

A BIT OF HISTORY

For over 45 years, my paintings have reflected my surroundings and personal experiences that have occurred in various chapters of my life.

I was born in Philadelphia, Pa. To Ukrainian immigrant parents and attended the Philadelphia College of Art graduating with a BFA in painting.

Wanting to be part of an art colony, I moved to Woodstock, NY, where I began my artistic career in the midst of a thriving and well-established hub for the arts. It was a perfect place to get a footing as an independent and working young artist.

In 1980 I moved to Brooks, ME along with dozens of artists who put their creative roots down. We built homes, raised our children, worked, gardened and did our art. A prolific art community was born in Belfast, ME. I was one of the original founding members of 'Art fellows' the first ever cooperative gallery in town. It grew into an important exhibition and gathering space for emerging and prominent artists. For 42 years I've lived, painted, exhibited, taught, and have been a part of the artistic fiber in this robust community.

In the late 80's and 90's I worked with the Maine Arts Commission as an artist in residence to a host of schools. This experience led me to direct my own school 'The Art Annex' for 6 years. I have taught publicly and privately for 30 years. Most recently, I was the director of the 'Ironwood' art program, for troubled teens in Morrill ME for 16 years.

Other venues in my artistic career include: curatorial work in Woodstock, NY, and Ellsworth ME, designing book jackets for Thorndike press, illustrating 2 children's books for Down East publishers, and proliferating the art of the 'Pysanka', a Ukrainian decorated egg, in workshops throughout the state of Maine.

Selected Museum and University exhibits include: The Farnsworth Museum, ME The Gilley Museum, ME Museum of Russian Icons, MA University of Southern ME Unity College ME Lesley University, Cambridge MA University of the Arts, Phila. PA

Selected exhibitions include: The Ukrainian Art Ass., NYC Bluestone Patio NY

The Caldbeck Gallery, Rockland, ME Aarhus Gallery, Belfast, ME Boston State House Prince Street Gallery, NYC Fountain St. Gallery, Boston, MA Belfast, Bangor, Camden, Ellsworth and Tenants Harbor Libraries in ME Waterfall Arts, Belfast, ME Littlefield Gallery, Winter Harbor, ME

Solo and 2 person exhibits since 2010: Caldbeck Gallery, Rockland, ME Betts Gallery, Belfast, ME Lesley University, Cambridge, MA Pace Galleries, Fryeburg Academy, ME CMCA (Center for Maine Contemporary Art) Rockport ME Worcester Arts, Worcester, MA Cove Street Arts, Portland, ME Kaufman Arcade, Garment District Alliance, NYC Museum of Russian Icons, Clinton, MA

Most recent acquisitions have been by the Alex Katz Foundation.