

Susan Collett

New Work 2025

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BIOGRAPHY

Susan Collett maintains a full-time studio art practice in downtown Toronto 1993-present.
BFA Printmaking with a Minor in Ceramics
Cleveland Institute of Art, USA.

Collett received her letters from the IAC, International Academy of Ceramics 2007 and Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, RCA 2008

Exhibitions:

Gyeonggi Ceramics Biennale 2024
ICAF International Ceramic Art Fair
Gardiner Museum Of Ceramic Art Toronto 2023
Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery 2023
Paper Clay Illuminated USA touring 2020-21
Keramion Museum Germany 2019
Sandra Ainsley Gallery Toronto 2017
Toronto International Art Fair 2013-2016
Korean Biennale 2012 / 2015
Taiwan Biennale 2012
SOFA Chicago / New York / Palm Beach
Toronto International Art Fair

Collections:

The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts,
Canada House Trafalgar Square UK,
Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art, Toronto,
Sévres Porcelain Museum Paris,
The Kasturbhai Lalbhai Museum India
Arizona State University Museums USA
The Gyeonggi Museum Korea,
The Burlington Art Gallery, Canada
The Canadian Clay & Glass Gallery























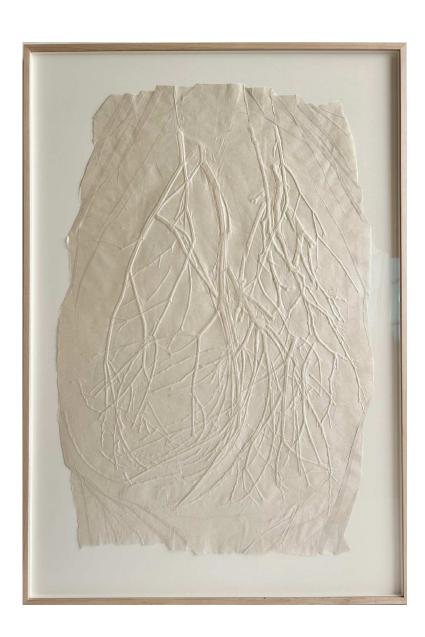














































STATEMENT

I live and work in Toronto, Canada with 32 years of a full-time studio practice in the city. Clay and printmaking are the focus of my exploration.

A BFA major in printmaking with a minor in ceramics from the Cleveland Institute of Art USA.

I was a student and studio assistant of Judith Salomon, USA, a professional exhibiting artist, with whom I learned invaluable skills of studio practices. International residencies in France, China, Scotland and Israel have also informed my works.

The sculpture derives from the interest in the tension of strength against fragility and as I push the work to the edge of physical collapse, this theme becomes more potent.

Feeling a world weighted by tension, I am responding to the push and pull of the exterior world up against my inner world of emotions, compelled to depict a tension between the strength and fragility that I find coexists in all things.

Drawing from studies in printmaking and my ongoing drawing practice, the sculptures are hand-built of clay with a wire substructure and multi-fired. The wire provides a support system for fine lines and tendrils of clay in braided, twisted, and liquid slip form. This approach connects directly to my drawing practice also allowing light and air to penetrate the works.

Turning the sculpture, over multiple firings, adds movement and gesture to the work and creates a metamorphosis of form, an ongoing engagement with the clay and wire materials. Multi-firing provides a cumulative layering of information, ultimately pointing to regeneration.

Keeping a daily sketchbook limbers the hand and mind coordination so that when I am in direct contact with the clay, intense enjoyment arises from direct action, without preparatory layouts, drawing me into an improvised act. This allows me to let go into a world full of chaos, defying against gravity, even on the brink of collapse, hope can be found out of turmoil.



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