

b. June 4, 1956 – Toronto – Mixedblood (Sioux, Cree, Chipewyan, Sauteaux-Ojibwa, Montagnaise, Oji-Cree, Sauteause-Ojibwa, Assiniboine, French (Red River, Manitoba), Irish, English)

REPRESENTATION

Native Art Gallery - Oakville, Ont.
Bearclaw Gallery - Edmonton, Ab.

EDUCATION

Forest Hill Art Club – Toronto
OCAD - Toronto

HONOURS & AWARDS

- 2004** First Prize Painting Category – Gallery Streetsville - Mississauga
- 2003** Juried Competition - Visual Arts Mississauga - Mississauga
- 2000** Award of Excellence - Juror: Lawrence Bradshaw - Omaha, Nebraska
Special Recognition - Juror: Lawrence Bradshaw - Omaha, Nebraska
- 1993** Honour Student Juried Nomination - Ontario College of Art and Design

MILESTONES

- 2008** Earth Magic Media~Film~Television~Publishing - Documentary art and processes:
"From the Spirit – Season II" : TO BE Broadcaston Bravo!TV for primetime Fall 2009
- 2008** Sacred Heart Caholic HS – Grades 10 thru 12 Students study my art and processes using a web based forum to communicate artist to student culminating in an
- 2006** 3 Piece Wood commission for the windows of The Peace Bridge Authority Bridge Building, printed onto Glass
- 2005-6** St.Theresa of Lisieux Catholic School Grades 9-1 study Painting on wood and Processes for their Canadian Artist Segment of their Curriculum
- 2003** Published first book - "Spoken Trees" – a compilation of works on wood and poetry
- 1996** Developed New Media - Naturism: - Acrylic paint using wood Grains with Poetry

EXHIBITIONS

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2008** Woodland Cultural Museum/Gallery – "Retrospective:1996-2008" – Brantford – Aug-Oct
- 2007** Native Art Gallery - "Shapeshifting New Skins" - Oakville – Oct-Nov
- 2006** The Bearclaw Gallery – "Messages Between Blue and Red" – Edmonton, Alberta, Nov-Dec
Lakeshore Art Trail – "Messages Between Blue and Red" – Mississauga, Sep-Oct
The Native Art Gallery – "Seeing In A Sacred Manner" – Oakville – Jan-Mar
- 2005** Lakeshore Art Trail – "Seeing In a Sacred Manner" - Mississauga – October
- 2004** Lakeshore Art Trail – "Earth Prayers" - Mississauga - October
The Native Art Gallery - "Earth Prayers" - Oakville - May-Jun
- 2003** Lakeshore Art Trail - "Shaman Stories" - Mississauga - October
Hugh's Room – Toronto – March
- 2002** Rebecca Gallery - "A Deeper Look Inside" Toronto – November
- 1999** Here and Now Gallery – "No Need To Hide" – Toronto – September/October
Rebecca Gallery – "No Need to Hide" – Toronto – March-May
St. Josephs College – "Across Boundaries" Toronto – February
- 1998** Here and Now Gallery – "Spoken Trees" – Toronto – September
- 1997** Artemis Gallery – "Sacred Way" - Parry Sound – July-August
- 1996** Gate 403 – "Sacred Way" – Toronto – June/July

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**2008**

Brooks Public Library "Ancestral Bonds" – Brooks, Medicine Hat - Dec
 Native Art Gallery - Oakville – Jan – Dec
 Rolling Hills School – Rolling Hills, Medicine Hat - Nov
 St. Michaels School – "Ancestral Bonds" – Bow Island, Medicine Hat - Oct
 Gallery Streetsville – "Treasures of Aboriginal Artists" Oct
 Drumheller Public Library – "Ancestral Bonds" – Drumheller, Medicine Hat – Sep
 Miywasin Centre, "Ancestral Bonds" – Medicine Hat – Aug
 Stettler Public Library, "Ancestral Bonds" – Stettler, Medicine Hat – July
 Esplanade Art Centre, "Ancestral Bonds" – Medicine Hat - July
 Streetsville Public Gallery – Artsfest – Streetsville – June
 Hinton Public Library – "Ancestral Bonds" - Hinton, Grand Prairie, - June
 Woodland Cultural Museum/Gallery – Brantford – May
 Grande Cashe HS Library, Grande Cache, Grande Prairie – May
 Peace River Good Shepard School, Peace River, Grande Prairie, Mar
 EW Pratt HS, "Ancestral Bonds" High Prairie, Feb
 St. Mary's School, "Ancestral Bonds" – Sexsmith, Grand Prairie, Jan
 Prairie Art Gallery "Ancestral Bonds" – Grande Prairie, Jan

2007

MacLaren Art Centre – "Dancing Through Time" Barrie– Dec-Jan
 Leduc Public Library – "Ancestral Bonds" , Alberta - Dec
 Roger's Centre – "Everyone" – Toronto – Nov-Dec
 Nipishikopak Middle School – "Ancestral Bonds", Hobbema, Alberta, - November
 Sturgeon Composite HS, - "Ancestral Bonds", Namao, Alberta - October
 Gallery Streetsville – "Treasures of Aboriginal Artists" Mississauga - October
 Vegreville Centennial Library, "Ancestral Bonds" – Vegreville, Alberta – August
 Ponoka Hospital & Care Centre, "Ancestral Bonds" – Ponoka, Alberta – July
 Chuck McLean Art Centre, "Ancestral Bonds" – Camrose, Alberta – June
 St Martha School, "Ancestral Bonds" – Fort McMurray, Alberta – May
 Robert Rundle School, "Ancestral Bonds" – St Albert, Alberta – April
 Notre Dame HS, "Ancestral Bonds" – Morinville, Alberta – March
 Spruce Grove Composite HS, "Ancestral Bonds", Spruce Grove, Alberta – February
 Father Beauregard School, "Ancestral Bonds", Fort McMurray, Alberta – January
 Art Gallery of Alberta, "Ancestral Bonds", Alberta, January

2006

Touring – "Ancestral Bonds: Portraits" – Touring the Northern Alberta 2006-08
 The Art Gallery of Alberta – "Ancestral Bonds: Portraits" – August
 Gallery Streetsville – "Treasures of Aboriginal Artists" Mississauga, Sep-Oct
 Native Art Gallery – Oakville – Jan-Dec
 The Bearclaw Gallery – Alberta – April-Sep
 The Art Gallery of Mississauga – Juried – Mississauga – Jan-Feb

2005

The Art Gallery of Mississauga – Juried – Mississauga - Dec
 The Rogers Centre – "Seeing In a Sacred Manner..." Juried Toronto – Nov
 Gallery Streetsville – "Treasures of Aboriginal Artists"– Mississauga – Sep-Oct
 SARI Charity Exhibit - London – August
 The Arts Project – "Image of Indigenous Freedom" – London, On - Jan
 The Grand Theatre - "Tales of an Urban Indian" – London, On – Jan
 Native Art Gallery – Oakville – Jan-Dec

2004

The Native Art Gallery - Oakville - Jan-Dec
Sky Dome - "Manido Geezis" - Toronto -
Orillia Opera House - November "Wataybugaw - Changing Leaves" - October
Gallery Streetsville - "Treasures of Aborig. Artists in Ont." - Miss - Sep-Oct
Harbourfront Centre - "Planet IndigenUs" - Toronto - August
Etcetera - Port Credit - Mar-Jul
Osgood Hall Museum - "Neekawnsidok - Natl. Aboriginal Day Celeb." - Toronto - Jun
City Hall Rotunda - "Neekawnsidok - Natl. Aboriginal Day Celeb." - Toronto - Jun
The Holistic World Expo - Metro Convention Centre - Toronto - Apr
The Native Art Gallery - Oakville - February
Art Gallery of Mississauga - Mississauga - Jan-Feb - JURIED

2003

Art Gallery of Mississauga - Mississauga - December - JURIED
Sky Dome - "Manido Geezis" - Toronto - November
Royal Bank Tower - Toronto - September
Agora Gallery - SOHO, New York - January

2002

Sky Dome - "Manido Geezis" - Toronto - November-December
Historic Fort York Museum - "Tecumseh" - Toronto - October
Royal Bank Tower - Toronto - September
Osgood Hall Museum - "Neekawnsidok - Natl. Aboriginal Day Celebns" - Toronto- July
City Hall Rotunda - "Neekawnsidok - Natl. Aboriginal Day Celebrations" - Toronto - June
Hatathli Museum - Diné College - "Stories From the Circle" - Arizona - May
Agora Gallery - "Representational Abstracts" - SOHO, New York - April
Harbourfront Gallery - "Mukwa Geezis" - Toronto - March

2001

Sky Dome - "Manido Geezis" - Toronto - November/December
Rebecca Gallery - "Sick of Socks" - Toronto - November
Osgood Hall Museum - "Neekawnsidok - Natl. Aboriginal Day Celebns" - Toronto July
City Hall Rotunda - "Neekawnsidok - Natl. Aboriginal Day Celebrations" - TO - June
Agora Gallery - "Realms of Illusion" - SOHO, NEW YORK - April
Period Gallery - "Beautiful" - OMAHA, Nebraska - January - JURIED

2000

Period Gallery - "All Media" - OMAHA, Nebraska - February - JURIED

1999

Hummingbird Centre - Canadian Opera Co. Fund Raiser - Toronto - November
Sky Dome - "Manido Geezis" - Toronto - November
Osgood Hall Museum - "Neebing Nugishkiwauding" - Toronto - July
City Hall Rotunda - "Neebing Nugishkiwauding" - Toronto - June

1998

Sky Dome, - "Manido Geezis" - Toronto - November
City Hall Rotunda - "Neebing Nugishkiwauding" - Toronto - June
Nara Exhibition - "Health and Healing" - Toronto - June

1998

Concillium – “Artsweek” – Scarborough - April
Prince Charming Gallery – Toronto – February

1997

Parry Sound Concert Hall – “Festival of the Sound” - Parry Sound – July-August
Prince Charming Gallery – Toronto - June
City Hall Rotunda – “Neekawnisidok - Natl. Aboriginal Day Celebrations -TO - May
Maslac McLeod Canadian Art Gallery – Yorkville, Toronto - January

1996

Prince Charming Gallery – Toronto - May
Maslac McLeod Canadian Art Gallery, Toronto, Yorkville – January

1995

The Brave Gallery – Toronto
Maslac McLeod Canadian Art Gallery, Toronto, Yorkville – November/December

1993 Ontario College of Art and Design - Honour Student Nomination Exhibition

1991 Mixed Media Exhibition – Toronto - October

Commissions

2006 – “Mewinsha” – 3 Piece Window Installation for the Peace Bridge Authority Museum Building marking the entrance into Canada: “Legends of the Falls”, “Legend of Peacemaker” & “Legacy In Stone”

2005 – Unis Lumin – Corporate Promotional Package

1998 – “Connecting Canada” - 200 Limited Edition Prints from original created for CANNET (Canadian Banking Network connecting Banking Institutions across Canada)

Bibliography

2005 Inside Mississauga – art+entertainment+culture - Jun/Jul – The Last Look
Native American Art – Triumph Calendars, Norwood for 2007

2004 Native American Art - Triumph Calendars, Norwood for 2006

2003 ‘SPOKEN TREES’ - By LauraLee K. Harris - P3 Media Publication

2002 The Villager on “A Deeper Look Inside” Exhibition

2000 ‘My Home As I Remember’ - Lee Maracle and Sandra Laronde; Editors, Natural Heritage Publishers

1999 ‘The Eighth Fire’ – by Cyndy Baskin

‘Scratching the Surface’ by Enackshi Dua and Angela Roberston, -
Women’s Press Publishers

1998 VOX Feminarium Journals

1996 The Villager on “Sacred Way” Exhibition

Artist Affiliations:

- ANDPVA (Association for Native Development in the Performing and Visual Arts)
- – Director(2005-6), Member since 1998
- CARFAC (Canadian Artist’s Representation) - Member
- CARCC (Canadian Artists Representation Copyright Collective Inc.) - Member
- Giving Literacy a Voice Project– Aboriginal Literacy Initiative - Curator and Committee Member
- CCA – Canadian Conference for the Arts - Member
- Springbankarts Mississauga - Member
- Visual Arts Mississauga - Member
- Visual Arts Ontario

MEDIA Coverage

- 2008** **The Expositor – Brantford** – “Award-winning artists perform at native festival” Sep 20
- 2007** **Rogers Television – First Local News** - St. Theresa’s of Lisieux Catholic High School studies my work - Richmond Hill
- 2006** **Edmonton Journal** – The Visual Arts – “Harris Strives to Go with the Grain” Nov 17th
Edmonton Journal – The Visual Arts – What’s On
- 2005** **OMNI-2 & Global Television** – Interview for Mandarin Television – Sept
American Artist Magazine – Interview - Sept
- 2004** **CITY-TV (National), CityPulse Tonight Interview** – Native Canadian Centre - March
Aboriginal Voices Radio - Sound Bite for Kennedy House exhibit – Toronto
The Mississauga News – “Harris Was Waiting to Be Born” - Sandy Miller - Jan
- 2002** **CITY-TV, CityPulse Tonight**– “Neekawnisidok – Natl. Aboriginal Day Celebn.” – TO City Hall
- NY Arts Magazine** for “Representational Abstracts” – Soho New York
Art Now Guide, New York for “Representational Abstracts” - New York
City TV – Toronto
The Villager - Toronto on “A Deeper Look Inside” Exhibition
Art in America – Galleries, Museums and Artists - August
- 1999** **Canadian Art Magazine** - Canada
Globe and Mail National Newspaper- Toronto
- 1998** **CITY-TV** Mark Dailey – Nat. Aboriginal Day Art Exhibit - Jun
CBC -- Toronto - Jun
CFTO -- Toronto – Ken Shaw - “Neeking Nugishkiwauding” - Toronto City Hall Rotunda - June
- 1996** **The Villager** on “Sacred Way” Exhibition “Artist Explores Aboriginal Roots” May

COLLECTIONS

- Public: Fort Erie Peace Bridge Authority Building
Fort Erie Historical Museum
ANDPVA -
Anishinawbe Health Toronto
- Corporate: Deeth Williams Wall LLP
- Private: Ontario, Boston, California, Germany, Ottawa, Florida, England, Bermuda, Quebec, Vancouver, Washington, New York, New Jersey, Australia and others

LECTURES ~ VISITING ARTIST ~ TEACHING

- 2008** VISITING ARTIST - for the Grade 10, 11 and 12 students of Sacred Heart Catholic High School as their Canadian Artist Segment, studying my work and processes and communicated through a forum : as <http://groups.google.com/group/sacred-art?hl=en> showing their work later in an opening and artist talk, and special opening
- 2007** VISITING ARTIST - For the Grade 9 students at the St. Theresa of Lisieux in Richmond Hill, As their Canadian Artist Segment, they studied my work and processes, celebrating their work in an artist talk
- 2006** CURATOR for the 10th Annual Roger’s Ctr Exhibit/Powwow with ANDPVA “In the Circle of Giving Back”
- 2005** Portfolio Workshop - London - Nokee Kwe
- 1999** Artist Gallery Lecture - “Naturism - Painting on Wood” - to Western Centennial Secondary School Students at Here and Now Gallery Exhibit
- 1998** Visiting Artist Lecture - “Naturism -Painting on Wood” - Western Centennial Secondary School
- 1998** Visiting Artist Lecture - Corporate event - Cannet Banking Software Co. - the meaning of the piece with emphasis on the spherical nature of Mother Earth
- 1995/6** Teaching - Mural Making at Howard Public School -- Animals And Their Homes