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Formal Education:

- 2020** **Colorado State University: M.A.C.D.**
Master's in arts leadership and Cultural Development
- 2015** **Center for Arts and Technology**
Digital Marketing Certificate Program, Kelowna BC
- 1984** **Virginia Commonwealth University**
Richmond, Virginia, Bachelor of Fine Arts

Mentoring

2021-2022. Mastrius master artist, Mentoring three groups of 10 students in both beginner and intermediate levels. Focus on professional development and artistic skills

2010-2020. - Federation of Canadian Artists- Central Okanagan, mentored fellow artists, working on presentation, design, painting skills and ability to self-critique

Selected Exhibitions- Short list 2019-2022

- July 2022** **Solo Show – Artym Gallery, Invermere, BC**
- Nov 2021** **Solo Show – Tutt Street Gallery, Kelowna, BC**
- Oct 2021** **Solo Show – Lloyd Gallery, Penticton BC**
- Sept 2021** **Solo Show – Webster Gallery, Calgary Alberta**
- June 2021** **Solo Show, Artym Gallery, Invermere**
- April 2021** **Group Show, Artists for Conservation, The James Museum of Western Wildlife Art, St. Petersburg, FL. USA**
- November 15-28, 2020** **Solo Show, Into the Wild, Tutt Art Galleries, Kelowna BC**
- September 12-19 2020** **Solo Show, Webster Gallery, Calgary Alberta**
- August 15-21** **Solo Show, Artym gallery, Invermere BC**
- June 27- July 31, 2020** **Oasis Art Show – FCA-COC, Peachland Art Gallery. Movement 24 x 24, Fat Clouds Hanging over Moraine 24 x 48**
- June 2020** **Federation of Canadian Artists 2020 Landscapes Exhibition. 140 of 517 selected. "Summer Slopes" 30 x 40**
- October 2019** **Signature Member Status, Artists For Conservation**
- July 2019** **Solo Exhibit, The Lloyd Gallery, Penticton, BC V1W 3Y9**
- April 2019** **Two Person Show, Anita McComas and Alex Fong, Artym Gallery, Invermere BC**

Current and Past Professional Affiliations: Society of Canadian Artists, **Elected Member**, Arts Council of the Central Okanagan, The Federation of Canadian Artists Signature member (AFCA), Kelowna Visual & Performing Arts Center Society (KVPACS). Kelowna Art Gallery (member and former volunteer docent), Artists for Conservation, Signature Member, Levelling-Up Mastermind Mentorship Master

Selected Awards:

January 2020	Honorable Mention, Circle Foundation, International Artist of the Year 2019
October 2019	Signature Member Status, Artists for Conservation
November 2018	Aware of Merit, A Swing and a Miss, FCA Central Okanagan Autumn show
July 2018	Running Out of Space, Oasis National Juried Show, First Place, Wildlife, and People's Choice Award
April 3-15, 2018	Where The Wild Things Grow, Bloom Exhibition, Honorable Mention
April 2018	Awarded Signature Status, Federation of Canadian Artists. (AFCA) Success!
Nov 17-19, 2017	And The Winds Swirl Around Me, 36 x 48, Award of Excellence, FCA Autumn Gallery
Sept 9-10, 2017	Poster artist – Lake country Art Walk
July 1-30, 2017	Best of Show, Up! 36 x 24 Oasis National Juried Show

Gallery Affiliations:

Tutt Street Gallery, Kelowna, BC, The Lloyd Gallery, Penticton, BC; The Artym. Invermere, BC; The Webster Gallery, Calgary, AB; The Fallen Leaf, Canmore, AB; The Ryan Gallery, Muskoka, Port Carling, ON; Gallerie Beauchamp, Quebec. QC. Black Spruce Gallery, SK

Jurist:

Society of Canadian Artist, Federation of Canadian Artist, Peachland Art Gallery

Special Projects:

Share The Warmth Project 2021

Participant in artist driven program to honour the COVID 19 hospital workers with gifts of art. Community initiative gifting over 400 pieces.

Lake Country ArtWalk Committee Community projects

One of several selected artists to create a public art piece- Muskoka chairs painted with original art. A COVID19 focused project to create safe outdoor sitting spaces for people to connect.

Acting Gallery Director/Curator 2011 and 2012

Little Straw Upper Gallery, West Kelowna, B.C.

Organized and promoted ten (10) shows and artist's receptions per year for the "Art at the Vineyard" series of events, celebrating the talent of Okanagan Artists. These shows feature the work of 40 local artists each year.

Additional teaching certifications

Golden Certified Educator 2015-2022

Teaching professional painting and development workshops