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**EDUCATION**

- Soumak Techniques with Kennita Tully, 2025
- 3D Tapestry Weaving Techniques, 2024
- Contemporary Tapestry Weaving Workshop with Ixchel Suarez – 2022
- NBCCD – Design Concepts 2021; Taught Foundation Visual Arts (6 weeks) at NBCCD – 2021, 2022
- Catapult program through ArtsLink NB – 2021
- Collect 2020 Educational Mission with Craft Alliance in London, UK – 2020
- Rusted: Intro to Rust Printing Workshop with Renata Britez – 2020
- Mini Corset Tapestry Weaving Workshop with Barbara Burns – 2019
- Jacquard Weaving at the Montreal Centre for Contemporary Textiles, Jacquard Workshops: Introduction, Intermediate, 6-colour Tapestry Summer – 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2017, 2018
- Jacquard Weaving Workshop on the TC2 – 2016 (Cathryn Amidei)
- Jacquard Colour Workshop, Concordia University, Montreal – 2013
- Extreme Warp Makeover Workshop with Robyn Spady, Fredericton – 09/2012
- Sculpture from Natural Materials with Dawn MacNutt, Nova Scotia [www.dawnmacnutt.com](http://www.dawnmacnutt.com) – 2008
- Magic in the Water Workshop with Laura Fry, Prince Edward Island – 06/2004
- Tapestry Weaving with Charlotte Glencross, NBCCD – 2003
- University of New Brunswick: Master of Education (Adult Education) – 10/1999; Bachelor of Arts (Honours Sociology) – 05/1990; Business Certificate – 05/1987
- NB Craft School, Fredericton – 1973-1975

**EXHIBITIONS AND RESIDENCIES**

- 2025 Shortlisted for Public Art project at the Veysey Centre in Florenceville; Installation at Fundy National Park (Spring, 2025)
- 2024 Branch Out and Weave for Climate Change workshop; Yardage Exhibition, *Limited Prairies, Limitless Sky* Awards: The Ruth F. Morrison Award for Technical Excellence in Weaving and the Weavers Guild of Oklahoma Award (Handweavers Guild of America – Convergence 2024); Pictou Culture Hub Public Art; Fredericton Arts Alliance Residency; CraftNB Beneath the Surface Retreat (Fundy National Park); Book Review (Textile Society of America – TSA); Presentation to TSA Symposium (online); Deck the Walls (Sunbury Shores, St. Andrews NB); Small Works (McCain Art Gallery, Florenceville-Bristol NB)
- 2023 Public Art Commission for Hanwell Park Academy; Third Shift Fibre Installation; ArtSparks Talk for Handweaver's Guild of America; Teaching Intro to Weaving (Honeybee Folk School); Shuttles Thrown: 75 Years of Weaving in the Guild of Canadian Weavers; Fredericton Arts Alliance Residency; Fredericton Region Museum Residency; CraftNB Atlantic Vernacular Artist Talk; Harm to Harmony Residency (Conservation Council of NB); Shortlisted and awarded the Pictou Culture Hub Public Art
- 2022 ArtsSmarts Artist in Schools Program: Hang-a-Heart Project (89 students/6 classes @Blackville School); Opening! Craft Today Exhibition (CraftNS; Mary E. Black Gallery, Halifax NS); Teaching Intro to Weaving (Honeybee Folk School); Artist in Residencies and Exhibitions (City of Fredericton; Fredericton Arts Alliance); Fate, Destiny and Self-Determination (international tapestry project through Line Dufour); CraftNB Atlantic Vernacular; Vistas Along the Appalachian Trail (Yardage exhibition) and Seasons of the Smokies Wearables (Fashion Show and Exhibition; Handweavers Guild of America – Convergence 2022); Refocus on Fibre Art (Sunbury Shores Art Centre)
- 2021 "Primary Colours Weave the Future" Public Art Commission for Arc-en-ciel School (Oronecto NB); City of Fredericton Residency; Fredericton Arts Alliance Residency; Parrsboro Creative Artist Residency (Parrsboro NS); Deck the Walls (Sunbury Shores, St. Andrews NB); Small Works (McCain Art Gallery, Florenceville-Bristol NB); Christmas Choice (Gallery 78, Fredericton NB)
- 2020 Collect 2020 (Educational Mission with Craft Alliance, London UK); Renditions, American Tapestry Alliance (online); Craft Year 2020 – Reflections (UNB Art Centre, Fredericton NB); Atlantic Vernacular – CraftNB; Objets Nonpareils (Sunbury Shores, St. Andrews NB); Fredericton Artist in Residence Exhibition (Gallery 78, Fredericton NB), Fire and Ice (Sunbury Shores, St. Andrews NB)
- 2019 4 Handwoven Jackets invited to 19th ArtWear Biennial Fashion Show and Exhibition (Fort Collins CO); Age of Aquarius (Mary E. Black Gallery, Halifax NS)

- 2018 City Lights, Festive Nights (Fashion Show and Exhibition; Handweavers Guild of America – Convergence 2018); Revolution (Mary E. Black Gallery, Halifax NS); Conversations (Craft NB travelling exhibition in NB); Christmas Choice (Gallery 78, Fredericton NB)
- 2017 Canada 150: Celebration of Fibre (UNB Art Centre); Art In the Box Residency (Fredericton, NB); Aestival Festival donation (Halifax, NS); Arts Gala donation (Fredericton, NB)
- 2016 Complexity (St. Charles, IL and Milwaukee, WI); Small Expressions, Convergence (Milwaukee, WI); World of Threads 2016 (Toronto, ON); Autumn Splendor (Fredericton Public Library)
- 2015 Craft Year 2015 (NSDCC, NS); Extreme Fibers (The Muskegon Museum of Art and the Dennon Museum); The Thing that Happened (Travelling exhibition in NB); Contemporary Traditions in Fibre (Andrew and Laura McCain Gallery, Florenceville, NB)
- 2014 Modern Spin (Fall River, MA); Peacework (Mary E. Black Gallery, Halifax, NS); The Surf Show (Laughleton Gallery, NS); Gallery @ ACTS (Halifax, NS); CraftNB Biennale (Fredericton NB); Artist Residency, (ArtScape, Toronto ON)
- 2013 CraftNB Biennale (Moncton, NB); Change Ahead (Mary E Black Gallery, Halifax NS); Creatives Rising (Long Island City, NY); The Thread That Binds (UNB Art Centre); CraftNB Goblet Grab
- 2012 SOFA New York (International, New York NY); World of Threads (International, Toronto ON); The Art of Fibre (Gallery 78, Fredericton NB); Other Worldly Exhibition (CraftNB, Fredericton NB); The Surf Show (Laughleton Gallery NS); Gallery @ ACTS (Halifax NS)
- 2011 A Woven Labyrinth (E-exhibition); The Surf Show (Laughleton Gallery, NS); CraftNB Biennale (Fredericton, NB); CraftNB Objects of Desire; Put Your Heart into Art (Gallery Connexion)
- 2010 Collaboration (NSDCC, Halifax NS); Out of Purgatory (Confederation Centre for the Arts, Charlottetown PEI); Craft NB Gallery; The Art of Harvest (Fredericton NB); International Year of Natural Fibre (UNB Art Centre, Fredericton NB); The Surf Show (Laughleton Gallery NS)
- 2009 NB Craft Council Gallery (Fredericton NB); CraftNB Goblet Grab"
- 2008 Solo Exhibition: Weave 2 Weave (UNB Art Centre, Fredericton NB); 6 x 6 Treasure in a Box; Buy the Best; Green; Sounds Good to Me (all exhibitions in Fredericton NB)
- 2007 Ornament Your Home (NB Craft Council Gallery, Fredericton NB); CraftNB Elements, Premier's Conference (Fredericton & Moncton); Artist Residency (Charlotte Street Arts Centre, Fredericton NB)
- 2004-5 Artist Residency: The Thrill of Twills (String Fever Gallery, Fredericton NB); Arts & Learning Arts Gala (Fredericton NB); String Fever Textiles Gallery (Fredericton NB)

## GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 Teach-it-Forward Grant from Handweavers Guild of America; The Ruth F. Morrison Award for Technical Excellence in Weaving; the Weavers Guild of Oklahoma Award
- 2023 artsnb Creation Grant for Bringing a Weaving Analogy Alive Through Fibre Art Sculpture (in progress)
- 2016 Guild of Canadian Weavers, "A.I. Scholarship"
- 2008 Guild of Canadian Weavers, "A.I. Scholarship"
- 2009 artsnb Creation Grant for Weaving Words and Images: Creating a Woven Labyrinth
- 2006 artsnb Creation Grant for Weave 2 Weave project
- 2005 NB Craft Foundation, Travel Award

## LEADERSHIP SKILLS/MEMBERSHIPS/ PHILANTHROPY

- **Philanthropic Activities:** Volunteer, Beaverbrook Art Gallery; CraftNB; CraftNS; Fredericton Arts Alliance; Canadian Cancer Society; Fredericton Food Bank; Charlotte Street Arts Centre
- **Memberships:** American Tapestry Alliance; Handweavers Guild of America; Textile Society of America; Guild of Canadian Weavers; ArtsLink; CraftNB (Juried Member); CraftNS; CARFAC; Fibre Arts Network
- **Leadership:** NB Crafts Foundation; Past ArtsLink NB Board (Founding member, 2009); Charlotte Glencross Exhibition committee (2013); Fibre Arts Network (President 2004-2020); Indigenous Project Committees; CraftNB (Past President/ Board Member); Fredericton Arts Alliance Board (2002-2008)

## EMPLOYMENT

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| ▪ Senior Project Manager, Joint Economic Development Initiative (JEDI)   | 04/2012 – 12/2019 |
| ▪ Executive Director, Aboriginal Workforce Development Initiative (AWDI) | 10/2009 – 04/2012 |
| ▪ Workforce Development Officer, Enterprise Fredericton                  | 08/2002 – 10/2009 |
| ▪ Project Manager/Coordinator, LearnStream Inc.                          | 09/1999 – 08/2002 |