

Elody Gyekis – Curriculum Vitae

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Education

New York Academy of Arts MFA 2019

Penn State (2004-2009): Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drawing/Painting and Ceramics

Minors: Civic and Community Engagement and Sociology.

GPA: 4.0 within major; 3.99 total.

Schreyer Honors Scholar – Honors in Fine Art and Civic and Community Engagement

Arts and Architecture Student Marshal, Dec. 2009. “highest GPA in the college.”

Penns Valley High School, 2005 graduation: Academic Prep, GPA 4.0.

Pennsylvania Governor’s School for the Arts, 2003: Ceramics Major and Dance minor.

Employment

Self-Employed Fine Artist, 2010 – Present: Freelance fine artist, public artist, curator, and art instructor.

Green Drake Gallery and Art Center, Millheim, PA: Resident Artist, Curator, Staff.

Teaching Experience

- **Teaching Assistant to Monica Cook: MFA “Mixed-media Animation” Fall 2019 and “Unusual Materials” Spring 2020, New York Academy of Art.**
- **Teaching Assistant to artist Alyssa Monks: for two week long painting workshops, NYC, 2019.**
- **New River Gorge: 3 day plein air painting and figure drawing workshop in Fayetteville, WV. 2017.**
- **Art Tuesdays: 4 session drawing and painting course in Williamsport, PA, 2016.**
- **Portraiture and Still Lives from Life: 2-day class at the Honduran National Gallery of Art, 2016.**
- **Painting From Life: 1 week Bilingual painting workshop in Paraiso, Honduras, 2016.**
- **Broma Sole Artist Residency: 11-day intensive painting workshop in Costa Rica. 2015.**
- **Private Painting Classes and Lessons: from 2008-present for individuals and small groups.**
- **Painting Workshops at Dancing Bear Lodge: Workshops for intermediate painters, 2009.**
- **Adult Literacy Training Corps, Certified Tutor, 2008.**
- **Teaching Assistant to Residential Assistant (ATTRA) for Pennsylvania Governor’s School for the Arts (PGSA) 2007: Teaching assistant for all ceramics classes.**
- **Teaching Assistant Supervisor, Race and Ethnic Relations (SOC 119), Penn State. Fall 2006**
- **Teaching Assistant, Race and Ethnic Relations (SOC 119), Penn State, Spring 2006**
- **Teaching Assistant, Intro to Sociology (SOC 001), Penn State, Spring 2006.**

Exhibitions

Delayed or Cancelled due to Covid-19

- **“Superheros” Group Show. 9/1. Stone Sparrow Gallery. Manhattan, NY.**
- **“Romeo and Juliette” Group Show. 4/6. New York Academy of Art. Manhattan, NY.**
- **“Foragers” Group Show. 4/20. Deedee Shattuck Gallery. Westport, MA.**
- **“Persephone/Persephone” Dual show with Joanne Landis. 10/20. Harrisburg Art Association, Harrisburg, PA.**

2019

- **“Monet’s Garden” Group Show Featuring and Curated by Elody. 12/19. Green Drake Gallery, Millheim, PA.**
- **“11th Annual Figurative Drawing and Painting Exhibition” Group Show. 10/19. Lore Degenstein Gallery, Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, PA.**

- “Persephone/Persephone” Dual Show with Joanne Landis. 9/19. Bellefonte Art Museum, Bellefonte, PA.
- “Summer Exhibition” Group Show. 6/19. New York Academy of Art, NY, NY.
- “Thesis Exhibition” Group Show. 5/19. New York Academy of Art, NY, NY.

2018

- “Holiday Show” Group Show. 12/18. Dacia Gallery. Manhattan, NY.
- “Transformations” Group Show. 12/18. RE:ARTISTE Gallery MC. Manhattan, NY.
- “I Met God and She is ...” Group Show. 4/18. Ideal Glass Gallery. Manhattan, NY.
- “Regional Juried Group Exhibition” Group Show. 5/18. The Gallery at Penn College. Williamsport, PA.
- “Call and Response” Collaborative show with Joanne Landis. 3/18. Factory Works Gallery. Williamsport, PA.

2017

- “Color-licious” and “Deck the Walls” Group Shows. 12/17. New York Academy of Art, NY, NY.
- “Do not Reveal me” Solo Show. 4/17. Gallery 425. Williamsport, PA.
- “Do not Reveal me” 9/17 at Green Drake Gallery, Millheim PA.

2016

- “Ojas y Alas” Solo Show. 4/16. Trudonna Husong Gallery. San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua.
- “crecimiento del ave/odisea de la mujer”. Solo Show. 5/16. Bellefonte Art Museum, PA.
- “Selfie”. Group Show. 6/16. Converge Gallery. Williamsport, PA. Awarded Honorable Mention.
- “Paintings by Elody Gyekis”. Solo Show. 6-8/16. Elk Creek Café, Millheim, PA.
- “Generations of Art” 11/16, “Inspiration” 12/16. Group Show. Bellefonte Art Museum, PA.

Selected Previous:

- “Donde vive el sol” Solo Show. 8/16. G&G’s. San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua.
- “Silvas Carpaticas”. Group Show. 2/15. Dacia Gallery. Manhattan, NY
- “Mythological”. Solo Show. 5-9/15. Art Alley, HUB-Robeson Center. Univ. Park, PA.
- “Myths and Legends”. Group Show. 1-5/14. Annemarie Sculpture Garden, in Association with the **Smithsonian Institute**. Received Artist Award.
- “Residency Exhibition”. Group show. 6/14. Office British Studio. Sibiu, Romania.
- “W.Here We Are” PSU Alumni Show. Group Show. 7/14. Zoller Gallery, Univ. Park, PA.
- **Benefit Exhibition for BalletX**. Group Show. 7/14. Bridgette Mayer Gallery, Philadelphia, PA.
- “Cuentas de Alas”. Solo Show. 7-8/14. Yellow Wall Gallery, Harrisburg, PA.
- “Tapestry of Vivid Colors”. Group Show. 11-12/14. Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA.
- **SUVA Juried BFA Show**. Group Show. 6/13-8/13. Florence Quarter Gallery. Tucson, AZ.
- “Living Collections”. Solo Show. 5-6/12. Craft Chemistry, Syracuse, NY.
- “Precious Accumulation”. Solo Show. 3/10. Philadelphia, PA.
- “Making Home – At Home and Abroad”. Collaborative exhibition with Stasya Panova. 3/09. Exhibited in Sparks Gallery, Penn State University and Spark Gallery, Syracuse, NY
- “The Body in Question”. Solo Show. 4/09. Patterson Gallery, Univ. Park, PA

Public Art Projects

Since 2005 I have been organizing and creating large scale murals and projects, maximizing community engagement by involving community members and working with prisons, churches, universities, schools, seniors, etc. in the brainstorming, painting and celebrations.

- “The Book Benches of Centre County” Artistic Director for 25 fiberglass sculptural book-shaped benches painted based on community generated themes by various artists. 2016.
- **Toms River Community Mural**, 2013, Toms River, NJ, over 450 participants.
- “Colors of Music” Mural, 2012, 45’x14’, State College, PA, over 500 participants.
- “Our Lady of Victory” Mural, 2012, 8’x4’, State College, PA, created with 6th graders.

- **Huntingdon County Arts Council Anniversary Mural**, 2012, 50'x10' Huntingdon, PA.
- **"Globe"** Mural, 2012, 7'x4' Schreyer Honors College, Penn State UP Campus, PA.
- **"Dreams Take Flight"** Mural, 2010, 170'x14', State College, PA, over 700 participants.
- **"Children are the Seeds of the Future"** Mural, 2009, 60'x28', Williamsport, PA.
- **"Valley Roots"** Mural, 2008, 30'x14', Millheim, PA, over 200 participants.
- **Mulberry Street Bridge Mural**, 2005-06, 296'x6.4', Harrisburg, PA, over 200 participants.
- **Derry Street Mural**, 2006, 20'x25', Harrisburg, PA, over 200 participants.

Grants, Awards, Fellowships, Residencies and Internships

- **The Patricia and Scott Moger Research Grant 2019/2020:** to support NYAA alumni in their research towards their artistic practice and pedagogical development
- **Terra Art Foundation and New York Academy of Art Giverny Residency, Giverny, France 2018**
- **Dacia Gallery of NYC Summer Artists Residency in Sibiu, Romania 2014**
- **"Dreams Take Flight Community Mural" 2010:** Grant: Ferguson Foundation, Center County Community Foundation, State College Borough, etc. total: \$30,000.
- **"Valley Roots Community Mural" 2008:** Grants: CCCF \$3,500, YP4 \$1,000; SHC \$500.
- **Ingrid P. Holtzman Award 2011:** enhancing the aesthetic appearance of State College (mural)
- **The Oswald Award 2010:** best academic and artistic achievement in the school of visual art
- **Golumbic Award 2008:** awarded to PSU Arts and Architecture student with highest design achievement.
- **School of Visual Arts Undergraduate Juried Exhibitions Zoller Gallery:** Received one of five awards for best work in show in 2006, 2008, and 2009
- **Evan Pugh Scholar Award 2007, 2008:** 3rd and 4th yr students in the top 0.5% of their class.
- **PSU Undergraduate Juried Research Exhibitions:** 2006 First Prize, Arts and Humanities; Honorable Mention, Information Literacy. 2009 First Prize, Public Scholarship.
- **Keeping Pennsylvania Beautiful (KPB) Internships 2005, 2006.** Organizing and creating community murals in inner-city Harrisburg, PA with school children, inmates, and community.
- **Young People For (YP4) 2008 Fellow:** leadership development program for social change.
- **Schreyer Honors College Summer 2007 Research Scholarship:** \$1,000; and **Arts and Architecture Opportunity Fund for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities:** \$600 Funding for preliminary research in Russia and China for my collaborative art thesis exhibition.

Presentations and Publications

- **"Elody Gyekis-MFA Thesis"** New York Academy of Art, 2019.
- **"Elody Gyekis,"** p. [32-37], in Bellefonte Art Museum for Centre County, *Landscapes of Central Pennsylvania*, Timeless Art Productions, 2015.
- **Pennsylvania Public Health Association (PPHA) 2010 Annual Conference**, Harrisburg, PA. Juried Poster Session Presentation: "Illustration of the Rich Potential for Collaboration between Public Health and Community Arts."
- **Colloquium for American Literature and Culture Speaker Series**, NYU, 2009. "Maximizing Community Engagement in Mural Projects – Techniques for Community Murals."
- **National Art Education Association 2007 Conference**, New York, NY. "Live the Conversation: How a Community Mural Project Became a Dialogue for Community Healing."
- **Pennsylvania Art Education Association 2006 Conference**, Erie, PA, October. "Live the Conversation: How Community Mural Project Became a Dialogue for Community Healing."
- **Leadership Centre County**, April 2012 Panel Discussion: "Grass Roots Arts Advocacy"
- **"Making Home – At Home and Abroad."** Art Honors Thesis, PSU, 2009.
- **"Community Murals as Processes of Collaborative Engagement: Case Studies in Urban and Rural Pennsylvania."** Civic and Community Engagement Honors Thesis, PSU, 2009.