

## SUSAN LOW-BEER, RCA,

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### Education

- 1965 B.F.A., Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick, Canada - Painting  
1967 M.F.A., Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, U.S.A. Painting

### Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2018 *Embodiment, 30 Years of Sculpture by Susan Low-Beer*, Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo  
2017 *Embodiment, 30 Years of Sculpture by Susan Low-Beer*, Norfolk Art Centre, Simcoe, Ontario (catalogue)  
2016 *Embodiment, 30 Years of Sculpture by Susan Low-Beer*, Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario  
2013 *Fragments of Self*, within *Transformation by Fire*, Gardiner Museum of Ceramics, Toronto, Ontario  
2012 *Evidence of Breath*, Minarovich Gallery, Elora Centre for the Arts, Elora, Ontario  
*About Face*, David Kaye Gallery, Toronto, Ontario  
2011 *State of Grace*, Tom Thomson Gallery, Owen Sound, Ontario.  
2010 *State of Grace*, Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario.  
*State of Grace*, Chautauqua Institute, Chautauqua, N.Y. USA  
2009 SOFA Chicago, featured artist with solo booth, Option Art, Chicago. Illinois,  
*Selves*, The Visual Arts Centre of Clarington, Bowmanville, Ontario  
2008 *State of Grace; recent sculpture*, David Kaye Gallery, Toronto, Ontario  
2006 *Tools for Daily Living*, The Japan Foundation, Toronto, Ontario  
2005 *The Force of the Moon*, Rebecca Gallery, Toronto, Ontario  
*Tools for Daily Living*, Materia, Quebec, Quebec  
2004 *Mixed Media Drawings*, Rebecca Gallery, Toronto, Ontario  
2003 *Tools for Daily Living*, Karsh Masson Gallery, Ottawa, Ontario (brochure)  
*Susan Low-Beer: Recent Work*, Lafreniere & Pai Gallery, Ottawa, Ontario  
*Tools for Daily Living*, Galerie McClure, Visual Arts Centre, Montréal, Quebec  
2002 *Rocksbreath*, An Improvisation, Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario  
2001 *New Paintings by Susan Low-Beer*, Harbinger Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario  
*Rocksbreath*, Garden Installation, Burlington Art Centre, Burlington, Ontario (catalogue)  
1997 *Mutible Selves*, Art Gallery of Mississauga, Mississauga, Ontario travels (catalogue)  
*Susan Low-Beer Recent Works*, Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario travels (catalogue)  
1996 *Susan Low-Beer*, Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Oshawa, Ontario, travels (catalogue)  
*Recent Sculpture*, Prime Gallery, Toronto, Ontario  
1995 *Susan Low-Beer*, Sculptor's Society of Canada Gallery, Toronto, Ontario, invited artist  
*Recent Sculpture and Works on Paper*, Harbinger Gallery Inc., Waterloo, Ontario  
1994 *Ceramic Sculpture*, Sybaris Gallery, Royal Oak, Michigan  
*Susan Low-Beer*, Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario  
1993 *Alliances*, The Latham Gallery, Stouffville, Ontario  
1992 *New Work by Susan Low-Beer*, Galerie Barbara Silverberg, Montréal, Québec  
*Still Dances: Recent Ceramic Sculptures*, The Craft Gallery, Crafts Council, Toronto, Ontario (catalogue)  
1991 *Susan Low-Beer*, Galerie Barbara Silverberg Contemporary Ceramics, Montréal, Québec  
1990 *Recent Sculpture*, Prime Canadian Crafts, Toronto, Ontario  
1989 *Susan Low-Beer Sculptures* The Justina M. Barnicke Gallery, Hart House, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

### Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2019 *The Body Has Reasons Which Reason Knows Not Of*, Craft Ontario, Toronto, Ontario  
2018 *The Diana Reitberger Collection*, Gardiner Museum, Toronto, Ontario, (catalogue)  
2017 *Eclipse*, Sivarulrasa Gallery, Almonte, Ontario  
2016 *And ++*, David Kaye Gallery Two Person Show, Toronto, Ontario  
2015 *Still Life Landscape, from the AGB collection*, The Art Gallery of Burlington, Burlington, Ontario (catalogue)  
2014-17 *Sculpture Garden: Oeno Gallery*, Huff Estates, Prince Edward County  
2013 *Face to Face: Meryl McMaster, Susan Low-Beer*, Durham Art Gallery, Durham, Ontario  
2012 *The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Print Show*, John B Aird Gallery, Toronto Ontario (first prize)  
*The Earth is a Jewel*, Canadian Guild of Crafts, Montreal, Quebec  
2011 *Making Sense* John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto, Ontario,  
2009 *Unity and Diversity*, Canadian Crafts Federation, Cheongju International Craft Biennale, South Korea. (catalogue)  
2007 *A Vital Mix, Celebrating 30 Years*, Ontario Crafts Council, Toronto Ontario  
*Ontario Craft '07*, Ontario Crafts Council, Toronto, Ontario

- 2006 *From the North: Canadian Ceramics*, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
*The Japanese Paper Place (25 Years)*, The Visual Arts Center of Clarington, Bowmanville, Ontario.
- 2005 *in the margins: Canadian Women in Clay*, Mary E. Black Gallery, Nova Scotia Centre for Craft and Design, Halifax, Nova Scotia  
*Studio Ceramics in Canada*, The Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art, Toronto, Ontario
- 2002 *Mentors of the LAC Studios*, Living Arts Centre, Mississauga
- 2001 *Excellence, Saidye Bronfman Award Recipients 1997-2001* Museum of Civilization, Hull, Quebec  
*The Next Generation*, John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto, Ontario  
*From the Model* John B. Aird Gallery, Toronto, Ontario  
*Carnival, The Spirit and The Soul*, Columbus Centre, Toronto, Ontario  
*Selections from the Allan Chasanoff Ceramic Collection*, Mint Museum of Craft and Design, Charlotte, North Carolina, (catalogue)
- 2000 *International Art Fair*, Toronto, Ontario (catalogue)  
*Looking Forward, New Views of the Craft Object*, Ontario Craft Council, traveling exhibition, Toronto, Ontario. (catalogue)  
*SOFA, Chicago-Sculpture Objects+ Functional Art*, Chicago, Mich. U.S. (catalogue)  
*Drawing on the Figure: 10 contemporary ceramicists approach the human form*,  
Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario. (catalogue)  
*SOFA, New York- Sculpture Objects+ Functional Art*, New York City (catalogue)  
*Not Just Moose- Garden Sculpture for Every Space*, Canadian Sculpture Centre, Toronto, Ontario  
*Facets of Woman- Perspectives 2000*, Pratt + Whitney Canada, Living Arts Centre, Mississauga, Ontario
- 1999 *Looking in the Mirror - Aspects of Figurative Ceramics*, Riley Hawk Galleries, Columbus and Cleveland, Ohio  
*Faculty and Alumni Show*, Sheridan College, Oakville, Ontario  
*Toronto Collects*, The George R. Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art, Toronto, Ontario
- 1998 *Re-membering*, Ontario College of Art and Design, Toronto, Ontario  
*Espace Terre, 8th National Biennial of Ceramics*, invitational, Trois-Rivières, Québec touring exhibition, (catalogue)  
*Member Show*, Canadian Sculpture Gallery, Toronto, Ontario  
*Clay in Common: the Czech Republic/Canada Exchanges*, galerie de la ville, Dollard Recreart, Montréal, Québec  
*Fire & Earth*, exhibiton from the collection of the Burlington Art Gallery, Itabashi City, Japan (catalogue)
- 1997 *Terre en Transit, Seventh National Biennial of Ceramics*, juried traveling exhibition, Trois-Rivières, Québec (catalogue)  
*Exchange 1997*, Galerie McClure, Montréal, Québec
- 1996 *Interchange '96*, Brno, Czech Republic  
*Cup as a Metaphor*, Sybaris Gallery, Royal Oak, Michigan  
*Terre en Transit, Biennale Nationale de Céramique*, invitational, Galerie d'art du Parc, Trois-Rivière, Québec
- 1995 *The International Exposition of Sculpture Objects and Functional Art*, Sybaris Gallery, Chicago, Ill.  
*Survivors, In Search of a Voice: The Art of Courage*, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Ontario. touring exhibition  
through Canada and The United States, invitational (catalogue)
- 1993 *Canadian Art in Mexico City, 1993*, Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana, Mexico City, Mexico  
*Moving the Spirit: Canadian Sculpture in Clay and Glass*, Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo,  
Ontario - inaugural exhibition, invitational (catalogue)  
*Ontario Crafts '93*, The Craft Gallery, Ontario Crafts Council, Toronto, Ontario, juried exhibition (catalogue)  
*The Clay Figure*, Dorothy Weiss Gallery, San Francisco, California
- 1992 *Chicago International New Art Forms Exposition*, Prime Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
*Fifth National Biennial of Ceramics, Trois -Rivières*, Québec -Juried, touring exhibition (catalogue)
- 1991 *Chicago International New Art Forms Exposition*, Prime Gallery, Chicago, Illinois.  
*Sculptural Ceramics: Two Views*, Valdosta State College, Valdosta, Georgia - 2 persons exhibition
- 1989 *Different Realities*, Martha Schneider Gallery, 4 person exhibition, Chicago, Illinois
- 1988 *Person Award Exhibition*, National Arts Centre, Ottawa, Ontario, catalogue  
*Third National Biennial Of Ceramics*, Trois-Rivières, Québec- juried touring exhibition (catalogue)
- 1986 *Canadian National Clay Invitational*, Paris Gibson Square, Center of Contemporary Arts, Great Falls, Montana.
- 1981 *Fires and Fibres, Man and His World*, Montréal, Québec - touring exhibition (catalogue)
- 1980 *Eighth Chunichi International Exhibition of Ceramic Art*, Chunichi, Japan, invitational (catalogue)
- 1977 *First Biennale for Québec Artists*, Saidye Bronfmann Centre, Montréal, Québec
- 1972 *The Sensible Cup International Exhibition*, Sea of Japan Exhibition, Japan, invitational, Catalogue
- 1971 *Contemporary Ceramic Art of Canada*, U.S.A., Mexico and Japan, National Gallery of Kyoto, Kyoto, Japan - invitational, catalogue

## Collections

Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario  
Art Bank of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario  
Art Gallery of Mississauga, Mississauga, Ontario  
Burlington Art Centre, Burlington, Ontario  
Canadrel Collection, Montréal, Québec  
Chasanoff Collection, Mint Museum of Craft and Design, Charlotte, NC.  
Canadiana Fund Collection, Ottawa, Ontario  
M. Joan Chalmers, C.M.B. Amesbury, Toronto, Ontario  
Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art, Toronto, Ontario  
Haliburton Sculpture Forest, Haliburton, Ontario  
Indusmin Collection, Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario  
Montréal Museum of Art, Montréal, Québec  
National Museum Of Modern Art, Kyoto, Japan

The Museum of Civilization, Ottawa, Ontario  
Robert McLaughlin Gallery, Oshawa, Ontario  
Private Collections

## Awards and Grants

2012 First Prize, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Print Show, Aird Gallery Toronto, Ontario  
2009-12 Exhibition Grant, Ontario Arts Council  
2002 Canada Council Grant  
2000 Inducted into the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts  
1999 Saidye Bronfman Award for Excellence in the Crafts,  
Craft Grant, Canada Council

## Publications

McMath, Sheila, "Specimen Series: New Work by Susan Low-Beer", *Fusion*, Vol 42, 2019  
Lark Ceramics, "500 figures in clay, volume 2", New York, N.Y. 2014  
MacKenzie, Heidi, "Susan Low-Beer" profile. *New Ceramics, The European Ceramics Magazine*, 3/2013  
MacKenzie, Heidi, "Susan Low-Beer", *Ceramic Art and Perception*, 2013  
Eichhorn, Virginia. "State of Grace", *Fusion*, Vol 32 No.2 Spring, 2008  
"Art at Work" Art Bank, Canada Council for the Arts., edited by Victoria Henry, 2007  
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Dault, Gary Michael. Review. "Susan Low-Beer at the Japan Foundation." *Globe and Mail*. 29 April, 2006.  
"Craft, Perception and Practice, Volume II a Canadian Discourse" edited by Paula Gustafson, 2005  
Bois, Michel. "Susan Low-Beer, Terre humaine" Review *Le Soleil* 26 Novembre 2005, Quebec City  
Crawford, Gail "Studio Ceramics in Canada, 2005, The Goose Lane Editions, Canada  
Allison, Glen. "Susan Low-Beer, Rocksbreath II", *Ceramics Art and Perception*, Issue 57, 2004  
Liou, Ming-whe. The Canadian Ceramic Sculptor Susan Low-Beer. *Ceramic Art*, Wushinh Books Publication, 2004  
Lark Books, "500 Figures in Clay, Ceramic Artists Celebrate the Human Form" 2004  
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Haggio, Regina. "Rocksbreath, An Installation in Clay", *Fusion Magazine*, Fall 2001  
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Haggio, Regina. The Burlington News, Review, 27 June, 2001  
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Globe and Mail. *Artist Low-Beer wins Bronfman award*, 6 November 1999  
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Schklar, Lois. "A Search for Meaning." *Contact*, Summer 1998.  
Black, Deborah. "Narratives in Clay." *Ontario Craft*, Summer 1998.  
Bowen, Lisa Balfour. "Susan Low-Beer: Clay Reliefs." *Ontario Craft*, Spring 1994.  
West, Anne. "Plural Vision." *Ceramics: Art & Perception*, no. 17, 1994.  
Low-Beer, Susan. "Susan Low-Beer." *Ceramics Monthly*, November 1994.  
de Kerckhove, Derrick. "Fragments of an Aura." *American Ceramics*, vol.10, no.3, 1993.  
*Ceramics of the World in 1983*, publisher Gott Fried Borrmann  
Taylor, Kate. review, *The Globe and Mail*, 3 April, 1992.  
"Up Front Review." *Ceramics Monthly*, October 1992.  
McPherson, Anne. "Still Dances: Recent Ceramic Sculptures by Susan Low-Beer." *Ontario Craft*, Summer 1992.  
Hume, Christopher. review, *The Toronto Star*, 2 April, 1992.  
Margretts, Marina. *International Crafts*, 1990.  
Patterson, Cindy. "Susan Low-Beer: Artist." *Contact*, Summer 1989.