

ANDREA POTTYONDY, SCA

BIOGRAPHY

Art is everywhere in my life. I am an elected member of the Society of Canadian Artists, the initiator of Artspa (art group), docent at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, and an artist who sees the potential in common bits and pieces of everyday life.

Born and raised in Quebec, I also lived in Yukon Territory from 1984-88 and presently reside with my family in beautiful Nova Scotia, Canada. My love of the environment, history and travel are exhibited in the abstract layered landscapes and colourful, textured florals and narratives that I create. My artwork has been purchased by the Nova Scotia Art Bank and hangs in private and corporate collections.



ARTIST STATEMENT

From life experience, the landscape that surrounds me and all my senses, I attempt to create a visual experience through mixed media art works in an expressionist narrative style.

I use water based mediums, acrylics, oils, crayons, ink, handmade papers, recycled/found objects and incorporate them in my art pieces or use them in application techniques. My mixed media art works may include printmaking techniques, such as silkscreen, cyanotype or relief block printing.

Even though I am mostly self taught, I constantly need to feed my creative soul by learning about art through more formal studies, with book learning or perfecting a technique that I have just discovered. My enthusiasm grows when I share my art with my community by giving a children's art workshop, doing an art project with Artspa, giving a tour at AGNS or putting on an art exhibit for the public. Travel has also opened my eyes to unique visual experiences which I express in art works.

I have always wanted to share my passion for art and hope to bring a smile to the viewer's lips, and even better, to stir some emotion deep within.

Selected EXHIBITIONS

- 2010 Artspa Group Show, J. Franklin Wright Gallery, Cape Breton, NS April-June, 2010
- Art Off The Map group exhibit, FRED, Halifax, NS
- 2010 Group Exhibit, Total Kneads Spa, Halifax, NS
- 2010 Joaquin in His Shoes Group Exhibit, Club del Lago Hotel, Punta del Este and
- Galeria Latina, Montevideo, Uruguay
- 2009 Small Works Exhibit, Craig Gallery, Dartmouth, NS
- 2009 SCA Integration Juried Exhibit, Jean and Ross Fischer Gallery, Art Gallery of
- Hamilton, Ontario
- 2009 Annual Juried Group Show, Art Sales & Rentals Gallery, Halifax, NS
- 2009 Mosaic for Mental Health Craig Gallery, Dartmouth, NS
- 2009 Shubenacadie Art Connection Exhibit, NS
- 2009 Out and About Solo Show, J. Franklin Wright Gallery, Cape Breton, NS
- 2008 Group Show Advantage Frame & Gallery/Escape Cafe, Fall River, NS



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 - 2008 Ross Creek Secret Argyle Fine Art Gallery, Halifax, NS
 - 2008 Feature Artist Advantage Frame & Gallery, Fall River, NS
 - 2008 Vinylview Juried Group Show, Argyle Fine Art Gallery, Halifax, NS
 - 2008 Artspa Group Show Advantage Frame & Gallery, Fall River, NS
 - 2008 Polar Exhibit Visual Arts Nova Scotia, Halifax, NS
 - 2008 Halifax Art Map Launch, Group Show FRED, Halifax, NS
 - 2008 ruro Art Society, Art in Bloom, McCarthy Hall Gallery, Truro, NS
 - 2008 Feature Artist, Advantage Frame & Gallery, Fall River, NS
 - 2007 Reflections (juried show), Art Sales & Rentals, Halifax, NS
 - 2007 Argyle Fine Arts "Ross Creek Secret" Group Exhibit, Halifax, NS
 - 2007 Group Show, Maples Décor Gallery Bedford, NS
 - 2007 Art Sales & Rentals, Halifax, NS
 - 2007 Art in a Box Westin Hotel Gallery, VANS Juried Group Exhibit
 - 2007 Artists Afternoon Art Exhibit, Fall River, NS
 - 2007 Halifax Art Map Launch Art Exhibit, FRED, Halifax, NS
 - 2006 Reaching for our Joy Art Exhibit, Ballroom Gallery, Halifax, NS
 - 2006 New Faces Juried Art Exhibit, Art Sales & Rentals, Halifax, NS,

COLLECTIONS

2009 Nova Scotia Art Bank Purchase

Corporate & Individual collectors in Canada and abroad (info by request)

Westin Hotel, Elements Restaurant (art on loan 2007/08)

Associate Member Society of Canadian Artists 2007, 2008

Member Visual Arts Nova Scotia (VANS) since 2006

Docent, Art Gallery of Nova Scotia since 2006

Initiator "ArtSpa" weekly Art Group, Waverley, NS since 2006

Children's art workshops at Sacred Heart School, Halifax, NS, 2007,08, 09

Newsletter/PR Co-ordinator 14th Palette Art Group from 2002-2009

Member Lockview High School Arts Council 2006

Beginning in 1993 I conducted various children's art/craft workshops at Ash Lee Jefferson Elementary School, Adventure Art Centre, Holland Road Elementary School, G.P. Vanier Junior High School and HRM Fall River Recreation Centre

1985-88 member of Yukon Art Society