

Laurie Simko is an oil painter and collage artist who explores many subjects: still lifes, portraits and the natural world. Her award-winning work is exhibited in galleries and organizations throughout New England and NYC including the affiliations listed below. She is the recipient of two Mass Cultural Council Grants for two solo exhibitions featuring twenty portraits of nurses and their stories during the 2020 pandemic.

Simko grew up in the Greater Boston area in Massachusetts. She graduated from California Institute of the Arts in Valencia, CA with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. Her career includes:

- Art director and graphic designer in several advertising and high-tech firms in the Boston area
- Design Director at Apollo and Hewlett-Packard for twelve years
- Owner and President of Simko Eye Design, a web and print, graphic design business for 25 years
- Gallery Committee member for ten years and Co-Curator for three years at the Loading Dock Gallery in Lowell, MA
- Chelmsford Center for the Arts Advisory Committee member for three years in Chelmsford, MA

Simko currently paints full-time and co-manages/teaches art classes with Lowell Learns, an art outreach program for children and adults.

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

Mass Cultural Council grant for 'Gratitude & Solace', a solo exhibition at the Brush Gallery, Lowell, MA, 2021

Mass Cultural Council grant for 'Thank You Heroes' a solo exhibition at the Chelmsford Center for the Arts, Chelmsford, MA, 2021

Cambridge Art Association 'Mary Schein Annual Exhibition', 2022, Best in Show Mary Schein Award

Concord Art Members' Juried 1 Show', 2021, 'Award for Excellence'

Duxbury Art Association Winter Juried Show, 2018, First Place in Oils

'Mill City Inspirations', Solo exhibition, 2009. Best in Show

## SOLO AND 2-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

### **Brush Art Gallery, Lowell, MA**

'Gratitude & Solace', Solo exhibition 2021 Sponsored by a Mass Cultural Council grant

### **Chelmsford Center for the Arts Gallery, Chelmsford, MA**

'Thank You Heroes', Solo exhibition 2021 Sponsored by a Mass Cultural Council grant  
Chelmsford Center for the Arts

### **Concord Art Association, Concord, MA**

'Near and Far', 2-person exhibition in the Members' Gallery, 2014

### **Gallery Z, Lowell, MA**

'Nature Seen & Imagined', Lowell, MA 2-person exhibition, 2024

### **Helen Bumpus Gallery, Duxbury, MA**

'Lush Life', Solo exhibition, 2019

### **Lawrence Academy Conant Gallery, Groton, MA**

'Complex Systems', 2-person exhibition, 2019

### **Loading Dock Gallery, Lowell, MA**

"Natural Selection", 2-person exhibition, 2015

'Metaphorically Speaking', 2-Person exhibition, 2010

### **Rockport Art Association, Rockport, MA**

Solo exhibition, 2018

### **Wellfleet Public Library**

Solo exhibition, Wellfleet, MA. 2006

## **Arts League of Lowell**

'Mill City Inspirations', Solo exhibition, 2009 (won Best in Show)

## **JURIED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

### **Arts League of Lowell Gallery**

On-going exhibitions since 2006

### **ArtSpace Maynard**

'Women Looking at Women', Invitational Group Exhibition, 2018

### **Belmont Art Gallery**

'More Than Word' 2022

'Bits & Pieces', Juried show, 2022

'Flora & Fauna', invitational show, 2022

### **Brush Art Gallery, Lowell, MA**

Annual Juried Members' Exhibitions on-going since 2010

### **Cambridge Art Association**

'Mary Schein Annual Exhibition', 2022 (won Mary Schein Award') and 2024

'RED' Series Juried Exhibition, 2011, 2020

'BLUE' Series Juried Exhibition, 2010, 2021

### **Concord Art Association**

'BIRDS' 2024

'Members' Juried 1 Show', 2024, 2021 won 'Award for Excellence', 2019, 2018, 2017, 2013, 2012, 2011

'Members' Juried 2 Show', 2023, 2019, 2018, 2016

'RODDY Show', 2015, 2016

### **Copley Society of Art, Boston, MA**

'Small Works', 2011-2020

Juried Members' Winter Show', 2020, 2012

'Unexpected', Juried Members' Show, 2015

'Juried Members' Summer Show', 2012

'Matter, Medium & Meaning, A Contemporary Still Life Show', 2011

### **Cove Gallery, Gloucester, MA**

'Call & Response' 5-person invitational exhibition, 2023

### **Danforth Museum of Art, Framingham, MA**

'Off the Wall" Exhibition, Annual Juried Show 2015, 2011

'Community of Artists" Exhibition', Annual Juried Show, 2014

### **Duxbury Art Association, Duxbury, MA**

Winter Juried Show, 2022, 2019, 2018, First Place in Oils

### **Loading Dock Gallery, Lowell, MA**

'Living in America' 2024

'5 Connect' 2024, 5-person invitational exhibition

'Full Bloom' 2023

### **Mass Audubon, Moose Hill Gallery, Sharon, MA**

'Merging Light & Texture in Unexpected Ways', 3-person , 2012

'Transforming Nature's Metaphors', 3-person Show, Sharon, MA, 2010

### **National Association of Women Artists, NYC, NY**

'Self-Awareness & Love', Wedeman Gallery, 2024

'FEMALE', Berkshire Art Museum, 2023

'New Members' Show', NYC, 2016

Botannica', Cahoon Museum, 2016

'Breaking Ground', Centennial Gallery, 2016

## **Rockport Art Association**

'Rockport Art Association National Show' 2020  
On-going group shows from 2016-2023

## **Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester, MA**

'Call & Response' Invitational 5-person exhibition, 2023  
'In Motion', Juried Group Show, 2023

## **Whistler House Museum, Lowell, MA**

'Kingdom Animalia', Won Juror's Choice Award, 2023  
'Rockport at the Whistler', 2019  
'Lowell: A Homecoming', 2017  
'Lowell As We See It',  
'Juried Members' Exhibition', on-going since 2010

## **CURRENT AND PAST AFFILIATIONS**

Arts League of Lowell, Lowell, MA

Brush Art Gallery, Lowell, MA

Cambridge Art Association, Cambridge, MA

Chelmsford Center for the Arts, Chelmsford, MA

Chelmsford Center for the Arts Advisory Board, Chelmsford, MA

Chelmsford Art Society, Chelmsford, MA

Concord Art Association, Concord, MA

Copley Society of Art, Boston, MA

Danforth Museum, Framingham, MA

Duxbury Art Association, Duxbury, MA

National Association of Women Artists, NYC and Boston

Rockport Art Association, Rockport, MA

Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester, MA

Western Ave Studios, Lowell, MA

Whistler House Museum of Art, Lowell, MA