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Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions

- 2017, April 28 - May 14 *Signposts and Traces: Ash Tree Memorial Trail*, Judith and Norman Alix Art Gallery, Sarnia, ON
- 2014, Sept 5 - 2015, 4 Jan. *Our Own Back Yard*, with Lyndal Osbourne, Judith and Norman Alix Art Gallery, Sarnia, ON
- 2013, July 6 - Aug. 25 *Flora and Fauna*, with Amy Swartz, Durham Art Gallery, Durham, ON
- 2013, March 16 - May 12 *In My Own Back Yard*, Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant, Brantford, ON
- 2012, January 6 - Feb. 18 *In My Own Back Yard*, Center Art Gallery, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, USA
- 2011, Sept. 24 - Nov. 26 *In My Own Back Yard*, Redeemer University College Art Gallery, Ancaster, ON,
- 2009, May 1-30 *In the Eye of the Beholder*, Artopia Gallery, Sarnia, ON,
- 2008, Feb. 1 - March 1 *Peregrinatio*, Gallery Lambton, Sarnia, ON
- 2003, February 1 - March 1 *If Remembered*, Gallery Lambton, Sarnia, ON
- 2000, May *Just for the Fun of It*, Gallery in the Grove, Bright's Grove, ON
- 1999, June *All Good Gifts*, Vision Nursing and Rest Home

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2020, February *Connexions*, Gallery in the Grove, Bright's Grove, ON
- 2009, February *Love and Romance*, Kenneith Gallery, Sarnia, ON
- 2008, May-October *River Road Gallery*, Grand Bend, ON
- 2007, June 1-3 *A New Breed*, LovArt Gallery/Grace Brothers Gallery, Sarnia, ON
- 2007, September 14-30, *Tuktu Prayers*, Yellowhead Museum, Jasper Alberta,
- 2007, August 1-31 *Tuktu Prayers*, Buffalo Nations Luxton Museum, Banff Alberta
- 2006, December *Tuktu Prayers*, Alberta Legislature, Edmonton, Alberta

Community Collaborations

- 2020 *We Live Here: Wellington Flats Mural*, with Sarnia Christian School and Wellington Flats, Vision Nursing and Rest Home
- 2018-2020 *Bottlecap Mural*, Sarnia Christian School and Sarnia Community
- 2017, April 29 *Ash Tree Memorial Gathering*, Community Performance, Canatara Park and Judith and Norman Alix Art Gallery, Sarnia, ON
- 2016-2017 *Driftwood Mural*, Sarnia Christian School
- 2016, March-June *Genesis*, Sarnia Christian School
- 2015, June 14-21 *Ash Story*, On-site installation in Hampton Park, Ottawa.
- 2014, Sept 5 - 2015, 4 Jan. *Triptych Altarpiece: Our Own Back Yard*, with Lyndal Osbourne, Judith and Norman Alix Art Gallery, Sarnia, ON
- 2013, March 16 - May 12 *Triptych Altarpiece: In My Own Back Yard*, Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant, Brantford, ON
- 2012, January 6 - Feb. 18 *Triptych Altarpiece: In My Own Back Yard*, Center Art Gallery, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, USA
- 2012 *Milagro Prayer Shawl*, Forest City Community Church Commission/Worldwide Community

Outdoor Installations

2017, April 29 - present *Signposts and Traces: Ash Tree Memorial Trail*, Canatara Park, Sarnia, ON
2015, June 14-21 *Ash Story*, On-site installation in Hampton Park, Ottawa. With
Peggy DeVries and Marcia Lea

Performances

2017, April 29 *Signposts and Traces: Eulogizing the Ash Trees*, Canatara Park, Sarnia, ON

Major Commissions

2013 *Together, We Journey (seven works)*, Forest City Community Church,
London, ON
2020 *We Live Here: Wellington Flats Mural*, Vision Nursing Home and Rest
Home, Sarnia, ON

Awards, Grants, Bursaries

2013 Ontario Arts Council Education Projects Grant
2013, 2011, 2008,
2003, 1999 Ontario Arts Council Exhibition Assistance Grant

Professional Experience

Biophilia Research Residency, Ayatana Artists Research Program:

July, 2020 Chelsea, QC

Artist in Residence:

Sept. 2011- Jan. 2012 Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI

Selected Workshops/Lectures/Seminars

2018, January 17 Lecture: *Signposts and Traces: The Lost Ash of Canatara*, Sarnia Horticultural
Society
2017, May 3 Lecture: *Signposts and Traces: The Lost Ash of Canatara*, Brush and Palette Club,
London, ON
2017, April 27 Artist Talk, *Signposts and Traces: The Lost Ash of Canatara*, Arts and Ideas, Judith
and Norman Alix Art Gallery, Sarnia, ON
2017, April 25 *Signposts and Traces: The Lost Ash of Canatara*, Triple K Kiwanis, Sarnia, ON
2015, Oct. 2 Paper Presentation: *Art-Science Collaborations in Contemporary Art Practice – An
Artist's Perspective*, Verge Conference: Arts & Environment, Langley, BC
2015, June 14 Lecture: *Ash Stories: Tales of Loss and Mourning*, Davis Art School, Ottawa, ON
2014, Oct. 2 Artist Talk, Judith and Norman Alix Art Gallery, Sarnia, ON
2013, April 21 Artist Talk with Phil Jenkins: *In My Own Back Yard*, Glenhyrst Art Gallery
2012, February 22 Lecture: *In My Own Back Yard*, Lambeth Art Association, London, ON
2012, February 3 Seminar: *In My Own Back Yard*, Art Department, Calvin College
2011, November 3 Lecture: *Footprints on the Land*, Redeemer University College

- 2012, January 8 Seminar: Adult Education Class, Woodlawn C.R.C., Grand Rapids, MI
 2011, October 27 Workshop: *Engaging Contemporary Art in the Curriculum*
 OCSTA Teacher's Convention, Ancaster, ON
- 2011, October 19 Workshop: *Abstracting Nature*, Brush and Palette Club, London, ON
 2011, October 7 Seminar: *In My Own Back Yard: Inside an Art/Science Collaboration*,
 Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2011, April 13 Lecture: *In My Own Back Yard*, SAW, Winter Wednesdays
 2011, April 6 Speaking Engagement: *In My Own Back Yard: Inside an Art/Science*
Collaboration, Sydenham Field Naturalists, Wallaceburg, ON
- 2010, May 7 Seminar: *In My Own Back Yard: Inside an Art/Science Collaboration*,
 Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2003, October Panelist and guest for alumni panel discussion, Brescia College,
 UWO

Publications and Articles

- 2017, April 27 *Eulogies for Sarnia's Ash Trees*, Barbara Simpson, *The Observer*, Sarnia
 2014, Nov. 25 *Plaster Creek Stewards stepping out: Connecting with Sarnia, Okayama*, Calvin
 College
- 2014, September 2 *The Eco-Secrets Beneath our Feet*, Cathy Dobson, *The Sarnia Journal*
 2014, January 27 Cathy Smith, "In Conversation with Mary Abma: Ideas Bursting to Get Out"
 2013, April 17 Arlene Laskey, *Brantford Expositor*: "Calling Cards from the Natural World"
 2013, March "This Land: Perspectives on Mary Abma's *In My Own Back Yard*", Exhibition Catalogue
- Phil Jenkins, "Earth Matters"
 - Marcia Lea, MFA, "Site-Specific, Global-Art"
- 2013, March 21 Lauren Baron, *Brant News*: "Digging Deep at Glenhyrst",
 2012, January 12 Myrna Anderson, staff writer, Calvin College: "In Her Own Backyard"
 2011, July Cathy Smith, "Art From Dirt", *Christian Courier*
 2011, June "Cultivation and Conquest", by Mary Abma, *Mobile Justice Newsletter: CRCNA*
 2009 Featured Artist, *Imago Summer Newsletter*, Vol. 11, Issue #2
 2008 Lisa Daniels, BFA, MA: "Beyond the Obvious: The Language of Art and Nature",
Peregrinatio Exhibition Catalogue, Gallery Lambton
- 2007 *Tuktu Prayers*, Exhibition Catalogue
 2003 *If Remembered*, Exhibition Catalogue, Gallery Lambton