

# The Art of Sheila Davis SCA OSA

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## About the Artist

Primarily self taught, Sheila has been a professional artist for over 23 years. Her interest lies in obscure areas of the environment as seen on the periphery of daily vision. Sheila works in oil, painting both Plein Air and in the studio, preferring large panels.

Using dynamic brushstrokes and saturated colour, she captures the friction and play of texture and temperature where surface planes meet, challenging the eye to look deeper, to see beyond the obvious, to become aware of those areas of nature necessary to existence, to see beauty in the mundane.

Her work has a strong organic feel to it, indicative of the natural landscape she paints.

Foremost she is known for the energy she pours into each work to capture the chaotic vibrancy of mother earth.

An elected member of the Society of Canadian Artists and the Ontario Society of Artists. Sheila's work has been featured in magazines, on television and is included in private and corporate collections around the world. She is represented by various galleries throughout Canada and participates in select exhibitions throughout the year.

## Artist's Statement

My interest is the landscape, emphasizing the energy of the space as a whole. I paint it as I feel it – not as a physical likeness, but as an entire presence, involving the space of emotion, spirituality, temperature and the senses.

I find I am inspired by the friction and play of textures where surface planes meet. The tangled undergrowth competing for light and space. A play of forces, where colour and temperature meld or clash for dominance - a battle of the elements, Earth, Sky, Water and all they encompass. I believe an Artist interprets best what they know intimately...what surrounds them personally and they touch daily... what influences on a deep emotional level either conscious or unconscious. For me this is the untouched Ontario landscape... tangled, unfettered and unfinished...a work in progress, constantly growing and striving towards light, strength and freedom from constraint.

Using traditional oils, I work quickly and vigorously, laying in several layers of transparent colour and value using large dynamic brushstrokes combined with splatter and drip, these layers are each reworked with opaque brushwork and calligraphy as I attempt to portray what first excited me about the subject, the flash causing the rush of adrenaline and the urge to 'get it down' before the feeling dissipates.

I prefer to work in large format where I can apply movement and gesture to express the intense vitality and power I experience in the landscape. I want the viewer to experience the moment as if they are standing there with me.

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## Curriculum Vitae

### EDUCATION

Graduate of Loretto Abbey, Toronto ON.  
Self Taught Artist, Various Artists Workshops

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

#### 2018

'From the Heart of the Wild' with Sarah Hillock at Westland Gallery London ON

#### 2017

'Inside Outside' with Greg Dow at Westland Gallery London ON  
'Speaking of Trees' Gallery on the Lake with Wendy Bermingham, Buckhorn ON

#### 2015

"Riding the Elephant (lake Rd)", Art Gallery of Bancroft  
"Double Vision", Lindsay Art Gallery (two person show with Lucy Manley)

#### 2013

"Borderlines", The Aurora Cultural Centre, Aurora ON

#### 2012

"Walk with Me" The Marianne van Silfhout Gallery in The St. Lawrence College, Brockville Campus

#### 2009

'Reflections', Effusion Art Gallery, Invermere BC

#### 2003

'ColourScapes', Kent Farndale Gallery, Port Perry  
'Two Ways of Seeing', Georgina Arts Centre and Gallery  
'Figure This', Rails End Gallery, Haliburton

### JURIED EXHIBITIONS

#### 2018

Federation of Canadian Artists Active Members Exhibition  
Federation of Canadian Artists 'Artists Choice' Exhibition – Third Prize 'Leap of Faith'  
Society of Canadian Artists National Online Juried Exhibition  
Oshawa Art Association Juried Exhibition, Robert McLaughlin Gallery – Pacific Gravity – Award of recognition  
Colborne Art Gallery Annual Juried Exhibition  
Society of Canadian Artists Members Online Juried Exhibition  
Society of Canadian Artists Open National Juried Exhibition

#### 2017

Ontario Society of Artists Members Exhibition of Selected Works  
Society of Canadian Artists National Online Juried Exhibition  
Ontario Society of Artists MOSAIC Exhibition, Aurora Cultural Centre  
Oshawa Art Association 50th Anniversary Juried Exhibition, Robert McLaughlin Gallery  
East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Juried Exhibition – Dora Purdon Award for Best Oil  
Society of Canadian Artists 49th International Open Juried Exhibition

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## **2016**

East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Juried Exhibition – Dora Purdon Award for Best Oil  
Society of Canadian Artists National Online Juried Exhibition  
Colour and Form Society Biennial Open Juried Exhibition  
OSA Member Exhibition of Selected Works

## **2015**

Ontario Society of Artists annual members Exhibition  
Society of Canadian Artists annual members exhibition  
East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Algonquin Park Show, Second Place

## **2014**

Ontario Society of Artists annual members Exhibition  
Society of Canadian Artists annual members exhibition , Antoinette Stevens Award for best painting  
East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Juried Exhibition – Honourable Mention

## **2013**

Ontario Society of Artists annual members Exhibition  
Ontario Society of Artists Exhibition 'Continuum' ..Arts & Letters Club, Toronto  
East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Juried Exhibition – Honourable Mention  
Carmichael Canadian Landscape Exhibition -Orillia Museum of Art & History

## **2012**

Ontario Society of Artists annual members exhibition  
Society of Canadian Artists 44th open national juried exhibition  
A Brush with the Highlands Plein Air Festival Juried show – Dorset Tower Award and Juror's Choice

## **2011**

East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Juried Exhibition – Dora Purdon Award  
A Brush with the Highlands Plein Air Festival Juried show - The Hawk River Log Chute Award and The Environmental Narrative Award

## **2009**

McMichael Canadian Art Collection Autumn Art Show & Sale

## **2007**

East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Algonquin Park Show

## **2006**

Society of Canadian Artists Annual Members Juried show

## **2005**

Scarborough Arts Council juried show 'fragments'  
East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Algonquin Park Show

## **2004**

Society of Canadian Artists Annual National open Juried show  
Colour & Form Society Annual Juried show  
East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Algonquin Park Show East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Juried Exhibition – Rose Baker award

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## **2003**

Scarborough Arts Council juried show 'Elements'  
East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Algonquin Park Show

## **2002**

East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Algonquin Park Show  
Georgina Arts Centre and Gallery Viewers Choice Veni Vidi Art Gallery, Port Perry ON "Nudes"  
Uxbridge Celebration of the Arts Annual Juried Show

## **2001**

East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Algonquin Park Show – 1st prize.  
East Central Ontario Art Association Annual Juried Exhibition  
Georgina Arts Centre and Gallery Viewers Choice – 1st prize floral – 3rd prize landscape  
Orillia Museum of Art and History 'Blooming Art'

## **2000**

Orillia Museum of Art and History- 'Blooming Art'  
Veni Vidi Art Gallery, Port Perry ON -'Oil & Water- Portraits'  
Uxbridge Celebration of the Arts Annual Juried Show

## **SELECT JURIED GROUP SHOWS**

Toronto Artist Project  
Toronto Art Expo  
Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition  
Cabbagetown Art & Craft Festival  
Rideau Valley Art Festival  
Ottawa Art Expo

## **AFFILIATIONS**

Society of Canadian Artists- Elected member  
Ontario Society of Artists – Elected member  
Federation of Canadian Artists – Active member  
East Central Ontario Art Association (ECOAA) –Past President, Fall workshop coordinator, website design & management and Past Newsletter editor.

## **CORPORATE COLLECTIONS**

Province of Ontario Archival Collection  
Hospitals of Ontario Pension Plan (HOOPP)  
Gottschalk Forensic Accounting & Valuations Inc., Toronto, ON  
Fredenberg & Gullette Attorney, Phoenix, AZ  
Dr. Shawn Moore Optometrist, Orillia, ON  
RCIM Family Law, Calgary, AB  
Henderson Partners LLP, Oakville, ON  
RBC, Toronto, ON  
Mark Motors of Ottawa

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## **MEDIA**

HGTV Candice Tells All  
HGTV Income property Film Production:  
Pixels CityTV Steven & Chris HGTV Property Brothers

## **PUBILCATIONS**

<https://fpress.com/entertainment/local-arts/artists-explore-unseen-aspects-of-wilderness-at-london-gallery>

Author of Beyond the Easel – Professional Development for Visual Artists [www.beyondtheeasel.com](http://www.beyondtheeasel.com)

<http://m.mykawartha.com/news-story/5765553-lindsay-gallery-hosting-double-vision-exhibit>

Bancroft THIS WEEK - July 15, 2015 -Riding the Elephant (Lake Road) with Sheila Davis  
<http://www.bancroftthisweek.com/?p=4759>

Brock Citizen April 22, 1997 News of Georgina Arts Centre

Brock Citizen April 5, 2002 Library Exhibition

V. Krause Nurseries, Fruit Catalogue 2001, cover image

## **INSTRUCTION & DEMONSTRATIONS**

Beyond the Easel – weekend workshop in professional development for artists with computer instruction.  
Beyond the Easel – Various lectures and presentations with Art Groups and Associations  
Painting Demonstrations for various groups – Scarborough Art Guild, Oshawa Art Association  
Brush it Bold painting workshops with Various groups – Markham grp of Artists, Meta4 Gallery, Oakville Art Assoc.  
Brush it Bold painting workshops – self run  
Vancouver Island Art Workshops

## **GALLERY REPRESENTATION**

Algonquin Art Centre, Algonquin Provincial Park, ON  
Canvas Gallery, Toronto ON  
Meta4 , Port Perry & Peterborough, ON  
In2art Gallery, Oakville, ON  
Fallen Leaf Gallery, Canmore, AB  
Gallery on the Lake, Buckhorn, ON  
Westland Gallery, London, ON  
Koyman Galleries, Ottawa, ON

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