

BARBARA HIRST

Barbara Hirst (1965) was born in a farming community near Winnipeg, Manitoba. She graduated from the University of Manitoba's School of Art in 1987 where she studied with senior Canadian artist, Ivan Eyre and received the university gold medal for her drawing thesis. She has degrees in both Art therapy and Art Education. In 1989 she completed her Art Therapy dissertation on, "How Artists Overcome Creative Blocks" published in Buffalo, New York. Later she applied these techniques to classroom teaching strategies and presented her ideas at a conference on creativity in St. Petersburg, Russia. While much of her time has been spent in the classroom, Barbara has always maintained a studio practice. Hirst has traveled and painted extensively in Ireland where she had an exhibition in 2008. At that time, a book was published in southwest Ireland which she illustrated for Irish poet, Bridget Moraine. Currently, she teaches Art History and Humanities Preparation at Bow Valley College in Calgary. She devotes the rest of her time to painting. Travels to England, Scotland, France and Italy have had a strong influence on her work which can be found in collections throughout Canada, the United States and Europe.

EDUCATION

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| 1994 | Bachelor of Arts in Art Education

Nova Scotia College of Art and Design

Halifax, Nova Scotia |
| 1989 | Graduate Level Clinical Art Therapy Diploma

British Columbia School of Art Therapy

Victoria, British Columbia |
| 1987 | Bachelor of Fine Arts

University of Manitoba

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Honors, Gold Medalist |

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 A Conversation with Italy
Collector's Gallery of Art
Calgary, Alberta
- 2013 **Unexpected Landscapes**
Peter Robertson Gallery
Edmonton, Alberta
- 2012 **New Arrivals - Group Exhibition**
Collector's Gallery of Art
Calgary, Alberta
- Black and White - Group Exhibition**
Collector's Gallery of Art
Calgary, Alberta
- 2011 **Floating Colors: Reflections of Venice**
Collector's Gallery of Art
Calgary, Alberta

Floating City

OPEN SPACES: Windows to a View

City of Calgary Public Art Program

Calgary, Alberta

2010

Seascapes – Group Exhibition

Urban Retreat Gallery

Dublin, Ireland

Water Gazing

Peter Robertson Gallery

Edmonton, Alberta

2009

New Arrivals – Group Exhibition

Collectors' Gallery of Art

Calgary, Alberta

2008

Paintings of Kerry and Illustrations from *"The White Path"*

Frank Lewis Gallery,

Killarney, Ireland.

Landscapes for Reverie

Peter Robertson Gallery

Edmonton, Alberta

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- 2007 **Alberta Foundation for the Arts: Wildlife Excursion**
Prairie Art Gallery
Grand Prairie, Alberta (Group Show)
- 2006 **London Art Fair: Battersea Park**
Represented by: Thornton-Bevan Arts
London, England
- 2005 **Edges**
Vanderleelie Gallery,
Edmonton, Alberta
- 2004 **Shoremile**
Vanderleelie Gallery
Edmonton, Alberta
- 2002 **Of Natural Things**
Gallery 124, Edmonton, Alberta
- 1997 **Exotic Destinations of Ten Alberta Artists**
University Hospital Gallery
Edmonton, Alberta

1993

The Magician's Assistant

Anna Leonowens Gallery

Nova Scotia College of Art and Design

Halifax, Nova Scotia

1991

Vistas

The Works International Arts Festival

Edmonton, Alberta

COLLECTIONS

Royal Alexandra Hospital, Edmonton

RBC Dominion Securities, Saskatoon

Southgate Dental Center, Edmonton

Manitoba Museum, Winnipeg

Energetic Foods, Halifax

Alberta Foundation for the Arts

TD Bank Financial Group, Toronto

Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Ireland

C'entre d'art Marnay, France

Ritchie Mill Law, Edmonton

COMMISSIONS

Royal Bank of Canada

FEESA: An Environmental Education Society in Alberta

City of Calgary Public Art Program

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PUBLICATIONS

- **Public Art 101: Creating Community through Arts Education,** Stephen Magazine, Jan-Apr 2014.
- **Illustrations for "The White Path", A book of poetry by Irish Poet, Brid Ni Mhorain, Oidhreacht Chorca Dhuibhne, Tralee, Co. Kerry, 2008 ISBN 0-90609-613-8 2008**
- **"How Artists Overcome Creative Blocks" Journal of Creative Behaviour, Buffalo: NY Vol.26, number 2, Second Quarter 1992 Creative Education Foundation Inc. 1992**

PRESENTATIONS

"Helping Children Overcome Creative Blocks" Presented at "Exploration of Creativity Conference", St. Petersburg, Russia, August, 1994

AWARDS

Tyrone Guthrie Residency in Ireland, Three Oaks Foundation 2004
Edmonton Arts Council Travel Grant 2002, 1997

RESIDENCIES

2011	Fundación Valparaíso, Almería, Spain
2006	Verrochio Arts Centre, Tuscany, Italy
2005	Cill Rialaig International Artists Centre, Ireland
2004, 2002, 1997	Tyrone Guthrie Centre, Ireland
2004	Sir Patrick Allen-Fraser of Hospitalfield Trust, Scotland
2001	Centre d'art Marnay, Marnay-sur-Seine, France

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Related Work

September 2016 **Instructor - Artstream: Art History Preparation and Humanities**
- present **Bow Valley College, Calgary, Alberta**

September 2017
-present **Faculty Member - Art Management Committee,**
Bow Valley College, Calgary, Alberta

2016 - 2017 **Paintings included in set design for television series:**
***Fargo Season 3* and *The Detour*.**

2012 – 2013 **Drawing Instructor**
Alberta College of Art and Design