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Selected Exhibitions + Projects

- 2008 **Tradition and Transformation: Art by Jewish Women** Juried group: Beth Shadur, juror, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, Ill.
Tractatus Maine College of Art, Senior Exhibition
Index Show Invitational group, I C A, Portland, Maine
- 2007 **Olympic Landscape Sculpture International Exhibition of Finalists** Juried group.
Partial list of venues: Navy Pier, Chicago, IL; Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento, CA; Lawson Field Theater, Gisborne, New Zealand; Sports Center, Rome, Italy; China Millenium Monument, Beijing, China; Hong Kong Park, Hong Kong; Olympic Museum Park, Lausanne, Switzerland; Sport and Olympic Museum, Barcelona, Spain; Queens Walk, London, England. Final awards pending in 2008.
Teshuvah: Turn and Mend Solo Interactive Public Art Installation, Post Office Park, "Art in the Park", City of Portland, September
Next Generation V, Juried group, Center For Maine Contemporary Art, Rockport
National Association of Schools of Art and Design Accreditation Show Juried group, Maine College of Art, Portland
Merit Show Qualified group, Maine College of Art, Portland
Kaddish for the Dispossessed Solo Public Art Installation, Back Cove Green, "Art In The Park", City of Portland, ME, Dec 2006 - April 2007
- 2006 **Beijing Olympic Landscape Sculpture Contest Chinese Exhibition** Juried group. Jintai Museum, Beijing; Guangzhou Museum of Art, Guangzhou; Dongfanghong Square, Lanzhou, Gansu Province; Changchun World Sculptures Park, Changchun; Wuyuanwan Feature Street Plaza, Xiamen; Tianjin Square, Tianjin
BFA Show Group, Maine College of Art, Portland, ME

Education

- BFA:** Sculpture, Maine College of Art, Portland, Maine, USA 2008
MSW: Group Work, Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, USA 1979
Graduate Diploma: Criminology, Cambridge University, Cambridge, England 1969
BA: Philosophy, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI, USA 1967

Professional Experience

- The Growing Fence**, Project Assistant, C. Bechstein Public Art Project, Boston, MA 2005
National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) International Board of Directors 1997 – 2000.
NCBI is a Washington, DC based, international, not for profit organization, focused on creating teams of leaders, who can teach community building skills, conflict resolution, prejudice reduction, and violence prevention to their constituents.
Maine Chapter and East Tennessee Chapters NCBI, Founder and Director 1986-2002.
closely with community leaders and trained a wide diversity of groups in communities, schools, colleges, and organizations throughout Maine and New England 1986-1993, and Tennessee, the East, and Midwestern USA 1993 - 2002
National Association of Social Workers, Maine Chapter Director 1986 - 1989
Psychotherapist/Clinical Social Worker, Private practice with individuals and groups, Portland, ME Full time 1980 – 1986, part time 1986 – 1993
Sociatria, Inc. Directed Public Psychodrama, part time. Cambridge, MA 1978 – 1979
Public Psychodrama combines performance, street theater, and therapy, in structured using ideas, events and images central to the actual life of the volunteer protagonist of the group, in this case often strangers in a public setting, assist by playing key roles under the direction of a facilitator/director. The goal is emotional healing through group interaction.

Selected Publications and Media

- 2007 **Comstock's Magazine**, Sacramento, CA, "Art Foundry Olympians" December
WCSH TV6 "207", *Teshuvah* Installation, interview with the artist September 17
Catalog of the International Exhibition of Finalists: 2008 Beijing Olympic Landscape Sculpture Competition, Beijing Olympic Committee
Maine Sunday Telegram, "Maine Life" April 1
ArtTalk, Annual Sculpture Issue, "Sculptors Go for Olympic Gold" January
WMPG Big Talk Radio, "*Kaddish*: Art and Homelessness" January
- 2006 **Olympic Landscape Sculpture Contest Catalog**: "Excellent Works", selected for exhibition in China, Beijing Olympic Committee
The Portland Forecaster "Art for the Public Good" December 20
Portland: Maine's City Magazine "The Ten Most Intriguing People in Maine" November
Portland: Maine's City Magazine "Rings of Fire" October
China Daily "Beijing Sculpture Exhibition Highlights Olympic Spirit" July 1
- 2004 "**Community Organizing for Social Change**", by Asherah Cinnamon, LCSW, in *Days In The Lives Of Social Workers: 50 Professionals Tell "Real-life" Stories From Social Work Practice*, Linda May Grobman, Editor. White Hat Communications. Second Edition

Artist Awards

- 2008 **Finalist, 2008 Beijing Olympic Landscape Sculpture Competition**. One of 110 works selected for the International Traveling Exhibition throughout 2007 and 2008.
Pending: 29 works will be selected for awards at the Beijing 2008 Olympics.
- 2007 **International Sculpture Center**, Outstanding Student Achievement Award, Maine College of Art Nominee
Charles E. Culpepper Award, Merit Show, Maine College of Art
- 2006 **TDBank North Award**, BFA Show, Maine College of Art 2006
Excellent Works, 2008 Olympic Landscape Sculpture Design Contest, Beijing 2,433 entries from 82 countries:290 "Excellent Works" selected to travel throughout China

Artist Talks

- 2008 **ICA** Index Show Artist Talk
- 2007 **Congregation Bet Ha'am**, "*Shabbat Shuvah*: art and the tradition of mending relationships at the Jewish New Year", South Portland
Center for Maine Contemporary Art Artist Round Table, Rockport
University Of Southern Maine, "Making the Invisible Visible: Spiritual responses in the visual arts to poverty and homelessness"
ICA Community Forum, "*Kaddish* for the Dispossessed: A Call to Economic Justice, Connecting the arts and social justice communities in the active pursuit of economic justice to end homelessness"
Moderator: Mary Anne Gleason, Former Director, National Coalition for the Homeless, Portland

Community Involvement

Maine State Campus Compact, "Heart and Soul Award" 2008
Institute for Contemporary Art, Community Forum, Organizer and Panel Member 2007
Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, Knoxville, TN 1997 - 1999
Recognized by Education Office of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum for leading community response to racist arson of the Inner City Church, Knoxville, TN 1996
Recognition for Volunteer Service to Maine, Gov. James McKernan, Jr. 1992
New England United Methodist Award For Excellence in Social Justice Actions 1990