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Objectives

To publish a collection of literary short stories
(Publication of debut collection with the Porcupine's Quill projected for Fall 2021 / 2022)
To apply for and receive an Ontario Arts Council grant for writing
To continue to study the craft of writing (short fiction, creative nonfiction, playwriting)

Education

CSARN Mentorship with professional writer, Max Layton	2019-2020
Online Writing Course (6 week/12 lessons) through Brampton Library	2019
Massive Open Online Course, Power of the Pen: Identities and Social Issues in Fiction and Nonfiction, The University of Iowa	2017
Massive Open Online Course, How Writers Write Fiction: Storied Women The University of Iowa	2016
Playwriting Workshop, 5 days, Expect Theatre/Spark, Toronto	2016
One Day Playwriting Workshop, Gil Garrett, Artistic Director, Blyth	2015
UBC's Booming Ground Mentorship Program, Children's Writing/ Short Fiction	2013
Sarah Selecky, Story Intensive	2012
Additional University Courses	1982-2011
Bachelor of Education, Brock University	1979
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, University of Waterloo	1978

Writing Awards

Threadbare Smile

3rd place, Creative Nonfiction Category ~ Annual Writing Competition
Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop 2020

Unfolding Recipes

3rd place, Niagara-on-the-Lake Writers' Circle, Rising Spirits, fiction category 2019

White Things

Top Ten, William Willard Campbell Poetry Competition, Wiarton 2019

Unfolding Recipes

Short-listed, Rotary Club of Stratford Writing Contest (adult) 2019

Lovina is Missing (retitled Lovina)

Top Twelve, Desi Writers' Lounge Short Story Contest, Pakistan 2019

<i>Canal Street Cathouse</i>		
Honourable Mention, Fifteen Stories High Writing Competition, Niagara		2019
<i>If I Could Take Words</i>		
Top Ten, William Willard Campbell Poetry Competition, Wiarton		2018
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Short-listed, Elora Writers' Festival Writing Competition		2018
<i>More Than a Job Offer</i>		
2nd Prize, Blank Spaces Picture Prompt Writing Contest		2017
<i>Nesting</i>		
1st Prize, Creative Nonfiction Category ~ Annual Writing Competition Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop		2017
<i>The Drive</i>		
Short-listed, Rotary Club of Stratford Writing Competition, adult		2017
<i>The Drive</i>		
Shortlisted, Fiction ~ Annual Writing Competition Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop		2017
<i>Split Second</i>		
Nominated, Pushcart Prize, Nonfiction category by Two Cities Review		2016
<i>Hedy & Flo</i>		
Long-listed, carte blanche/CNF Contest		2015
<i>Clutched by the Hair</i>		
Top 3, Desi Writers' Lounge Fiction Writing Competition, South Asia		2015
<i>Ringo</i>		
3rd place, Creative Nonfiction Category ~ Annual Writing Competition Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop		2015
<i>Nothing by Mouth</i>		
Shortlisted, Event Creative Nonfiction Writing Competition		2014
Work Experience		
Queen's University, Instructor, additional qualification courses for teachers		2006-2019
School Administrator, WRDSB, special education		2004-2012
Teacher, special education, guidance, kindergarten, elementary and secondary		1982-2004
Instructor, Parent Education, KW Counselling		1992-1996
Teacher, English for New Canadians, Conestoga College		1979-1982

Professional Affiliations

Member of NOWW (Northwestern Ontario Writers Workshop) 2015-present

Initiated / Lead a Face-to-Face Writers' Group
Walkerton, Ontario 2015-present

Participant, Face-to-Face Writing Group
Paisley, Ontario and online 2016-present

Publications (online/print literary journals and anthologies)**Fiction**

Words for a Friend's Headstone June 2018
Blank Spaces, Literary Magazine, Grey County, Ontario

It's an Oven in Here
Polar Expressions Anthology, BC Dec 2018

Something for Rain
The Belle Journal, USA 2017

Crisp and Savoury
Five2One Magazine 2016

Factitious
The Winnipeg Review 2016

Die Ordnung in Intercourse
Rhubarb Magazine 2015

Three Connected Stories (Neon Pink Sign, Cloistered, and Legs Like Stilts)
Pure Slush--Feast! Edition 2015

Little More than a Boy
Severine Lit Mag, Volume 1, (Be)Longing 2015

A Threadbare Towel
Synaesthesia, UK 2015

Five Distancing Habits
Crab Fat Magazine: The Best of Year One, An Anthology 2015

<i>Heads of Candy Floss</i> The Bohemyth, Ireland	2014
<i>A First-rate Boy</i> New Contrast, South Africa	2014
<i>The Haze in the Smoke</i> Ricochet Magazine, AU	2014
<i>In a Clinch</i> The Gambler	2014
<i>Vinegar Chips</i> The Gambler	2014
<i>Mayor der Wolf Meets the Three Little Pigs</i> The Steel Chisel, Toronto	2014
<i>Verrueckt Play</i> Rhubarb Magazine—Mental Health Issue	2011
<i>Dear Ella</i> Ascent Aspirations Online Magazine	March, 2011
<i>Thong Again?</i> What if?	2003
Creative Nonfiction	
<i>Square Dance</i> Paths of Fear (Anthology), The Pebbled Lane Books Series, USA	2016
<i>Split Second</i> Two Cities Review, Online, USA	2016
<i>Red Beets Mingle with Potato Skins</i> Nom-Fiction (Big Truths) Print Edition (Anthology), Canada	2016
<i>Where Dogs Fart</i> Foliate Oak Literary Magazine, USA	2015
<i>Room with a View</i> Morelmag.ca	2015
<i>When One Treatment Won't Do</i> Jenny, USA	2015

<i>AKA Robin</i> Unfinished Chapters (Anthology), USA	2015
<i>Nothing by Mouth</i> Tincture, AU	2015
<i>Ringo</i> Tincture, AU	2015
Non-Fiction (articles / opinion editorials) ONGOING ~ monthly opinion column for SPOTLIGHT West Grey and bi-monthly column for Walkerton Herald-Times (contact me to acquire copies)	2018 to present
Some titles of these columns are: <i>Transform Houseguests into Something Wunderbar</i> Walkerton Herald-Times	Aug., 2018
<i>Mi Casa es su Casa. My House is Your House. Not! - Column</i> Walkerton Herald-Times	July, 2018
<i>A Lazy Person's Guide to Housecleaning - Column</i> Walkerton Herald-Times	June, 2018
<i>Planning the Summer Nearcation</i> <i>Why Vacationing Close to Home Makes Sense</i> Renaissance Magazine, Retired Teachers of Ontario	Summer, 2017
<i>People's Best Friend--Why Having a Dog Matters</i> Renaissance Magazine, Retired Teachers of Ontario	Winter, 2016
<i>Caught up in the Truth--an essay about writing creative non-fiction</i> The Town Crier, blog of the Puritan	2015
<i>Back to Nature</i> Rural Voice	2014
<i>Move Over Three R's</i> CAP Journal	2011
<i>Lead at the Elbow,</i> Leaders and Learners	Summer 2011
<i>Technology in the Classroom Isn't Utopia</i> SNOW Online	2011

<i>What's the skinny on social networking for teens? Do the benefits outweigh the concerns?</i> Ontario Principals' Council magazine, Register	Winter 2010
<i>The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Being selective in the fuel choices we make</i> Girlworks Magazine	August 2010
<i>The Meaning of Green</i> Open Magazine: A magazine of Integrated Health	January 2010
<i>The Word Hermaphrodite is Inappropriate for People</i> Waterloo Region Record Community Editorial Board	October 2009
<i>Far North</i> New Hamburg Independent	Nov. 2009
<i>Natural to the Rescue</i> Open Magazine: A magazine of Integrated Health	Sept. 2009
<i>Just because you cannot see your colon, do not ignore</i> Waterloo Region Record Community Editorial Board	Sept. 2009
<i>When you Drive, Do not Talk on the Cell Phone</i> Waterloo Region Record Community Editorial Board	Aug. 2009
<i>Turmeric! Super Food or Just a Spice?</i> Open Magazine	2009
<i>Today's High-Tech Students Make Me Feel Like a Digital Immigrant</i> Waterloo Region Record	2009
<i>Bee Population Decline Threatens Food Supply</i> New Hamburg Independent	Aug. 2009
<i>Today's High-tech Students Make me feel like a Digital Immigrant</i> Waterloo Region Record Community Editorial Board	July 2009
<i>Herbes de Provence: A Taste of the French Riviera</i> Open Magazine: A magazine of Integrated Health	July 2009
<i>If you Help Another You just Might help Yourself</i> Waterloo Region Record Community Editorial Board	May 2009

<i>Simple Flu Shot could have Saved me Considerable Misery</i> Waterloo Region Record Community Editorial Board	March 2009
<i>Lyndon Fish Hatcheries Always Striving to Move Forward</i> New Hamburg Independent	March 2009
<i>Buzz on Bees</i> Open Magazine: A magazine of Integrated Health	March 2009
<i>The Roundabout Dance—Who is Leading?</i> Waterloo Region Record Community Editorial Board	Jan. 2009
<i>Tipping the Scales of Balance your Way</i> Open Magazine: A magazine of Integrated Health	Winter 2008
<i>Experiencing Different Culture</i> Korea Times	August 2008
<i>Changes to Safe Schools Act gives Educators more Options</i> Waterloo Chronicle	April 2008
<i>Attention Deficit Disorder and Girls</i> The CAP Journal, Resources for school-based leadership	Winter 2007
<i>From Nigeria to Yellowknife to Qatar</i> New Hamburg Independent	July 2007
<i>Claynook Farms Owners help 14-year-old grow his business</i> New Hamburg Independent	March 2007
<i>A Diary of a Successful Wilmot Township Farmer</i> New Hamburg Independent	March 2007
<i>Putting down the Chalk</i> New Hamburg Independent	Nov. 2006
<i>Students are Fortunate to have Many Educational Options</i> Waterloo Chronicle	Nov. 2006
<i>Bonding over books: Friendships and Love of Reading Grow Abilities:</i> Canada's magazine people	Fall 2006
<i>Whose Wellness? Theirs or Ours?</i> The CAP Journal	Spring 2006

Book / Resource Reviews (sample of titles; contact for more samples)

Tim Wynne-Jones' book Rex Zero
Waterloo Region Record April 2011

Lesley Choyce's book Random
Waterloo Region Record April 2011

Eric Walter's book Shaken
Waterloo Region Record Feb. 2011

Dogfight: A Love Story
Waterloo Region Record Feb. 2011

Poetry

Never Forgotten
100 Words of Solitude (100 poems posted on Twitter/FB for COVID19) Apr 2020

March into Spring
Polar Expressions Anthology (Poetry), BC Dec. 2019

A 6-word poem
2 Elizabeths love-themed anthology, USA 2018

A Glacial Stalker
From This Day Forward, an anthology celebrating Canada's 150th
Editor: Margaret Bird 2017

Readings / Workshops / Other

Clutched by the Hair
<http://playme.podbean.com/e/29-playme-clutched-by-a-hair/>
PlayME Podcast, Expect Theatre, Toronto 2016

Canadian Federation of University Women, Saugeen Branch
'Getting Started' on Writing ~ A Talk for Beginning Writers April 2016

Author Reading via Skype
Rhubarb Magazine, Winnipeg Feb., 2016

Community Involvement

Website and Social Media Captain and Member of the Executive,
Retired Teachers of Ontario ~ District 10 (Grey Bruce Dufferin) Currently
Social Media Contributor (FB) for Chesley Horticultural Society Currently
Pre-screening writing contest judge, Alice Munro Festival 2015-2018
Crohn's and Colitis Canada, Gutsy Walk, Grey Bruce Planning Committee 2012-2019
Saugeen Artists Group 2013-2015