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### **Juried Exhibitions**

2025 *Salt Spring National Art Prize Exhibition*, Mahon Hall, Salt Spring Island, BC  
*Craft Council of BC (CCBC) Earring Show*, CCBC Gallery, Craft Council of BC, Granville Island, BC

2015- *Crafted Show + Sale*, Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, MB

2025

2023- *Crafted Fashion Show (accessories)*, Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, MB

2025

2022 *Eco Craft*, Shirley Richardson Gallery, C2 Centre for Craft, Winnipeg, MB  
*Feast, Famine*, Shirley Richardson Gallery, C2 Centre for Craft, Winnipeg, MB  
*Quiet Places*, CCBC Gallery, Granville Island, BC

2020 *Art of the Book* (touring), Canadian Bookbinders and Book Artists' Guild (CBBAG)  
Craft Council of Newfoundland and Labrador, St. John's, NL  
Mary E. Black Gallery, Nova Scotia Centre for Craft and Design, Halifax, NS  
Harriet Irving Library, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB  
Craft Ontario, Toronto, ON  
McGill University Library, Montreal, QC

2019 Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain (CCFM), Winnipeg, MB  
Dunlop Art Gallery, Regina, SK  
Fine Arts Building Gallery, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB  
Audain Gallery, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC  
S'eliyemataxwtxw, University of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford, BC

2017 *Parts of a Whole*, Lerner Bindery Gallery, Minnesota Center for Book Arts, Minneapolis, MN, USA

2015 *Parts of a Whole 4*, Lerner Bindery Gallery, Minnesota Center for Book Arts, Minneapolis, MN, USA

### **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

2025 Salt Spring National Art Prize (SSNAP) finalist, SSNAP Society  
Create grant, Manitoba Arts Council  
Individual Artist grant, Winnipeg Arts Council

2022 Professional Development grant, Winnipeg Arts Council  
Learn - Travel/PD grant, Manitoba Arts Council  
Support/Adapt grant, Manitoba Arts Council  
Explore and Create grant, Canada Council for the Arts

2021 Individual Artist Grant, Winnipeg Arts Council  
Create grant, Manitoba Arts Council

2020 Share - Connecting at a Distance grant, Manitoba Arts Council

2019 Learn: Travel Professional Development, Manitoba Arts Council

2018 Professional Development grant, Winnipeg Arts Council  
Professional Development bursary, Manitoba Crafts Council

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2024 *DIY Papermaking at Home*, Sophia Hotzler, Minnesota Center for Book Arts (MCBA), Minneapolis, MN  
*100 Marks, Intuitive Mark Making*, Jack Ravi, online

*When Dust Meets Rust*, Jack Ravi, online

*Introduction to Photo Embroidery - Create Images with Textures*, Ofelia & Antelmo, Domestica online

2023 *Fish Skin Blues: Intro to Indigo Dyeing Fish Skin Leather*, Janey Chang Ancestral Skills, online

2022 *Fish Tanning and Natural Dye Techniques*, mentorship Janey Chang, Vancouver, BC

2021 Even More Simplified Binding, Karen Hanmer Book Arts, Glenview, IL, USA  
*Fish Skin Tanning, Advanced Techniques*, Janey Chang Ancestral Skills, online  
*Fish Skin Leather, Oil Tanning*, Janey Chang Ancestral Skills, online  
*Rust Marks*, Alice Fox, online

2020 *Fish Leather Tanning with Tea*, Janey Chang Ancestral Skills, online  
*Your Creative DNA, Developing Content for Artists' Books*, Brad Thomas, MCBA, Minneapolis, MN, USA

2019 *CORE CERTIFICATE IN BOOK ARTS completed*, Minneapolis, MN, USA  
*Simplified Binding*, Karen Hanmer Book Arts, Glenview, IL, USA  
*Keeping Tools Sharp*, Paul Shipman, Bronx Community Wood Shop, Winnipeg, MB  
*Working with Hand Tools*, Paul Shipman, Bronx Community Wood Shop, Winnipeg, MB  
*Introduction to Woodworking*, Michaelena Ness, Bronx Community Wood Shop Winnipeg, MB

2018 *Biblio Tech: Reverse Engineering Historical and Modern Binding Structures*, Karen Hanmer Book Arts, Glenview, IL, USA

2017 *Approachable Metal Working for Book Artists*, Shanna Leino, MCBA, Minneapolis, MN, USA  
*Book Art Bienniel*, MCBA, Minneapolis, MN, USA  
*Paper Marbling*, Janet Carol, V+Cre8ery Studio, Winnipeg, MB  
*Japanese Papermaking*, Brigitte O'Malley, MCBA, Minneapolis, MN, USA

2016 *Beginning Book Repair*, Jana Pullman, MCBA, Minneapolis, MN, USA  
*Intro to Coptic Binding*, Sue Bjerke, MCBA, Minneapolis, MN, USA  
*Building a Historical Model: Nag Hamadi*, Jana Pullman, MCBA, Minneapolis, MN, USA  
*Introduction to Screen Printing*, Lisa Jorgensen, Martha Street Studio, Winnipeg, MB

2015 *Gilding and Coloured Edge Decoration Techniques*, Karen Hanmer, MCBA, Minneapolis, MN  
*Traditional Codex*, Jana Pullman, MCBA, Minneapolis, MN, USA  
*Screen Printing*, Roy Liang, Martha Street Studio, Winnipeg, MB  
*Bookbinding*, Candice Femple, Martha Street Studio, Winnipeg, MB

2014 *Dos Rapporté // Tue Mouche Advanced Bindings*, Benjamin Elbel, MCBA, Minneapolis, MN, USA

2011 *Bookbinding and Vintage Letterpress*, Paul Phiullips, Martha Street Studio, Winnipeg, MB

## CURATION

2019 *Art of the Book*, CCFM, Winnipeg, MB

## VISITING ARTIST

2023 *Artists' Books* (artist talk), University of Winnipeg, Winnipeg, MB

2022 *Quiet Places* (artist talk), Craft Council of BC, Granville Island, BC

2018 *Art of the Book* (artist talk), CCFM, Winnipeg, MB

2018 *Art of the Book* (panel discussion), CCFM, Winnipeg, MB

2018 *Reading up on the Art of the Book* (panel discussion), Free Press Café, Winnipeg, MB

## TEACHING

2025 *Sointula Book Art Retreat (6 days)*, Sointula House, Sointula, BC  
*Make a Meander Book*, Art Lab, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB  
*Crossed Structure Binding*, The Leaf - Assiniboine Conservancy, Winnipeg, MB  
*Image Transfers and Long Stitch Binding*, C2 Centre for Craft, Winnipeg, MB

2024 *Coptic Creations*, University of Manitoba Interior Design Program, U of M, School of Architecture, Winnipeg, MB  
*Sointula Book Art Retreat (6 days)*, Sointula House, BC  
*Long Stitch Bookbinding workshop for locals*, Sointula House, Sointula, BC  
*Fish Skin Tanning*, Debra Frances Book Arts Studio, Winnipeg, MB  
*Fish Leather as Textile*, Debra Frances Book Art Studio, Winnipeg, MB  
*Bookbinding and Image Transfer*, C2 Centre for Craft, Winnipeg, MB

2023 *Telegraph Cove Bookbinding Retreat (6 day)*, Telegraph Cove, BC

2022 *Malcolm Island Bookbinding Retreat(6 day)*, Oceanfront Hotel, Sointula, BC  
*Dos Rapporté Binding*, Debra Frances Book Arts Studio, Winnipeg, MB  
*Intro to Coptic Binding*, Debra Frances Book Arts Studio, Winnipeg, MB  
*Bookbinding Basics*, Youth Outreach Program, Martha Street Studio, Winnipeg, MB  
*Coptic Endbands*, Debra Frances Book Arts, Winnipeg, MB

2021 *Coptic Variations*, University of Manitoba Interior Design Program, U of M, School of Architecture, Winnipeg, MB  
*Tue Mouche Binding*, Debra Frances Book Arts Studio, Winnipeg, MB  
*Long Stitch and Link Stitch Binding*, Debra Frances Book Arts Studio, Winnipeg, MB  
*Bookbinding Basics*, Youth Outreach Program, Martha Street Studio, Winnipeg, MB  
*Intro to Coptic Binding*, Martha Street Studio, Winnipeg, MBN

2019 *Malcolm Island Bookbinding Retreat (6 day)*, Oceanfront Hotel, Sointula, BC  
*Pulp to Paper: Papermaking and Bookbinding*, C2 Centre for Craft, Winnipeg, MB  
*Long Stitch and Link Stitch Binding*, Runs with Scissors Studio, Winnipeg Beach, MB  
*Long Stitch and Link Stitch Binding*, Assiniboine Park Conservancy, Winnipeg, MB  
*Leather Bound Journals*, Winnipeg Art Gallery, Winnipeg, MB  
*Intro to Coptic Binding*, C2 Centre for Craft, Winnipeg, MB

2018 *Tacketed Binding*, Debra Frances Book Arts Studio, Winnipeg, MB  
*Coptic Binding with Wooden Covers*, Runs with Scissors Studio, Winnipeg Beach, MB  
*Long Stitch and Link Stitch Binding*, Debra Frances Book Arts Studio, Winnipeg, MB

2017 *Intro to Coptic Binding*, C2 Centre for Craft, Winnipeg, MB

### Collections

Bridwell Library Special Collections, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, USA  
Bruce Peel Special Collections, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB  
Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

### Publications

*Sointula Book Art Retreat* (article), Book Arts/arts du livre Canada, volume 15 number 2, 2024  
*Coptic Creations* (article), Faculty of Architecture, University of Manitoba, 2024  
*Climate Change Conversations - Indicators* (article), Book Arts/arts du livre Canada volume 13 Number 2, 2022  
*Binding Interiors: Unity of Art, Craft and Design* (article), Faculty of Architecture, University of Manitoba, 2022  
*Condensed Reality of Museums in the New Millennium: Beyond Meaning Making* (article), Faculty of Architecture, 2022  
*To Have and to Hold* (article), Book Arts/arts du livre Canada, volume 11, number 2, 2020  
*Studio: Craft and Design in Canada* (article), volume 13 number 1, 2018  
*Stone Diary Project* (article), Book Arts/arts du livre Canada, volume 8, number 2, 2017

