

# CV

## Holly Friesen

### BIOGRAPHY

I am a nationally represented visual artist based in Kenora, Ontario and have built an art practice on paintings that capture the essence of the Canadian landscape. My work involves taking the familiar and creating something new in abstraction. The goal is to create an emotional connection to the original subject by focusing on the negative space in my initial concept. I want the viewer to discover the subject matter with a unique perspective. Before turning to the arts, I was a research scientist in genetics and plant breeding.

### EDUCATION

2020 - Ongoing    MLA candidate Faculty of Landscape Architecture University of Manitoba  
1994-1997        M.Sc. Faculty of Agriculture University of Manitoba  
1990-1994        B.Sc. (with distinction) Faculty of Agriculture University of Manitoba

### EXPERIENCE

2014 - Current    Owner & Artist at HAF | Studio + Gallery, Kenora ON  
2009 - Current    Independent Research Consultant, Kenora, ON

### GALLERY REPRESENTATION (Current)

Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton ON  
Au P'tit Bonheur, La Malbaie QC  
Dervilia Designs, Saskatoon SK  
Butter Gallery, Collingwood ON  
Chase Art Gallery, Beaconsfield, QC  
Eclipse Art Gallery, Huntsville ON  
Elevation Gallery, Canmore AB  
Galerie 806, Mont Tremblant QC  
Koyman Galleries, Ottawa ON  
Soul Gallery, Winnipeg MB  
The Benz Gallery, London ON  
The Curated Home, Calgary, AB

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS (Select)

2023 TBA. Elevation Fernie, Fernie BC  
2022 Making Place + Time. Butter Gallery, Collingwood ON  
2022 Getting Lost. Elevation Gallery, Canmore AB  
2022 The Stories They Tell. Koyman Galleries, Ottawa ON

**GROUP EXHIBITIONS (Select)**

2023 Aspect. Benz Gallery, London ON

2020 Up North, Butter Gallery, Collingwood ON

2020 Annual Juried exhibition. Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton ON

2019 Annual Juried exhibition. Art Gallery of Hamilton, Hamilton ON

2019 Muse. The Douglas Art Centre, Kenora ON

2016 National Juried Exhibition. Society of Canadian Artists, Toronto ON

2014 The North Now. Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Thunder Bay ON

**ARTS FUNDING / ARTIST RESIDENCIES AWARDED**

2023 Gushel Studio Residency, Faculty of Fine Arts, Univ of Lethbridge AB

2018 Bridge & Falls Creative Residency, Sioux Narrows and Nestor Falls ON

2017 Quetico Award Program, The Quetico Foundation, Quetico Prov Park ON

2017 Gushel Studio Residency, Faculty of Fine Arts, Univ of Lethbridge AB

2016 Rural Artist Urban Retreat, MAWA, Winnipeg MB

**OTHER ART EXPERIENCE + AWARDS**

2016-2019 Artist Instructor (at risk youth), KCDSO, Kenora ON

2019-2019 AIR(E), Ontario Arts Council, KCDSO, Kenora ON

2011 Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant