



Debbie Brady

PHOTOGRAPHIC ART

RESUME

Profile

Results-oriented graphic-design professional with over 20 years experience successfully serving businesses across Canada and internationally at sole-proprietor boutique firm, Graphically Speaking. Adept at directing photoshoots for print and digital solutions. In 2013 began journey to become skilled behind the camera instead of next to it, garnering awards early on. Enjoys a variety of photographic genres but passionately and professionally gravitated to abstracts. Living in Tyne Valley, PEI—located on the Canadian Oyster Coast and home to the Canadian Oyster Shucking Competition—photographing oyster shells was a natural fit. Created “Oyster Art”: a niche collection of photographic abstracts using very specialized macro photography techniques to capture nature’s beauty hidden in small areas of an oyster shell. Clients in US and across Canada. Large format artwork, (rag cotton, gallery canvas and acrylic) invites viewers into a miniature world they may otherwise never explore.

Education

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- Photography and Visual Design Workshop: Freeman Patterson & Andre Gallant (Sept 2022, St Martins, NB)
- Online Workshop: Out of Chicago Live (April 24–26, 2020)
- Macro Photography Conference, Cleveland Ohio (October 2019)
- Workshop: “Going Abstract: Inspire, Discover, Imagine” Charlottetown, PE (November 2018)
- Macro Photography Conference, Cleveland Ohio (October 2018)
- Havana Street Photography Workshop w/Dan Callis Photography, Cuba (2016)
- *Presented overview to PEI Photography Club, Charlottetown (2016)*
- Three photography courses w/Oliver Childs Photography, PE (2013)

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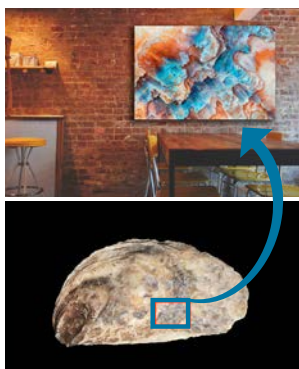
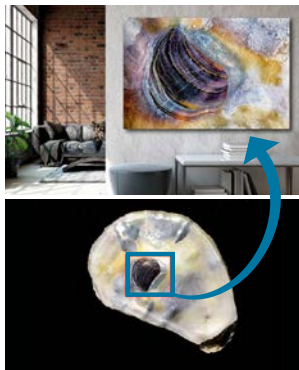
- Graphic Design Diploma (1999), Holland College, Charlottetown, PE
- *Highest skill ranking ever attained by a first year student. First graphic design student to receive the Glendenning Award—based on student’s abilities in the area of leadership, innovation and entrepreneurship*
- French Immersion Course for Civil Servants (1995–1997)
- Immersion d’été, Université Sainte-Anne (1994)
- Prince Edward Island Teacher Certification, Level IV (1994)
- Bachelor of Nursing Degree Distinction (1976) Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS

Exhibitions & Galleries

- Macro > Larger Than Life: International Juried Photography Exhibition (Sept 2022, Praxis Gallery, Minnesota).
- Hilda Woolnough Gallery: PEI launch of “[Oyster Art: The Book](#)” and art exhibit (June 2022, The Guild, PE)
- The Dunes Gallery: One large format Limited Edition, one large and three small Open Editions on display. (2020, Brackley, PE)
- Opened “Oyster Art & Other Abstracts” Gallery at Tyne Valley home (August 2019)
- *Displays large format artworks plus a selection of small framed pieces. All for sale.*
- Personal exhibit of nine new 24x36 images (fine art prints), one image was also displayed as 36x36 canvas in floater frame, and 20x60 acrylic (Aug 28, 2019 at Valley Pearl Oysters, Tyne Valley, PE)
- The Dunes Gallery: Three large format Limited Editions on display. Two sold (2019, Brackley, PE)
- PEI Government Art Bank purchased two artworks (Spring 2019)
- PEI Photography Club 33rd, 34th & 35th Exhibitions (2014–17, The Guild, Charlottetown, PE)
- Red Sands Photography Club Exhibition (2014, Eptek Centre, Summerside, PE)

Photography Presentations & [Media](#)

- Feature article “Island Artist Unlocks Hidden Beauty in Oyster Shells” (December 2022, Island Edition, PE)
- Feature article “Oyster Art, a microcosm inside an oyster shell” (October 2022, National Geographic Japan)
- Oyster Art selected as one of four PEI artisan works featured on [National CTV’s The Marilyn Denis Show](#) (June 2021)
- Artist Profile in National Quarterly Magazine “Home in Canada” Winter 2020 Edition
- “The Vastness of Tiny Things: A Prince Edward Island photographer captures images of oysters to create unusual and fascinating artworks”— BY ELISABETH KALBFUSS
- Oyster Ninja Podcast: “[Oyster Art: Debbie Brady creator of Photographic Fine Art](#)” (September 2020, interviewed by host Gardner Douglas)
- Interviewed by Matt Rainnie CBC Radio Mainstreet PEI about special fundraiser artwork (January 2020)
- Artwork “Phoenix” coverage on CBC TV PEI Compass and CBC TV Atlantic Tonight (January 2020)
- Featured artist PEI Living Magazine, “[Arts & Entertainment - Women in the Spotlight](#)” (2019 Fall Issue)



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- Guest speaker and exhibit: Cape Bear Lighthouse Annual Symposium (September 2019, Murray River, PE) *Macro photography, overview of oysters and process to create artwork; displayed and sold artwork, Q&A*
- Interviewed by Nancy Russell, CBC Online Post "Oyster Art: How a PEI artist finds inspiration in close-up photos of shells (July 2019)
- Speaker at online Speech Afire Toastmasters meeting. Title: "Great Exposure" (July 2019)
- PEI Photography Club Charlottetown, PE (Spring 2019) *Created slideshows and videos about Macro photography techniques, equipment, overview of artwork, Q&A*
- Feature artist "The Search for Hidden Beauty" by Virginia Schaffer (www.theladyoyster.com July 2019)

Awards

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- One of six finalists at PEI Business Women's PitchFest Competition (July 2022, Charlottetown, PE)
- Awarded "Accredited Professional Photographer of Canada" Category Fine Art/Photo Decor (February 2020)
- PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada, Multicultural event and photography competition 1st place "DiverseCity 2018 Photo Contest"
- PEI Photography Club 35th Annual Print Exhibit 2017 (The Guild, Charlottetown, PE) 1st place "Best in Show"; 1st place "Photographers Choice"; Honourable Mention "Photographer's Choice"
- PEI Photography Club 34th Annual Print Exhibit 2016 (The Guild, Charlottetown, PE) 1st, 2nd & 3rd place "Best in Show"; 1st & 2nd place "Photographers Choice"
- PEI Photography Club 33rd annual print show 2015 (The Guild, Charlottetown, PE) 1st & 2nd place "Food Photography"

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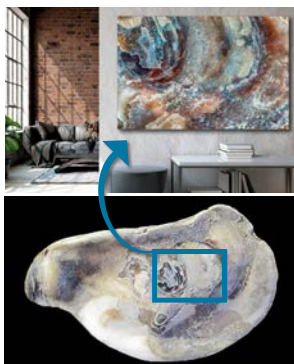
- Distinguished Toastmaster Award—highest award bestowed by Toastmasters International, recognises superior level of achievement in both communication and leadership. (May 2020)

Experience

- Launched Debbie Brady Photographic Art (2018–present)
- Self employed graphic designer, Graphically Speaking (2000–present)
- Analytic-OR & AOR Web Solutions: associate & designer (2011–present)
- Prince Edward Island Preserve Company: designer & administrative assistant (1999–2009) Organized and Implemented Visual Arts Festivals in Gardens of Hope (2014-2015)
- John J. Sark Elementary, Lennox Island, PE (1990–1996) *Regular part-time teacher: core French, music in English and Micmac*

Associations

- Accredited Professional Photographer of Canada PPOC Juried review of 10 artworks (2020–present)
- North Cape Coastal Drive (2020–present)
- CARFAC (national association of visual artists) (2019)
- West Prince Chamber of Commerce (2017–2020)
- Toastmasters International (2016–present)
- 100 Women Who Care (2015–2016)
- PEI Photography Club, Charlottetown PE (2014–present)
- Red Sands Photography Club, Summerside PE (2013–2015)
- Prince Edward Island Business Women's Association (2003–2016; 2019–present)
- Society of Graphic Designers of Canada (2009–2014) *Membership Chair for the Atlantic Chapter GDC (2012)*
- The Greater Summerside Chamber of Commerce (2011–2015)
- Tourism Industry Association Prince Edward Island (2012–2013)
- Kensington & Area Chamber of Commerce (2011–2012)



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