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## Susan Valyi



Susan Valyi lives on the edge of the small town of Pointe-Fortune, along the Ottawa River on the Quebec-Ontario border—where the boundary runs through her property. She sleeps in Ontario, while her cars are parked in Quebec. Her creative process takes place in various locations, including an upstairs studio, a downstairs workspace, the kitchen stove, an unheated tool shed, and primarily at a foundry in Montreal.

“I always work for myself but I also find the audience very important. I’m happy my art is self-explanatory. Accessible. I confess I seek affirmation. I like to engage an audience. It has always been that way for me.” Susan Valyi

An artist all her life, Valyi never considered another path. After a long hiatus, she has returned to her practice with renewed energy and is exploring a new medium. She was introduced to bronze many years ago by a friend in Costa Rica but only recently discovered a bronze foundry in Montreal that offers workshops. This set her on a new challenging and rewarding journey.

She now completes every step of the process herself from wax casting to patina application.

“I can see my work as quirky and somewhat naive. I’m comfortable with that. I work from drawings and photographs both mine and in the public domain. So far these sculptures all have fish in them. This will probably end at some point. One of them is inspired by a famous photograph of Salvador Dali with a baby dolphin on his head. I identify with images that maybe don’t entirely make sense but have a kind of humour in them. My countless drawings also reflect this attitude.” Susan Valyi

Susan Valyi studied at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design and has exhibited extensively across Canada. Her work is held in numerous collections, and she has shown at several galleries. She has received two awards—one from the Toronto Outdoor Art Fair and another from the New Art Festival in Ottawa.

## **Exhibitions**

### **Solo Shows**

- 2011 Pentimento Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
- 2010 Maison de la Culture Rosemont, La Petite-Petrie, Montreal, Quebec
- 2006 The McClure Gallery, Montreal, Quebec.
- 2003 Galerie Luz, Belgo Building, Montreal, Quebec
- 2002 The Elisabeth Skelly Gallery, Ontario
- 1998 The Arbor Gallery, Vankleek Hill, Ontario

### **Group and Duo Shows**

- 2019 Oeno Outdoor Sculpture Garden, Picton, ON
- 2019 Sopa Fine Arts, Kelowna, BC
- 2015 The Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Toronto, ON
- 2015 Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2014 Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2014 The Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Best of Award Winners Exhibition, First Canadian Place Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2014 The Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Toronto, ON
- 2014 Garden Sculpture Show, Skelly Gallery, St Eugene, ON
- 2014 Oeno Outdoor Sculpture Garden, Toronto, ON
- 2013 The Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Toronto, ON
- 2013 Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2012 The Reclaimers, The Blue Mountain Foundations for the Arts, Collingwood, ON
- 2012 The Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, ON
- 2012 The New Art Festival, Ottawa, ON
- 2011 Muse Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2011 Summer Salon 5, First Canadian Place, Toronto, ON
- 2011 The Reclaimers, Nova Scotia Centre for Craft & Design, Halifax, NS
- 2010 Skelly Gallery, St Eugene, ON
- 2010 Riverin-Arlogos Gallery, Eastman, QB
- 2010 Summer Salon 4, First Canadian Place, Toronto, ON
- 2010 The Toronto Artist Project, ON
- 2009 The New Art Festival, Ottawa, ON
- 2019 The Toronto Artist Project, ON
- 2019 Harbinger Gallery, Waterloo, ON
- 2019 Masterworks East, seven month touring exhibition sponsored by the Ontario Crafts Council, ON
- 2008 Skelly Gallery, ON
- 2008 Verandah and Garden, Rice Lake Gallery and A.K.Collings Gallery, Port Hope, ON
- 2008 Angell Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 2008 The Toronto Artist Project, ON
- 2008 LaFreniere and Pai, Ottawa, ON

2008 Muse Gallery, 1230 Yonge St, Toronto, ON  
2008 Sandra Goldie Gallery, Montreal, QB  
2008 SOFA Palm Beach, FL  
2007 SOFA, Chicago  
2007 Artist as Person, Black Walnut Gardens, Milford, ON  
2007 The Re-natural Exhibition, Arthouse, Calgary, AB  
2007 Perspectives, Arcturus Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2007 Out of this World, Arcturus Gallery, Toronto, ON  
2007 Art d'echo, Mile-End Library, Montreal, QB  
2006 art house, Calgary (Objects and Icons)  
2006 The Toronto outdoor Art Exhibition  
2006 Galerie Luz, Belgo Building, Montreal, Quebec.  
2005 LaFreniere and Pai, Ottawa, Ontario  
2005 Skelly Gallery, Ontario  
2005 Sandra Goldie Gallery, Montreal, Quebec  
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2003 Galerie Luz, Montreal, Quebec  
2002 Skelly Galerie, Ontario  
2002 Artevista, Montreal, Quebec  
2000 The Weave Shed Arts Center, Cornwall, Ontario  
1996 The McClure Gallery, Montreal, Quebec  
1989 - 1994 Vankleek Hill May show, Vankleek Hill, Ontario

### **Education**

Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Halifax, Nova Scotia

### **Awards**

Two Corporate Purchase Awards, 2008, The Toronto Artist Project.

### **Private Collections**

Jamie Angell, Angell Gallery, Toronto, Ontario  
Pierre Riverin, Riverin Arlogos Gallery, Eastman, Quebec  
Maurice Forget, Montreal, Quebec