

Debra Krakow, Artist

Debra Krakow is an artist, artisan and architect. Her luminous and evocative paintings express her deeply felt connection to the natural world, seen through the lens of an architect and former urbanite.

Debra has developed her artistic practice through explorations in drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, fibre arts and ceramics. She paints in layers, selectively revealing or obscuring the underpainting to create an evocative surface. Her painted surfaces reveal a complex history of underlying colour and texture.



Debra lives on Wolfe Island in the Thousand Islands region of Ontario. She is represented by Koyman Galleries in Ottawa.

Solo Shows

Slowing Down, Studio 22, Kingston, ON, 2020
Remnants, Studio 22, Kingston, ON, 2017
Seduced by Colour, Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON, 2017
Horizons, Studio 22, Kingston, ON, 2016
Recent Works, Kingston General Hospital, 2016
Crows, Studio 22, Kingston, ON, 2015
Featured artist, MPP office, Kingston, ON, 2014-15
Evolving Surface, Studio 22, Kingston, ON, 2014
Artist in the House, Kingston & the Islands MP's Office, Kingston, ON, 2012
Featured artist, Ban Righ Centre, Queens University, Kingston, ON, 2010
Summer in the City, Frontenac Club Inn, Kingston, ON, 2010
What Matters Most, private venue, Wolfe Island, ON, 2009
Last Frost, Fort Frontenac, Kingston, ON, 2006
Lost in Thought, Fort Frontenac, Kingston, ON, 2006
Natural Forces (2 artists), Wolfe Island, ON, 2005
The Back Forty, Breakwater Gallery, Cape Vincent, NY, 2002
The Nova Scotia Collection, private venue, Montreal, QC, 1993

Group Shows

Ceramics Reconsidered, Tett Centre Gallery, Kingston, 2023
Holiday Exhibition of Smalls, Koyman Galleries, Ottawa, 2020-22
Something Big, Studio 22, Kingston, 2019
Fuel for Hibernation, Studio 22, Kingston, ON 2018
I Love ThiS PiECE, Studio 22, Kingston, ON, 2017

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Boston Biennial 4, Atlantic Works Gallery, Boston, MA, 2016
ArtVenice Biennale 3, Venice, Italy, 2015
Interconnected Studio Tour, Kingston, ON, 2012-13
Juried Art Salon, Kingston, ON, 2011
Kingston Glass Studio, Kingston, ON, 2010
Art in the Garden, Wolfe Island, ON, 2005-06
Handweaving Museum & Arts Centre, Clayton, NY, 2003-06
Art auction for the Wolfe Island Early Years Centre, 2003-05
No Limits, Ontario Association of Architects, 2002-03
Life Drawing Exhibit, The Town Crier, Kingston, ON, 1998
Art by Architects, The Edward Day Gallery, Kingston, ON, 1997
Etchings, Atelier Evelyn Dufour, Montreal, QC, 1991
Halifax Contemporary Art Society (juried), Mayor's Prize, NS, 1991
Cole Harbour Annual Art Show, 1st Prize, Cole Harbour, NS, 1990
Graduating Class Exhibit, McGill School of Architecture, QC, 1988

Gallery Representation

Koyman Galleries, Ottawa, ON 2012-23
Sybil Frank Gallery, Wellington, ON 2018-23
Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON 2016-19
Studio 22 Open Gallery, Kingston, ON 2013-19
Stone Heron Gallery, Wolfe Island, 2007-15
Chameleon Nation, Kingston, ON, 2007-09
Gallery Raymond, Kingston, ON, 2006
Summer Dock Studio, Wolfe Island, ON, 2002-06
Breakwater Gallery, Cape Vincent, NY, 2002-03
The Hollis Gallery, Halifax, NS, 1990-91
Dunk City Artists' Cooperative, Halifax, NS, 1990-91

Teaching Experience:

2016-23: Week-long and two-day intensive painting workshops for the following artists' associations and colleges in Ontario:

- Haliburton School of the Arts (Fleming College)
- St. Lawrence College (Kingston, Brockville and Cornwall campuses)
- Quest Art School
- Thousand Islands Fine Arts Association
- Etobicoke Art Group
- Bath Artisans
- Greater Napanee and Area Arts Association
- Rideau Lakes Artists' Association
- Visual Artists of Gananoque and Area
- West Carleton Arts Society

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Art Studies

Workshops and classes in drawing, painting, printmaking, fibre arts, sculpture and ceramics from the following colleges and instructors:

Haliburton School of Art and Design, ON 2014-23
Kingston Potters' Guild, ON 2016-23
Jane Davies, Carp, ON & online, 2018-22
Chandler Swain, Almonte, ON 2019
Fibreworks Kingston, ON 2014-15
St. Lawrence College, Brockville, ON 2009-15
Julie Davidson Smith, Kingston, ON 2008-12
Kingston School of Art, ON 1998-2005
Atelier Evelyn Dufour, Montreal, QC 1993-94
Saidye Bronfman Centre for the Arts, Montreal, QC 1992-93
Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Halifax, NS 1990-91
Institut des Beaux Arts, Montreal, QC 1988-89
School of Architecture, McGill University, 1984-88 (B. Arch. 1988)

Publications:

Sketching in India, an artist's journal, Wolfe Island Press, 2019

Affiliations:

Kingston Potters' Guild
Ontario Association of Architects (past Senior Vice President)
St. Lawrence Valley Society of Architects (past Chair)