

# Bobbi Mastrangelo

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## Biography

Bobbi Mastrangelo was born in Youngstown, Ohio May 16, 1937.

## Education

BS Elementary Education, SUNY Buffalo, NY; Art Studies at SUNY Stony Brook, NY; Printmaking at Suffolk Community College Selden, NY; studied printmaking with Gail Cohen Edelman, Clare Romano, John Ross and Dan Welden. Paper making at Manhattan Graphics Center & Women's Studio Workshop of Rosendale, NY.

## Teaching

**1959-1966** Taught Elementary Grades: Smithtown Central School District  
**1989-1999** Title I Tutor K – 5: Smithtown Elementary School, Smithtown NY

## Art Theme

Bobbi Mastrangelo's art incorporates manhole and water covers in urban settings. The artist challenges the viewer: to observe the inherent artistry of the early castings, to appreciate the technology and maintenance of our public utilities and roads and to promote conservation and protection of our environment.

## Media Style

Media Variety: collagraphs, cast paper, fiber art, mixed media, mono-prints, prints on Handmade paper, works on canvas, sculpture and installations. (Realistic rendering)

## Awards, Distinctions

**2018** Esther M. Bjeldanes Memorial Award for Sculpture Nat Association of Women Artists,  
**2015** Daughters of the American Revolution: National Women in the Arts Award  
**2014** "Best of Show" FL Orlando Museum of Art's 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs. Exhibit: "Inside/Out"  
**2014** Fifth Place <http://www.lightspacetime.com/cityscapes->  
**2010** The NRDC (Nat. Resources Defense Council ) Environmental Art Prize  
**2009** First Place Award in Sculpture: Osceola Center for the Arts, Kissimmee FL  
**2008** Third Place Award in Mixed Media: Osceola Center for the Arts, Kissimmee FL  
**2007** "Sewer Hall of Fame" [www.sewerhistory.org](http://www.sewerhistory.org)  
**2005** First Place Award in Sculpture: Osceola Center for the Arts, Kissimmee, FL  
**1998+** "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in the World"  
**1997** Aida Whedon Memorial Award: Nat Association of Women Artists, NYC.  
**1994** Hall of Fame Award (Art & Envir. Achievement) Maryvale H S: Cheektowaga, NY  
**1994 + 1992** SOS Grants; NY Foundation for the Arts & East End Arts Council  
**1992** Eve Helman Award: Nat Association of Women Artists, NYC.  
**1991+** "Who's Who in American Art" "Who's Who of American Women" (Marquis)

## Solo Exhibitions

**2019** "Grate Works of Art" The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach, FL  
**2016-2017** "Plastics Undercover"- "Grate Works of Art" Orlando FL History Center  
**2013** "Manhole Messages" % Islip Art Museum at Mac Arthur Airport, Ronkonkoma, NY  
**2011** "Water Works" Toho Water Authority Gallery: Kissimmee FL  
**2004** "Underfoot: Manhole & Other Covers" Attleboro Industrial Museum, MA  
**1998** "Grate Works" Baltimore, MD: Museum of Public Works  
**1997** "Permanent Collection of Grate Works" Islip Art Museum: East Islip, NY  
**1994** "Manhole Covers" Invitational, N Y Hall of Science: Corona

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## Group Exhibitions

- 2016 "Sight Unseen: Touchable Sculpture" Albin Polasek Museum, Winter Park FL
- 2014 "Best of the Best" (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday: June) Orlando Museum of Art, Florida
- 2014 "Inside/Out (1<sup>st</sup> Thursday: May) Orlando Museum of Art, Florida
- 2013 "Art in a Time of Climatological Catastrophe" WEAD Juried Exhibition
- 2012 "A Way With Words: Text in Art" Heckscher Museum of Art: Huntington, NY
- 2010 "Water S(our)ce" Gwinnett Environmental & Heritage Center: Buford, GA
- 2004 "NY Collects Buffalo State" Burchfield-Penney Art Center: Buffalo, NY
- 1999 "Winners Showcase Exhibit" Smithtown, NY Arts Council
- 1995 "Listen to the Earth" (Invitational) Hamilton College: Clinton, NY
- 1992 "City Views" Staller Arts Center SUNY: Stony Brook, NY

## Web Presence/Media

- 2016 <http://michelleward.typepad.com/michelleward/2016/10/cover-girl-bobbi-mastrangelo.html>
- 2013 <http://weadartists.org/artist/mastrangelo>
- 2011 <http://freelinemediaorlando.com/poinciana-artist-heads-to-the-orlando-museum-of-art-next-month-for-1st-thursday/>
- 2010 [http://nawaf.com/gallery/bobbi\\_mastrangelo](http://nawaf.com/gallery/bobbi_mastrangelo) Nat. Assoc. Women Artists FL
- 2012 <http://sewers.art.info.ru/archives> "Sewers of the World, Unite," Russia
- 2009 [http://celestopeatimes.com/Artist-Interviews/Art-Music\\_art-interview\\_archives](http://celestopeatimes.com/Artist-Interviews/Art-Music_art-interview_archives)
- 2007 [www.mentalcontagion.com](http://www.mentalcontagion.com) "Cause & Effect" (Sept: interview) by Sam Edsell
- 2009 <http://sewerhistory.org/grfx/misc/cultur.htm> "Sewers in our Culture" (1)
  
- 2019 Bobbi Mastrangelo by Connie Sue White: Orlando Arts Magazine May/June 2019
- 2015 "Q and A with a Grate Artist" by Mary Joye Today and Tonight Magazine: May 2015
- 2015 <http://www.themunicipal.com/2015/01/turning-manhole-covers-into-art/>
- 2012 "Solivita Sculptor at OMAs' 1st Thursday" TheLedger.com by Michael Freeman
- 2010 "Passion for Paper" Fiber Arts Mag. Jan/Feb. 2010 by Sally Hansell
- 2007 "Artist of the Month (Mar.) at OCFTA" Orlando Sentinel by Sara Sheckler
- 2003 "Beauty Under Foot" TV Park (TV Guide) Moscow, Russia by Anna Baskakova
- 2002 "Cover Girl" Newsday, LI Life: Vital Signs by Caryn Eve Murray
- 2001 "Finding Beauty in the Grate Beyond" The Baltimore Sun" by Michael Ollove
- 1999 "Art Review" New York Times by Helen Harrison (10/10)
- 1998 "Manhole Art" Oxymoron, The Fringe: Oxbridge Com.
- 1990 "The Manhole is the Message" Newsday Part II: by Susan Howard

## Radio-Television

- 2013 "Grate Works of Art" WUCF-TV PBS Artisode # 108 November 21, 2013
- 1998 Channel 12 "The Artist & Grate Works" Long Island News 12: Reporter, Sara Muller
- 1986- 1989 WUSB FM Manhole Art Interviews by W. Skretch, L. Stevens, and B. Connelly
- 1987 L. I. News, Channel 12 "Manhole Covers Fascinate St. James Artist" R. Gomez
- 1983 Inside Newsday, Channel 6 "Manhole Art " Live Interview by Karen Hasby

## Professional Memberships

Florida Sculptors Guild, Nat. Assoc. of Women Artists, NYC; FL Chapter of NAWA, Nat. Museum of Women in the Arts, Smithtown Township Arts Council, Solivita Artisans Guild and WEAD: Women Environmental Artists' Directory.

## Collectors

Crane Museum of Papermaking: Dalton, MA, Heckscher Museum: Huntington, NY, Islip Art Museum: E. Islip, NY, Loew's Hotel Corp NYC, Nassau Community College, Orange County Regional History Center; Orlando FL, Port Washington, NY Water District, Suffolk County NY Water Authority, Author- Fr. Joseph Girzone, Nat. Assoc. of Women Artists' Permanent Collection; The Jane Voorhees A. Zimmerli Art Museum; Rutgers University at New Brunswick, NJ and The Moscow Collection of World Manhole Covers.