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The son of a portrait artist, I began drawing and traveling to art shows with my father as a child. Later, I moved through roles as an engineer, designer and educator, while simultaneously cultivating a studio practice. As the founder and former president of Somerville Open Studios, I've been committed to fostering spaces where artists and audiences can connect through shared curiosity and exchange. My work is currently represented by the Four Eleven Gallery in Provincetown, MA.

## **Exhibitions**

### **Solo and Featured Exhibitions:**

*Grounds of Feeling*, Four Eleven Gallery, Provincetown, MA, June – July 2026.

*Uncharted Territories*, Off-Main Gallery, Wellfleet, MA, July 2023

*Landscape Abstracted*, Watson MacRae Gallery, Sanibel, FL, November 2021 - January 2022

*Landscapes*, Inside-OUT Gallery and Somerville Community Access TV, Somerville, MA, March 2012

*Matt Carrano: Evolution of a Somerville Artist*, The Nave Gallery, Somerville, MA, March 2011

*Outdoors*, Willoughby and Baltic Gallery, Somerville, MA, July - August 2007.

*Inside/Outside*, Willoughby and Baltic Gallery, Somerville, MA, March 2005.

*City Views: an exhibit of paintings and drawings*, Somerville City Hall, Somerville, MA, October – November 2002.

*Fleeting Views*, Cambridge Center for Adult Education, Cambridge, MA, January - March 2000.

*Urban Renewal*, Cambridge Center for Adult Education, Cambridge, MA, August - September 1997

### **Selected Group Exhibitions:**

*Dialogues in Dual Languages*, Fivesparks Art Center, Harvard, MA, June - July 2026.

*Spaces*, Cambridge Art Association Canal Gallery, Cambridge, MA, March – April 2026.

*Contemporary Landscapes: From Observational to Symbolic*, Mosesian Center for the Arts, Watertown, MA, January – March 2026.

*Long Blue Shadows*, Four Eleven Gallery, Provincetown, MA, October – November 2025.

*Images Then Words*, Menino Arts Center, Hyde Park, MA, January – February 2025.

*Smallish*, Bromfield Gallery, Boston, MA, December 2023.

*Blue: A Celebration of Color*, The Somerville Museum, Somerville, MA, September - December 2023.

*Illuminations*, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA, May - August 2016, October 2012 – January 2013.

*Looking Together: A Crit Group Celebrates 12 years*, Brickbottom Gallery, Somerville, MA, September – October 2010.

*Imagining Somerville: discovering a city through art*, The Somerville Museum, Somerville, MA, May – June 2007.

*Migrations: Interpretations of Place*, The Nave Gallery, Somerville, MA, April – May 2006.

*Sharon Yates Students Paint the Landscape*, Sunbury Shores Art & Nature Center, St Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada, July – August 2005.

*Homemade: Images of Home*, Brickbottom Gallery, Somerville, MA, September – October 2003.

*See with Your Eyes, Not with Your Hands*, Somerville Museum, Somerville, MA, December 2002.

*Marking Time: 01*, Somerville Windows Art Project 2001, an annual installation exhibit taking place in businesses in and around Davis Square, Somerville, July 2001. Organized by the Somerville Arts Council.

*New England Landscapes and Seascapes*, Artana, Saxonville, MA, July - September 2000.

*Four Painters*, Perrin Gallery, Brookline, MA, April - May 1999.

## **Publications and Press:**

*Cape Cod Art / 2026 Annual*, one of 23 featured artists.

*Touchstone, Journal of the Poetry Society of New Hampshire*, with poet Tom Laughlin, December 2025.

*Wilderness House Literary Review*, featured artist, January 2025.

*The Tiger Moth Review*, with poet Tom Laughlin, January 2025.

## **Arts Community Leadership**

Somerville Open Studios. President 2004 – 2011; Director 2021 – present.

## **Exhibitions Curated**

*Sacred Sense*, The Nave Gallery, Somerville, MA, September – October 2006.

*Play*, The Nave Gallery, Somerville, MA, July – August 2004.

## **Education**

Massachusetts College of Art and Design. Coursework in fine art and design.

Cambridge Center Studio School. Studied painting and drawing.

Master of Arts, Boston University.

Bachelor of Science, Syracuse University.

## **Teaching**

Boston University, Faculty for Computing and Data Sciences. Courses in user experience design, 2022 – 2024.

Northeastern University, College of Professional Studies. Courses in digital media, design, and user experience, 2008 – 2020.

## **Awards**

Visual Arts Artist Fellowship, awarded by the Somerville Arts Council, 2002.

July 2026