

MARNEY McDIARMID

Kingston, ON

BIOGRAPHY

"My parents moved fourteen times before I turned twenty. I loved moving around. Visiting new places imbued me with a thirst for discovery, which is a sensation I seek in my work with clay. I create hand-built functional and sculptural pieces out of porcelain. I aim for a sense of grace and whimsy, aspiring to create objects that feel personal and intimate, and that enliven everyday life and communicate a sense of joy and story.

I took my first pottery class when I was eighteen and since then I have learned primarily from generous mentors, workshops, and residencies. I have a Masters in Oral History, and completed five years of a PhD in Cultural Studies. For many years I worked as an HIV/AIDS educator. These other life paths emerge in my artwork through themes of place, justice, environment, and identity."

- Marney McDiarmid

Marney McDiarmid loves to teach and has facilitated workshops across Canada. Her work can be found online and in several Ontario galleries. Marney's work has appeared in the Lark book *500 Prints on Clay* and in the National Post. In 2017, she was awarded "Best in Show" at the FUSION Clay and Glass exhibit in Toronto. She is a recent recipient of an Ontario Arts Council grant which enabled her travel to Hawaii in the winter of 2020 to research a new body of work. Marney has recently exhibited her ceramics at Wall Space Gallery (Ottawa, ON), Bonspiel (NCECA 2019), the Saskatoon Arts Council (Saskatoon, SK), the FUSION Fireworks! touring exhibition, and in the Lobby Vitrine of the Gardiner Museum (Toronto, ON).

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CV

EDUCATION

- 2005-10 PhD Candidate, Faculty of Education – Cultural Studies, Queen’s University, Kingston, ON (ABD)
- 1999 MA History, Queen’s University, Kingston, ON
- 1995 BHA History, Queen’s University, Kingston, ON

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *Spooned*, Gardiner Museum, Toronto, ON
- 2019 *Euphorbia*, Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON
- 2018 *Big Dreams – reimagined*, Dust Evans Gallery, Orleans, ON
- 2017 *Big Dreams*, Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON
- 2016 *The Garden Growing on Within Us*, Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON
- 2016 *Play*, The General Fine Craft, Almonte, ON
- 2013 *Strange Union II*, collaboration with Maggie Hogan, View Gallery, Old Forge, NY
- 2012 *Constellations*, collaboration with Maggie Hogan, Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON

GROUP EXHIBITIONS & SHOWS

- 2021 *You’re On Mute*, Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa, ON
- 2020 *Critical Function II*, NCECA 2020, Visual Arts Center of Richmond, Richmond, VA
- 2019 *Bonspiel*, NCECA 2019, Hennepin Made, Minneapolis, IL
- 2019 *The Narrative Dish*, Saskatoon Arts Council, Saskatoon, SK
- 2019 *I Know a Place*, 260 Fingers, Ottawa, ON
- 2018 *Show of Smalls*, TriArt, Kingston, ON
- 2018 *Feast of Pottery*, St. John’s, NL
- 2017 *Exceptional!*, Gardiner Museum Shop, Toronto, ON
- 2016 *Make and Do*, VOID Gallery, Saskatoon, SK
- 2016 *Revitalization 2016*, Gardiner Museum Shop, Toronto, ON
- 2016 *Small Transgressions II*, Jonathon Bancroft Snell, London, ON
- 2016 *A Sense of Place*, Pump House Museum, Kingston, ON
- 2015 *260 Fingers*, Ottawa, ON
- 2015 *Small Transgressions*, Ontario Craft Council Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2015 *Elemental Immersions*, Kingston Glass Studio and Gallery, Kingston, ON

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- 2014 *I am Water II*, Pump House Steam Museum, Kingston, ON
- 2013 *Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition*, Toronto, ON
- 2013 *Fireworks!*, touring Ontario until 2015
- 2013 *Dear Kingston*, installation along Kingston waterfront, Kingston, ON
- 2013 *Organization of Kingston Women Artists*, Kingston, ON
- 2012 *No Two Alike*, Modern Fuel Artist Run Centre, Kingston, ON
- 2012 *Earth*, View Gallery, Old Forge, NY
- 2012 *Take Note*, Modern Fuel Artist Run Centre, Kingston, ON
- 2012 *I am Water*, Kingston Window Art Gallery,
- 2011 *Resignation*, collaboration with Maggie Hogan & Jeffery Barbeau, Wall Space Gallery, Ottawa ON
- 2011 *Kaolin Grand Prix for International Ceramic Art*, China
- 2010 *Happiness Project*, Charles St. Kingston, ON
- 2010 *May Works*, Modern Fuel Artist Run Centre, Kingston ON
- 2010 *Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition*, Toronto, ON
- 2009 *Organization of Kingston Women Artists*, Kingston, ON
- 2008 *Women in Art*, Group Exhibit at the Marianne van Sifhout Gallery, Brockville, ON
- 2008 *Chameleon Nation*, exhibit with Jennifer Dickson
- 2008 *Organization of Kingston Women Artists*, Kingston, ON
- 2007 *Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition*, Toronto, ON
- 2006 *Organization of Kingston Women Artists* 2005, Winter 2006, 2007, 2008, Fall 2009 & 2013, Kingston, ON
- 2005 *The Distill Cup*, Distill Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2004 *Kingston Juried Art Salon* (Spring 2004, 2005, 2006 & 2007), Kingston, ON
- 2005 *Scarborough Juried Art Show*, Scarborough, ON

AWARDS

- 2017 Best in Show, FUSION Clay and Glass Exhibition, Toronto, ON
- 2017 Best in Show, Kingston Potters Guild 50th Anniversary Exhibition
- 2017 Tucker's Award, Fireworks! FUSION travelling exhibition
- 2013 Ontario Craft Council "Design Award", Fireworks! FUSION travelling exhibition
- 2012 1st Prize, Earth juried show, View Gallery, Old Forge, NY

TEACHING

- 2020 Surface Decoration, virtual workshop, Agnes Etherington Art Centre, Kingston, ON

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- 2020 Drawing Through Wax, ½ day workshop, Gardiner Museum, Toronto, ON
- 2019 Print and Pattern, 1 day workshop, Hintonburg Pottery, Ottawa, ON
- 2019 Print and Pattern, 1 day workshop, Amaranth Stoneware, Kingston, ON
- 2018 Playing with Pattern in Surface and Form, 5 day workshop, MISSA, Vancouver Island, BC
- 2017 Working with Soft Slabs, 1 day workshop, Hintonburg Pottery, Ottawa, ON
- 2017 Working with Soft Slabs, 2 day workshop, MISSA, Vancouver Island, BC
- 2017 Building with Templates, 1 day workshop, Gloucester Pottery School, Ottawa, ON
- 2016 Working with Soft Slabs, 1 day workshop, Hintonburg Pottery, Ottawa, ON
- 2016 Working with Soft Slabs, 1 day workshop, Kingston, ON
- 2016 Advanced Handbuilding, 4 week class, Kingston Potters' Guild, Kingston, ON
- 2016 Bowls, Cups, Tumblers and More! 4 day workshop, Thousand Islands Summer School of the Arts, Brockville, ON
- 2015 Soft Slabs and Surface Decoration, 4 day workshop, Thousand Islands Summer School of the Arts, Brockville, ON
- 2014 Workshop for FUSION, the Ontario Clay & Glass Conference, Peterborough, ON
- 2013 Instructor Ceramics – Fall term, St. Lawrence College, Brockville, ON
- 2013 Workshop for the Military Potter's Guild, Kingston, ON
- 2013 Workshop for FUSION, Ontario Clay & Glass Conference, Sheridan College, ON
- 2013 Workshop for the Kingston Potter's Guild, Kingston, ON
- 2012 Instructor Ceramics – Fall term, St. Lawrence College, Brockville, ON

ARTIST TALKS & JURIES

- 2020 Juror, Ottawa Guild of Potters Annual Exhibition (virtual)
- 2019 Guest Lecture for Canadian Association of Decorative Arts Annual Conference, Kingston, ON
- 2019 Making It in Clay, Panel Discussion, New Clay Conference, Ottawa, ON
- 2019 Bonspiel, Jury Member, NCECA 2019, Hennepin Made, Minneapolis, IL
- 2016 City of Kingston Arts Fund, Jury Member, Kingston ON
- 2015 Textures and Techniques, Kingston Potter's Guild, Kingston, ON
- 2014 Personal Practice, Modern Fuel Artist-Run Centre, Kingston, ON
- 2011 Lost and Found, a Petcha-Kutcha presentation for the Kingston Arts Council
- 2011 On Meaning, Organization of Kingston Women Artists
- 2011 Media Arts, Jury member, Ontario Arts Council
- 2010 The Art of Ceramic Pastiche, Gardiner Museum
- 2010 Naturally Talented, Kingston Arts Council

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PUBLIC ART

- 2020 Flora & Fauna #3, drawing on long-term care homes, Kingston, ON
- 2020 Next Door Art Exhibition, Flora & Fauna #2, Kingston, ON
- 2020 Flora & Fauna #1, Installation North Side Café, Kingston, ON

PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 Uppercase Magazine Issue #45
- 2019 Exhibitions section, Ceramics Monthly
- 2017 Profile Kingston
- 2013 Print on Clay, Lark Books

GRANTS

- 2019 Research/Creation & Development Grant, Ontario Arts Council
- 2013 Exhibition Assistance Grant, Ontario Arts Council

RESIDENCIES & MENTORSHIPS

- 2015 FUSION Mentorship with Linda Sormin (10 months)
- 2006 Medalta International Artists in Residence (one month)
- 2003 Craft Council Newfoundland (summer)

RELEVANT VOLUNTEER WORK

- 2019 – present Board Member, Skeleton Park Arts Festival, Kingston, ON
- 2019 Mayors Arts Committee, Kingston, ON
- 2018 Juror, *Bonspiel*, a Canadian Ceramic Exhibit, NCECA, Minneapolis, IL
- 2016 – present Collective Member, Make & Do – A national ceramics collective
- 2012 – present Collective Member, Fat Goose Craft Collective, Kingston, ON
- 2016 – present Education Committee Member, Kingston Potter's Guild, Kingston, ON

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2016 – present Art Instructor, Central Public School, various drop-ins for immigrant youth/children/adults, Kingston, ON
2016 – present Collective Member, Kingston Stilting Troupe, Kingston, ON
2016 Juror, City of Kingston Arts Fund, Kingston ON
2016 Fundraiser, Save a Family from Syria, Kingston, ON
2011 Juror, Media Arts, Ontario Arts Council
2008 - 2010 Facilitator, LGBTQ Youth Group, Kingston, ON
2010 Facilitator, Immigrant Youth PhotoVoice Project, KEYS, Kingston, ON
2002 - 2008 Board member, Member of programming committee, Reelout queer film + video festival, Kingston, ON

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

2003 – 2008 Education Coordinator, HIV/AIDS Regional Services, Kingston, ON
2005 – 2010 Teaching Assistant, Queen’s University, Kingston, ON
1999 – 2002 Festival Director, Reelout queer film + video festival, Kingston, ON
1995 – 2001 Director, Ontario Public Interest Research Group, Kingston, ON

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