PARTICIPATING MEMBERSHIP

- Haliburton County Studio Tour
- Ontario Society of Artist (OSA);
- Tour De Forest Summer Studio Tour
- Haliburton Arts Council
- Haliburton Chamber Of Commerce

Art exhibitions, Awards, Accomplishments

- 2006 - Solo Exhibition: Oakville Studio, ON., "Emergence
- 2009 - Solo Exhibition: Agnes Jamieson Public Art Gallery, Minden, ON., "The Wild Pacific Trail"
- 2009-2010 - Solo Exhibition: Black Rock Hotel, Ucluelet, Vancouver Island, BC. "The Wild Pacific Trail
- 2011 - Solo Exhibition: Rails' End Public Gallery, Haliburton, ON., "Minden Wild Water Preserve"
- 2012- Solo Exhibition: Lindsay Art Gallery, Lindsay, ON., "Minden Wild Water Preserve"
- 2013 - Solo Exhibition: Agnes Jamieson Public Gallery, "A River Runs Through – Paintings of the Haliburton Forest Preserve"
- 2014 - Group Show: John Aird Gallery, OSA-Members Exhibition of Selected works.
- 2014/2015/2016 - Juried Group Show: The Papermill Gallery ,Todmorden Mills , OSA Members,

- 2014 - Group Show: Rails End Gallery, "Art For The Good" by invitation

PUBLICATION

- 2012 - "Walk by Water" Carole Finn, published by Parker Pad, featuring stories of the 2 men who were responsible for the existence "Wild Pacific Trail" and "Minden White Water"

SPECIAL AWARDS

- 1979 - Chamber of Commerce, Haliburton County, "Highlander of Year"
- 1983 - Gift from Guild- Painting of Rails End Gallery for Founding of Gallery
- 2003 - Sir Sandford Fleming College "Fellowship in Applied Education"
- 2012 - Haliburton Arts Council -"FOUNDERS Award" voted by members of Haliburton County Arts Council
- 2012 - QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE AWARD—Community Service
- 2016 - Founding of Finn Artists' Center Minden Ontario