

# Karen Franzen

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1959 Born: Peterborough, Ontario, Canada,

## Education/ Professional development

2022 John Britt , Cone 6 Glazing Workshop, Ottawa, On  
2021 Hands on wood firing, Frantic Farms, Warkworth, On  
2021 Ceramic Congress, International Ceramics  
virtual five day symposium  
02-23 Established Studio Under The Trees home Studio  
#3 Wembley Drive, Toronto, On  
2015 Creative Entrepreneurship Program, Artscape, Toronto  
2011 FUSION Mentorship program with Angelo Di Petta  
95-99 Established "Beyond the Front" collective studio  
245 Carlaw Avenue, Toronto, On  
91-94 Artist in Resident and pottery Instructor  
Harbourfront Craft Studio, Toronto, On  
86-89 Associate, Ontario College of Art & Design  
Honors in Ceramics and Textile Design. Toronto, On

## Group Exhibitions

00- 23 *Karen Franzen and Friend's Holiday Show*, Toronto  
19-23 *Harvest of Holiday Delights*, Port Hope, On  
19- 22 *In A Garden*, Port Hope, On  
2021 *The Collage Show*, Gerrard Art Space, Toronto  
2013 *Parallel Journeys Two Mentorships*  
Ontario Crafts Council, Toronto, On  
08-13 *In A Garden*, Port Hope On  
2011 *Shadowboxes Exhibition*, Fundraiser, Textile Museum Toronto, On  
2009 *Nuit Blanche "If walls could speak"*, Dish gallery,  
Distillery District, Toronto. On  
2008 *Nuit Blanche "Secrets of the Disk"*, Dish gallery,  
Distillery District, Toronto, On  
2008 *Colour, Line, and Form*. Portfolio, Orangeville, On  
2005 *Ceramics Group Show*, The Guild Shop, Toronto  
2004 *Private Eye Collectors and Their Stories*  
The McMichael Art Gallery, Kleinberg, On  
2004 *Colour, Line, and Form*. Portfolio, Orangeville, On  
01-03 *Art In The Garden / Moore Gardens Show*, Toronto  
2000 *A Bowl for All Seasons*, Gardiner Museum of Ceramics, Toronto, On  
1997 *Japanese External Trade Show*  
International Frankfurter Messe Asia, Tokyo, Japan  
1997 *Holiday Collection II*, Ontario Crafts Council, Toronto  
1997 *Invitational Teapot Exhibition*, The Guild Shop, Toronto  
1995 *Taking the Lid Off*, Gardiner Museum of Ceramics  
1995 *Tea Time*, Gallery Lynda Greenberg, Ottawa  
1995 *Beyond the Front*, Rail's End Gallery, Halliburton, On  
93-95 *Gallery Lynda Greenberg*, Ottawa  
1994 *Faculty Show*, Rail's End Gallery, Halliburton, On  
1994 *Total Decor*, Core Gallery, Toronto, on  
1994 *Beyond the Garden Wall*, York Quay Gallery, Toronto  
1992 *Spring '92*, The Forge Studio Gallery, Terra Cotta, On  
1992 *Face to Face*, York Quay Gallery, Toronto, On  
1991 *Rites of spring*, York Quay Gallery, Toronto, On  
1991 *Holiday Collection II*, Ontario Crafts Council, Toronto, On  
1990 *Curiosa Felicitas*, York Quay Gallery, Toronto, On  
1989 *Ceramics: Ontario College of Art Graduate Show*, Gallery 76, Toronto,  
On  
1989 *Franzen & Friends*, Bermuda Society of Arts,  
Hamilton, Bermuda  
1989 *Conflux: A Selection of Work by OCA Women Artists*,  
Gallery 76, Toronto, On  
1989 *Communities Connecting*, Anna Leonenas Gallery, Halifax, N.S  
1987 *Franzen, Franzen & Franzen*,  
Bermuda Society of Arts, Hamilton, Bermuda

## Solo and 2 person Shows

2019 Franzen and Franzen, Rebecca Gallery, Toronto, Ontario  
2007 Tea Time, La Tea Da Tea House, Solo show, Toronto, Ontario  
2000 *Renaissance Women*, 2 person Show Rebecca Gallery, Toronto, On  
1994 *Ceramic Vessels: Celebrating Life*, solo show  
True Places Gallery, Mississauga, Ontario

## Juried Exhibitions & Studio Tours

2023 Fusion Clay and Glass, Artscape Wychwood Barns, Toronto  
2022 FUSION Breakthrough Plus, Leslie Grove Gallery, Toronto  
2021 The Smalls Show, Leslie Grove Gallery, Toronto  
2019 Fusion Clay and Glass, Artscape Wychwood Barns, Toronto  
2016 Merry Makers Market, (curator, organizer)  
Pitchfork Company, Toronto, On.  
2016 Life Along the 506, (curator) Flying Pony Café Gallery, Toronto  
2011 Danforth East Arts Festival, Toronto, On  
01-18 *Beach Studio Tour*, Toronto, On  
07-08 *The Fusion Show*. Toronto. On  
08-10 *Uxbridge Studio Tour*, Uxbridge, On  
04-07 *Toronto Outdoor Exhibition*, Nathan-Phillips Square  
05-07 *Muskoka Arts & Crafts Show*, Bracebridge, On  
01-07 *Cabbagetown Arts Festival*, Toronto, On  
01-03 *Plaid Tidings*, Branksome Hall, Toronto  
2005 *Willow Beach*, 3 person show, NEW\* Gallery, Toronto  
98-09 The Moose Show, CBC Atrium, Toronto  
1999 *Toronto Outdoor Exhibition*, Nathan-Phillips Square  
97-03 *Willow Beach Arts Festival*, (founding member)  
Port Hope, Ontario  
97-04 *West End Studio Tour*, Toronto. Ontario  
91-97 *Toronto Outdoor Exhibition*, Nathan-Phillips Square  
94-97 East of the Don Studio Tour, (founding member), Toronto.  
1993 *Fireworks '93*, Ontario Clay & Glass Association  
1993 *Out to Lunch*, In the Making Gallery, Toronto  
1992 *Mississauga Civic Centre Art Gallery*. Mississauga, On  
1991 *Ontario Crafts '91*, Ontario Crafts Council

## Commissions, Special projects

2021 Bushel Basket Bonanza, Fundraiser arts event  
Fairmount Park Farmers Market  
2018 Bushel Basket Bonanza, Fundraiser arts event  
Fairmount Park Farmers Market  
03-17 506 Streetcar Project, Organized cultural arts festival, Little India,  
Toronto  
09-10 Bowlerama, Hawthorn Alternative School, Toronto  
Made 150 bowls for students to decorate.  
90-21 Tile murals (kitchen/dining/bath), private residences  
02-06 Commemorative Garden Platters for volunteer awards,  
Toronto Green Community, Toronto  
2006 Personalized Giant Cup and Saucer award for retiring accountant  
Mother Goose Society, Toronto.  
2001 Commemorative Teapot for retirement gift Celia  
Lotteridge, Mother Goose Society, Toronto  
2001 Bridal Registry: complete dinnerware & serving pieces, tea service, at  
home accessories (lamps, knobs, bath),  
Heather Finlay and Malcolm Horne  
1997 Ceramic decal design for production tableware,  
Trend Image Licensing  
1994 Reproduction pieces: Cézanne still life objects,  
Barnes Exhibit window display, Art Gallery of Ontario  
1994 Watering can purchased by ceramic collector Aaron Milrod,  
90-92 Ceramic Trophies, "Reach for the Sky," International Trampoline  
Festival, Harbourfront Toronto, On

## Grants & Awards

2011 Best in Show Booth Award, Danforth East Arts Festival  
2001 Best in Show Booth Award, Cabbagetown Arts Festival  
1993 Ontario Arts Council Crafts Grant

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1990 Tuckers Purchase Award, Harbourfront Festival of Craft & Design  
1989 Ontario College of Art, Design Award, Honorable Mention

## Gallery Representation

Blue Crow Gallery, Toronto, On

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### Teaching / Workshops

2021 On-line Zoom clay workshops

02-22 Pottery workshops, Studio Under The Trees  
3 Wembley Drive, Toronto, On

2018 Makers Fair, Bomore Public school.  
Made collaborative giant coil pots with the help of many hands.

2010 Classroom workshops, **Bowlerama** the bowl project  
Decorating and firing bowls with students  
Hawthorne Alternative School, Toronto, On

2010 Presenter Mississauga Potter's Guild, Mississauga, On

2008 Assisted Fed Franzen in Mural project involving  
staff and students of Roden Public School, Toronto, On

2008 Presenter Burlington Potter's Association Burlington, On

2007 Presenter, Toronto Potters Association  
Cedar Ridge creative Centre, Scarborough, On

2004 Saturday Morning Workshop, Fusion, Toronto

2003 Hand-building Workshop, Ryerson Polytechnic Institute  
Workshop for student Teachers

93-02 Pottery Instructor, Toronto Board of Education  
Continuing Education Night School Programme.

00 - 02 Tile Design Workshop (2 days), Willow Beach,  
Port Hope, On

2000 Tile Design Studio Workshop (1.5 day), Toronto, On

1999 Tile Design Workshop (1 day), for Ontario Crafts Council  
Volunteers, Bain Co-op Community Centre

1999 Facilitator, Teaching Teachers: Exploring Clay with Children, Ryerson  
Polytechnic Institute

93-98 Pottery Instructor, Beyond the Front Studio, Toronto

1997 Presenter, Ontario College of Art & Design

1995 Presenter, Low Fire Earthenware Decoration,  
Hill Potters Association, Richmond Hill, Ontario

1995 Workshop Facilitator, Low Fire Earthenware Decoration (2 day),  
Waterloo Potters Workshop, Kitchener Waterloo

1995 Workshop Facilitator, Low Fire Earthenware Decoration (6 day),  
Halliburton School of Fine Arts

1993 Presenter, Toronto Potters Association

90-93 Harbourfront Craft Studio: Resident Artist & Instructor, Children's  
Clay Workshop, and Raku Workshop

1992 Presenter, Exploring Clay, Ontario Institute for Study & Education,  
Toronto, On

### Memberships

21-23 Beach Hill Neighborhood Association  
19-23 Make\_and\_Do\_Ceramics Canadian Network  
2015 506 Streetcar Project (Founding Member), Toronto. On  
2012 Friends of Lower Williamson Ravine (Founding Member)  
94-18 Beach Studio Tour (CO-chair 05-07)  
21-23 Fusion: Ontario Clay & Glass Association (board Member)  
89-23 Fusion: Ontario Clay & Glass Association  
09-23 Toronto Potters  
89-19-21 Craft Ontario formerly Ontario Crafts Council  
07-10 Scarborough Arts Council  
06-08 Roden Public School (school council fundraising  
Organizer 100th anniversary Celebration

### Publications

- 506 Streetcar Project, Beach Metro News, 2016
- MacLean, Bill "Beaches Art Scene" Beach Metro News, Dec., 2009
- MacLean, Bill "Beaches Art Scene" Beach Metro News, April, 2009
- MacLean, Bill "Beaches Art Scene" Beach Metro News, Dec. 2008
- "In a Garden" Port Hope Guide, July 2008
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- On the Agenda: Studio Tour, *The Toronto Star*, Oct. 14, 2000
- Lloyd, Karen, "Artists gather at beach Festival," *Port Hope Guide*, Aug. 2000
- Urie, Mary, "Happy Fish," *East Toronto Community News*, Nov. 1996
- Lanthier, Kateri, "Most Creative Kitchen," *Canadian House & Home*, Summer 1996
- Hanna, Dierdre, "Craft Studio Grows from Humble Roots," *Now Magazine*, Feb. 24, 1994
- "Prize Trophies," *Craft News*, Vol. 16: No. 1, Jan. 1991
- Robb, Marion, "Franzen Family Phenomenon," *The Royal Gazette*, Bermuda, Sept. 11, 1987
- "A Family Affair," *The Royal Gazette*, Bermuda, Feb. 2, 1987

### On Line publicity and television interviews

- Fusion Clay and Glass via zoom on Instagram, 2021
- Global news, May 4, 2012
- Bill Andersen Blogs, billandersen.ca
- London VII Blog

### Arts and Special Events Planning

2021 Fairmount Park Farmer's Market Arts Coordinator, Toronto. On  
2021 Beach Hill Neighborhood Association Board Member  
2016, Merry Makers Market, Pitchfork Gerrard Street East,  
2016, 506 Streetcar Project, (Founding Member)  
2008 Roden Public School 100th Anniversary Celebration Coordinator  
Bain Co – op Craft Show coordinator  
Bushel Basket Bonanza Fundraiser Fairmount Park Farmer's Market

### References

Lucie Gries ,Executive Director FUSION Clay / Glass Association  
Brad Bradford, City Councilor, Toronto, ON  
Angelo Di Petta, retired department Head OCADU  
Kerry Fitzmaurice, Owner Rebecca Gallery  
Mary Margaret Mahon, MP Province of Ontario  
Paula Fletcher, City Councilor, City of Toronto  
Joanne Fillettii, Owner. GAS Gallery, Toronto, ON