

# Elaine Amyot

## BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Elaine Amyot was born in the province of Québec and currently lives in Dieppe, New Brunswick, Canada, where she has been practicing her art since 1969. After finishing her studies in art at the Université de Moncton she has had more than forty solo exhibitions. She has also participated in more than one hundred group exhibitions in the Maritime provinces, in Quebec, and in France.

Elaine Amyot uses many different approaches to express her creativity: collage, assemblages, oil pastel, gouache resist, spray paint and pochoirs. She collects articles, most often from nature, for use in boxes, creating works which are like those of Joseph Cornell's and like his they are "affirmations of serenity, recollection, enchantment, beauty, the extraordinary" (Joseph Cornell, MOMA, New York City, 1980).

She is a founding member of Galerie Sans Nom and of Galerie 12, both at the Aberdeen Cultural Centre in Moncton, and she is a member of the professional association AAAPNB. She is also a member of CARFAC, Canadian Artists Representation / le Front des artistes canadiens.

She has written reviews for *Arts Atlantic* and *Dimensions* magazine. She has given many workshops in mandala creation and has curated several shows featuring works done in these workshops. In 1990 she received the medal of the city of Moncton for exceptional services rendered to the community. Her life as an artist was shown on the program *Trajectoire* (SRC.RDI) in November, 1996. Her works are in the collections of the Université de Moncton, the City of Moncton, the Art Bank of the Province of New Brunswick, and in numerous private collections.

In the summer of the year 2000 Elaine Amyot coordinated an exhibition-installation of women artists, *Présence 27*, at the Galerie d'Art de l'université de Moncton. After obtaining a grant from the New Brunswick Art Board, Elaine published, in October, 2001, the catalogue *Présence 27*.

Elaine Amyot appeared as a participating artist in the television series *Artiste dans l'âme/Soul Expression* and also in the weekly series *Palmarès*.

In 2010 she published her first book, *The Seven Gates: A Memoir of a Descent*, illustrated with many of her own works of art. This same year she was a participating artist and actor in the documentary film, *A Question of Beauty*, by filmmaker Colleen Furlotte.

## FORMATION / EDUCATION

Université de Moncton B.A., B.ED.

## ATELIERS / WORKSHOPS

Helen Beals, Poterie / Pottery, Acadia University, N.S.

Molly Boback, Peinture / Painting, Moncton, N.B.

David Silverberg, Gravure intaglio / Intaglio print making, Mount Allison University

Fred Ross, Dessin / Drawing, Mount Allison University

Daphne Irving, Aquarelle / Watercolor, Holland College, P.E.I.

Baychar, Fabrication de papier / Paper making, Holland College, P.E.I.

Tristan Wolski, Lithographie intaglio lithography, Moncton, N.B.

Angelo Evelyn, Lithographie / Lithography, Moncton, N.B.

## AUTRES / OTHERS

1998 Roots of Healing, Falls Brook Centre, Hartland, N.B., May 15-17

1992 Ecofeminism, Pleasantvale, N.B.

1991 Introduction to Art Therapy, Mount Allison University

Forum on Violence, Collège Communautaire de Dieppe, N.B.

1990 Nouveau Départ, Université de Moncton, N.B.

1987-88 Greek Mythology, Mount Allison University

1976-85 Centerpoint, Group study of Jungian psychology, St. James Anglican Church, Moncton, N.B.

## EXPOSITIONS SOLOS / SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2013 The Keys to Dreamland, Galerie 12, Centre Culterel Aberdeen, du 14 juin au 10 juillet

- 2012 Enigma Variations : My Friends Pictured Within, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, du 1 au 20 juin
- 2011 Power of Contemplation, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, du 4 au 23 mars
- 2010 Mystic Centre / Centre Mystique, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, le 1 jan. – le 10 fev.
- 2008 Beneath the Rigid, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, le 7 mars – le 27 mars
- 2007 Les arbres comme métaphore, L'Alliance Français, Moncton, N.B., du 2 au 28 fev.
- 2006 Les arbres et l'oracle/Tree and Oracle, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, le 22 avril – le 11 mai
- 2004 Dark Time, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, le 27 nov - le 16 décembre
- 2003 Imago Ignota, Café Calactus, rue St. George, Moncton, N.B., Oct. 1-Dec. 7
- Rien ne sert de prédire l'avenir / No Need to Announce the Future, Galerie Léon Léger,  
L'Église Historique de Barachois, Grand-Barachois, N.-B., du 1-30 juillet
- Leaves, myths, magic, memories, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, du 1-20 février
- 2002 A première vue/ At First Glance, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, le 23 mars - 11 avril
- Vitrine culturelle, École Vanier, Moncton, le mois de mars
- 2001 Equilibrium, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, le 10 mars - 29 mars
- 2000 Recent Works/ Oeuvres récentes, Café Calactus, rue Mountain Road, Moncton, Feb. 19 - March 19
- 1999 Incubatio, ABEC, 20 Hazen Ave, St. John, NB, June 11 - August 1
- 1998 Oeuvres iconographiques sur bois, La galerie George Goguen, Moncton, Feb. 2 - Feb. 28
- Opus Circulare, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, le 4 avril - 23 avril
- Recent Works/ Oeuvres récentes, Café Calactus, rue Mountain Road, Moncton, Sept. 20 - Oct. 11
- 1997 With Soft Eyes, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, le 2 mai - 22 mai
- The Golden Bees / Les abeilles dorées, Joie de Vivre, Riverside-Albert, le 15 juin - 20 juillet
- Oeuvres récentes / Recent Work, La planche a fromage, rue main, Moncton, janvier, septembre
- 1996 Recent Works/ Oeuvres récentes, Café Calactus, rue Mountain Road, Moncton, Decembre
- Liberté en Vol, Café Terra Nova, Moncton, Février
- Woman Rising en trois... six... neuf... , Galerie 12, Centre Culterel Aberdeen, Mai/May
- 1994 Recent Work, Café Bleu, Moncton
- 1993 9 Mandalas - Une neuvaine, Joe Moka Café, Moncton
- 1992 Épisode-été. Public installation by artists of the Atlantic Region, Fancy Pokket Restaurant, Moncton
- Femme en émergence, Connexion Gallery, Fredericton, N.B.
- By the Wayside, Bibliothèque publique / Public Library, Moncton
- 1991 Femme en émergence, Galerie d'Art de l'Université de Moncton, Moncton
- Collages, Fancy Pokket Restaurant, Moncton
- Oeuvres récentes / Recent work, Marysville Place, Bibliothèque publique/Public Library, Fredericton
- Fleurs et fantaisie, Lexitech, Moncton
- Transformation, Support to Single Mothers, Moncton
- La Sortie, Galerie d'art de l'Hôtel de ville /City Hall Art Gallery, Moncton
- 1990 Temenos, Galerie Sans Nom, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, Moncton
- 1985 Souvenirs d'existence, Galerie d'Art de l'Université de Moncton, Moncton
- 1984 The Gathering, Connexion Gallery, Fredericton, N.B.
- Installation, Galerie Sans Nom, Ceentre Culturel Aberdeen, Moncton
- 1981 Voyages, Mini Galerie de Radio-Canada, Moncton
- 1979 La Mitaine, Moncton, N.B.

## EXPOSITIONS DE GROUPES / GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2013 Auction / Fundraiser, "An Evening of Art," Autumn House, Amherst, NS, Jan. 26
- Auction / Fundraiser, "Sweetest Little Thing," A poem by Marilyn Lerch, with  
art work by Elaine Amyot, Owen's Art Gallery, Sackville, NB, Feb. 14
- Auction / Fundraiser, Cumberland Health Care Foundation, Amherst, NS, April 27
- Group Show, "Fleurs – Flowers," Galerie Léon Léger, l'Église historique de Barachois,  
Grand Barachois, NB, 1 août – 31 août

- 2012 Auction / Fundraiser, Autumn House, Amherst, NS, Feb. 18  
Auction / Fundraiser, "Kiss My Cancer," Friends of the Moncton Hospital,  
Delta Beausejour Hotel, Moncton, NB, May 24  
Group Show, "Envol – Flight," Galerie Léon Léger, l'Église historique de Barachois,  
Grand Barachois, NB, August – September  
Group Show, Dieppe Arts and Culture Centre, Dieppe, NB, Nov.  
Group Show, Galerie S.A., Moncton, NB, November  
Auction / Fundraiser, Adoption NB, Fredericton, NB, Nov.
- 2011 Auction / Fundraiser, For the Beaverbrook Art Gallery, Delta Beausejour, Moncton, NB
- 2009 The Future of Peace, UNB Art Centre, Fredericton, NB, March 8 – April 17  
Group Show / exposition de group, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, July - August
- 2008 Art en boîte, Imago print studio, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, le 14 février  
Exposition 12 x 12, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, July - August  
Group Show / exposition de group, La Teraz Gallery, 154 Church St., Moncton, July – December  
Pour la paix, École Champlain, 211 chemin Mill, Moncton, le mois de septembre  
L'Art de l'appréciation, R.B.C.Dominion Securities Inc. and Royal Bank of Canada, Curated by  
Maurice Henri, Bank of Montreal Building, 633 Main, Moncton, le 16 octobre.  
Magnum Opus / Gala Art Auction, Delta Beausejour, le 26 octobre  
Magnum Opus Group Exhibition, Moncton Public Library, October 1- 26  
Art Studio Tours, La Teraz, 154 Church Street, Moncton, November 1-2  
Auction / Encan pour la choeur Neil Michaud, Capitol Theatre, Moncton, le 30 novembre
- 2007 Group Show, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, July20 – Sept. 9  
15th Anniversary Exhibition, Joie de Vivre, Riverside-Albert, NB, July 22 to September 9  
Painting the Psalms / Peintre les Psaumes, The Atrium of the Wesleyan Church, St. George  
Boulevard, Moncton, NB., April 4-24  
Themes to Come / Thèmes à Venir, Aberdeen Cultural Centre, Moncton, N.B., May and June
- 2006 Café d'artistes, Galerie d'art McKKenzie Art Gallery, 25 mai – 29 juin  
Themes to Come / Thèmes à Venir, Youth Quest Central, Moncton, N.B., May and June  
Passionate Arts, Attic Owl Bookshop, Moncton, curated by Eric Boutilier-Brown, Feb. 14  
Les couleurs des mots, traveling exhibition organized by Mario Cyr
- 2005 Canadian Mental Health Association / L'association Canadienne pour la santé mentale. L'exposition  
et vente d'œuvres d'art – journées de la Marguerite. April 30 / le 30 avril.  
Art exposition at the Homeless Hotel and the Ou La La Café. Fundraiser for Moncton Youth Residences.  
June.  
Seven Over Seventy / Sept sur septante. Atelier 585, Annapolis Royal, NS. June 17-July 6.  
Juried Exhibition. Moncton Gallery at City Hall. July.  
Dieppe Kite International / l'international du cerf-volant à Dieppe. August 11-15 / le 11-15 août  
Artists Studio Tour / Visites des Ateliers des Artistes. Moncton. September 14 / le 14 septembre  
All That Jazz. Moncton Public Library Fundraiser. October 23 / le 23 octobre.  
La Couleur des mots / The Colour of words. Concept de Mario Cyr. Collection Café André, Shediac,  
NB; Café Phare, Caraquet, NB; Café Maelstrom, Moncton, NB. Dec., 2005 to April 2006.
- 2004 L'acadie au pays de Jeanne Mance, la chapelle du collège Diderot, Langes, France, 16 avril-18 mai  
Expo-Art, an exhibition organized by Frameworks for the Northrop Frye International Literary Festival,  
Delta Beausejour Hotel, April 24-27  
Centre Samuel de Champlain, Saint Jean, NB, agence de mise en marché d'oeuvres, juin  
Artiste de la galerie, Joie de Vivre, Riverside-Albert, NB, 12 juin-10 octobre  
Group Show, Green House on Main, Shediac, NB, April - September  
Early Artists of Acadie / Les premiers artistes acadiens, Moncton Museum / musée de moncton,  
20 Mountain Road, June 17 - September 10  
Hommage aux artistes acadien(ne)s, Heron Bay Gallery / Galerie de la baie de hêron, Shediac, juillet  
Chemin du Monde Acadien, congrès mondial des Acadiens, Nouvelle-Écosse, le 23 juillet-15 août

- Exposition de membres, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, Moncton, juillet - aout  
 Juried Show, Gallery at Moncton City Hall, July 5 - August 5  
 Encan annuel des Sentinelles de la rivière Petitcodiac, Hotel Delta Beauséjour, Moncton, Festival du vin d'été et dégustation de fruits de mer / Atlantic Seafood Festival, le 21aout / Aug. 21  
 Eco-Art Festival, Cape Jourimain, NB, September 11-12  
 All That Jazz, activité de collect de fonds, la bibliothèque publique de Moncton, le 17 octobre
- 2003 Group Show, Joie de Vivre, Riverside-Albert, June 12 - October 12  
 Encan annuel des Sentinelles de la rivière Petitcodiac, Capitol Theatre, Moncton, November  
 Les Bardeaux d'Acadie, Mairie du XVI arrondissement, 71 Ave. Henri Martin, Paris, France du 16-25 octobre  
 Eco-Art Festival, Cape Jourimain, N.B., Sept. 6 & 7  
 Festival des Arts Visuels en Atlantique, Caraquet, N.-B., 2-6 juillet  
 Juried Exhibition, The Gallery at Moncton City Hall, July 7-Sept. 4
- 2002 Étoile, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, le 10 dec - 6 jan  
 Juried Exhibition, The Gallery at Moncton City Hall, June through September  
 Galerie d'art de Shediac, juin - juillet  
 10th Anniversary Exhibition, Joie de Vivre, Riverside-Albert, August through October  
 Recreating Paradise, Joie de Vivre, Riverside-Albert, June through August
- 2001 La parenté, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, le 2 dec - 4 janvier  
 Encan annuel des Sentinelles de la rivière Peticodiac, Moncton, le decembre  
 Juried Exhibition, The Gallery at Moncton City Hall, June through September
- 2000 Solstice d'hiver, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, le 27 nov, 99 - 6 jan  
 Art en boîte, Imago print studio, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, le 14 février  
 Claustrophobia / Claustrophobe, The Space Gallery, St. John,  
 Aquaculture Conference Exhibition, Seacoast Gallery, St. Andrews, July 21 - 28  
 Moncton Regional Artists Juried Exhibition, Moncton Gallery at City Hall, July 1 - August 30  
 Group Show, Galerie d'art, Maison Pascal Poirier, Shediac, June 23 - August 25  
 Group Show, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, July - Sept  
 Group Show, Joie de Vivre, Riverside-Albert, July - August  
 Présence27, Galerie d'art université de Moncton, Moncton, June 7 - Sept 10
- 1969-99 Not included / pas incluses

## **BÉNÉVOLAT / VOLUNTEER WORK**

- 2004-07 Cultural Committee, Alliance Français, Moncton  
 2003 Art Committee, Moncton Public Library, Member from 1990 through 2003.  
 2000 Crossroads for Women, Moncton, NB  
 1998 Mandala Workshop, Riverside Consolidated School, Riverside, N.B., October  
 1993-97 Art Presentation Teaching, District # 2, N.B.  
 Art Presentation Teaching, Moncton Museum, N.-B.  
 Théâtre Capitol Theatre, Moncton, N.B.
- 1993-92 2 Sessions of Art and Healing, Hospice / Palliative Care, Shediac, N.B.  
 1990-94 Art Committee, Moncton City Hall Art Gallery  
 Member of Moncton Cancer Support Group
- 1990 Membre du comité Moncton 100 (arts visuels) / Committee member for Moncton 100 (visual arts)  
 Lectrice du prix de littérature Moncton 100/ Reader for Literature Award for Moncton 100
- 1985 Ecumenical Youth Services, Committee Chairperson, St. James Anglican Church, Moncton, N.B.  
 Membre du comité Mail Art - Peace, Galerie d'art de l'Université de Moncton, N.B.
- 1978-80 Galerie Sans Nom, Moncton, N.B., Membre du conseil d'administration / Board member  
 1970-74 Hopwell Cape Library, Board member, Story Telling, Crafts  
 1968-85 Moncton Art Society, Vice President for three terms  
 1964-65 École St-Bruno, Québec, Secrétaire / Secretary

## MENTION SPÉCIALE / SPECIAL MENTION

- 1990 Médaille comémorative de Moncton en témoignage de reconnaissance de la ville pour services exceptionnels rendus à la communauté.  
Moncton Commemorative Medallion in recognition of outstanding contribution to the community of Moncton.

## COLLECTIONS

Galerie d'art, Université de Moncton  
Banque d'oeuvres d'art du N.B. Art Bank Selection  
Centre communautaire Ste-Anne, Fredericton, N.B.  
Ville de Moncton / City of Moncton, N.B.  
Syntact Consulting Inc., Rothsay and Moncton, NB  
Collections privées / Private collections  
La Senatrice Viola Léger

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2012 The Moncton Times & Transcript, May 4, 2012, Book review of *The Seven Gates : A Memoir of a Descent*, article by Linda Hersey.
- 2010 *The Seven Gates : A Memoir of a Descent*, by Elaine Amyot. Published by Attic Owl Books, Dieppe, NB.  
*The Breach House Anthology*, Edited by Edward Lemond and Lee D. Thompson, published By Breachhouse Books, Barachois, NB, containing an excerpt from *The Seven Gates : A Memoir of a Descent*.
- 2006 L'Acadie Nouvelle, le 20 avril, « Un hommage à la beauté de la nature »  
Le 4<sup>e</sup> numéro de la revue *Ancrages*, Illustration de la couverture – peinture par Elaine Amyot, « terre brûlée »  
Le 3<sup>e</sup> numéro de la revue *Ancrages*, Illustration de la couverture – peinture par Elaine Amyot, « tranquillité soudaine »  
Yesterday I Thought Winter - poems by Edward Lemond, cover illustration by Elaine Amyot, "Soul Matter"
- 2003 L'Acadie Nouvelle, le 30 juin, "Beauté, vieillesse et bonheur sur toiles selon Elaine Amyot"
- 2001 L'Acadie Nouvelle, le 3 octobre, review of the catalogue, *Présence27*
- 2000 L'Acadie Nouvelle, le 8 juin, review of the exhibition, *Présence27*
- 1999 The Times Globe, June 28, "3 in One" - Review of the Group Show at ABEC by Paul Healy
- 1998 Le Journal, le 7 février, "Les tableaux vivants d'Elaine Amyot" par Denis Roy  
L'Acadie nouvelle, février, "Je travaille d'après ma vie intérieure" de Elaine Amyot par Sylvie Mousseau  
L'E muet par Georges Bourgeois, Editions d'Acadie, Illustration de la couverture - peinture de Elaine Amyot
- 1997 Ven'd'est, numero 76, "L'association comme rituel artistique chez Elaine Amyot" par Lise Robichaud  
Times & Transcript, Oct. 10, "Circle of Life" by Rhonda Whittaker  
L'Acadie Nouvelle, le 30 sept., "Les mandalas a la bibliotheque" par Francois Gravel  
Times & Transcript, May 20, "Soft Eyes and Creative Spirit" by Jenn Goddu
- 1996 L'Acadie Nouvelle du 11 mai - 17 mai, "Se rendre la vie plus douce" par David Lonergan
- 1994 Editions d'Acadie, illustrations "Prisonniere des mongols" par Elaine Amyot  
Art - 1 - facts, catalogue for Kim Snider written by Elaine Amyot  
Times & Transcript, June 24 - July 2, "Art is all an affair of the heart" - a review by Elaine Amyot  
Dimensions, Summer/Fall, "The Art Scene" and "Three Small Gardens" by Elaine Amyot  
Arts Atlantic, Fall 1994, Lynne Ciacco: "The Maritime Series" by Elaine Amyot  
Arts Atlantic, Fall 1994, Elizabeth Bolton & Kate Munro, review by Elaine Amyot
- 1993 Arts Atlantic, Fall 1993, Angelo Evelyn: "Blood pump and other themes" by Elaine Amyot

- 1992 Arts Atlantic, Spring / Summer 1992, "Illness and Healing" by Robert Pope, review by Elaine Amyot  
Pottersfield Portfolio, Cover for Spring / Summer 1992  
"Shout and Speak Out Loud" - Wild East Publication, 7 illustrations
- 1991 Arts Atlantic, Fall 1991, "Elaine Amyot: Transformations" - Article by Heather Oke  
Dimensions, December, "Images from the Unconscious ... the art of Elaine Amyot" by Norma Joan Paul
- 1984 Arts Atlantic, July, "Elaine Amyot" Galerie Sans Nom, Moncton, 3-30 April - Article by Gillian Bond

## OTHER

- 2013 Atelier mandala, Centre culturel Aberdeen, Moncton, NB, le 14 mars  
Guest speaker, Café d'artistes, Press Club, Moncton, NB, le 26 juin  
Atelier mandala, Maison Pascal Poirier, Shediac, NB, le 26 juillet  
Commissioned work of art, Wedding Ceremony, La Teraz, Moncton, Aug. 7
- 2010 *A Question of Beauty*, a documentary by filmmaker Colleen Furlotte. Participating artist/actor.
- 2008 Atelier mandala, Alliance française, le 18 janvier, le 15 février, le 8 mai, le 9 juin  
Artiste participante, VIATVA, The Magazine Via, Inc., Les productions Rivard, 354 rue Marion, Winnipeg  
(filmed interview and mandala session)  
Coordinatrice avec Alberta Schaap, Art exhibition and sale of works by Gerard Schaap (1924-1981)  
(Held at the Attic Owl Bookshop, 115 Queen Street, Moncton, May 24)
- 2004 Atelier de Mandala, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, le 19 mars
- 2003 2 Ateliers de Mandala, Centre Culturel Aberdeen
- 2002 Artiste participante, "Artiste dans l'âme", Cinimage, Moncton  
Artiste participante, "Palmarès"  
2 Ateliers de Mandala, Centre Culturel Aberdeen
- 2001 Publication du catalogue, Présence27  
3 Ateliers de Mandala, Centre Culturel Aberdeen
- 2000 Atelier de Mandala, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, le 5 février  
Coordinatrice avec Lise Robichaud, Exposition Présence27, GAUM, de 7 juin - 10 sept  
Atelier de Mandala, Maliseet women at St. Mary's Reserve, Sept 7
- 1999 Les jeux de la francophonie, Juge - arts visuels, Memramcook, August 19  
Cours en arts visuels aux étudiants, dans le cadre du Sommet de la Francophonie  
exposition a la Bibliothèque de Moncton le 27 août - 30 sept  
*Les trois soeurs*, actor dans le film de Marie-Claire Dugas produced by Connections, Moncton  
Ateliers de Mandala/Mandala Workshop, Moncton Art Society, N.B. Community College, January 16
- 1998 Healing Through Mandala Making, Hospice/Palliative Care, Shediac, N. B.  
Women Healing Through the Arts, Villa Madonna, Renforth, N. B., Starseed Communications, July 24-26
- 1997 Ateliers de Mandala, Galerie 12, Centre Culturel Aberdeen, le 2 mai - 10 mai  
Mandalas: A collection from workshops given by Elaine Amyot, Moncton public library, le 27 sept.-23 oct.
- 1996 Trajectoires, SRC, novembre, Peut-on guerir du Cancer, la vie du peintre Elaine Amyot  
Women and Art - Les femmes et l'art, International day of the woman, March 8, Guest Speaker
- 1995-97 Workshops on Mandala Making, Support to Single Parents, Moncton  
Rotary Lodge, Dieppe  
Hospice Palliative Care, Shediac, NB