

Curriculum Vitae – Catherine Gutsche

Abstract Artist

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Gallery representation since 2019:

Sivarulrasa Gallery

34 Mill Street, P.O. Box 430, Almonte, ON K0A 1A0

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Education

York University Bachelor of Fine Art 1980

Memberships

WCAS – West Carleton Arts Society (president 2016/2017)

Modern Fuel artist-run centre, Kingston

Kanata Civic Art Gallery - former juried member, now represented by Sivarulrasa Gallery

OMMA – Ottawa Mixed Media Association - former member

Awards

2009 Honorable Mention - Kanata Art Club 23rd Annual Juried Art Show

2009 Juror's Choice - Kanata Art Club 23rd Annual Juried Art Show

1990 Aerographics Award for excellence in graphic design - York University

Ottawa Public Purchase Program 2013

"Trees" series purchased for permanent collection - Ottawa Public Library, Carp ON

Artist Residencies

Artscape Gibraltar Point, Toronto, ON, May 2018, May 2019, Sept 2021

Selected Exhibitions & Shows

2021

OAG - Ottawa Art Gallery's Galerie Annexe - art rental and sales, Ottawa ON

Modern Fuel artist-run centre annual juried show - Kingston, ON

7th Anniversary Show - Sivarulrasa Gallery, Almonte, ON

Modern Fuel artist-run centre – RE:MEMBER show & sale - Kingston, ON

2020

OAG - Ottawa Art Gallery's Galerie Annexe - art rental and sales, Ottawa ON

6th Anniversary Show - Sivarulrasa Gallery, Almonte, ON

Whitby Art Show - Online Juried Art Exhibition & Sale

2019

Duo Exhibit - Reverie, Sivarulrasa Gallery, Almonte, ON

5th Anniversary Show - Sivarulrasa Gallery, Almonte, ON

2018

Solo Exhibit - Alice's Village Café, Carp ON

Kanata Civic Art Gallery - ongoing member exhibitions, Kanata ON

Solo Exhibit - KIN Vineyards Tasting room, Carp ON

The Art House Café and Gallery - group shows, Ottawa ON

West Carleton Arts Society - ongoing group exhibits in various venues, Ottawa ON

2017

Kanata Civic Art Gallery - ongoing member exhibitions, Kanata ON

Expressions of Art Fall show, Carp ON

West Carleton Arts Society - ongoing group exhibits in various venues, Ottawa ON

Artists with Attitude - Ottawa Mixed Media Artists group show, Shenkman Arts Centre, Ottawa ON

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BIO

Born and raised in Toronto, Catherine Gutsche earned her Bachelor of Fine Art degree at York University in 1980. She creates intricate non-representational compositions, often alluding to forms in nature but highly abstracted, driven by a need to "engage my mind". Freed from representational limits, her interest is in colour, line and texture. She worked with acrylic paints for over two decades and, in recent years, has also created many works in oils combined with cold wax.

As her paintings are largely process-driven, she uses a variety of tools in the studio, including brushes, palette knives, skewer sticks, tree branches, and even metal spikes to sometimes gouge the surface she is working on. "I enjoy the unpredictable aspect of my practice", she notes. Her work has been exhibited in Ottawa and Toronto and is held in many private collections in Canada, the UK, and the US. Catherine Gutsche currently works from her studio in Ottawa.

ARTIST STATEMENT

I am a self-described process painter. I am inspired by my surroundings; awestruck by nature's transient characteristics and processes. I find beauty in how nature presents and transforms itself complete with its imperfections. It has never been my nature to expect order in my environment; nature's eccentricities challenge me to create my own order; my own ordinary.

I am preoccupied by the intuitive journey that paint takes me on with its colour and texture when working with layers that can be revealed through scratching back, rubbing away or lifting, to bring back the history of the previous layers. I do not replicate nature; I am inspired by nature's improvisation and I open myself up to its influences.