

# Bobbi Mastrangelo

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## Biography

Bobbi Mastrangelo was born in Youngstown, Ohio in 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

**2020** "The Genius of Women in the Arts," (3<sup>rd</sup> Place) Orlando Public Library  
**2018** Esther M Bjeldanes Memorial Award for "Buckeye" NAWA Members' Exhibition  
**2015** National Women in the Arts Award, Daughters of the American Revolution  
**2014** "Best of the Best" 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize, 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays, Orlando Museum of Art: FL  
**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-painting-other-category/>  
**2010** Finalist The NRDC (Nat. Resources Defense Council ) Environmental Art Prize  
**2009** First Place Award in Sculpture: Osceola Center for the Arts, Kissimmee  
**2008** Third Place Award in Mixed Media: Osceola Center for the Arts, Kissimmee  
**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  
**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  
**1997** Aida Whedon Memorial Award: Nat Association of Women Artists, NYC.  
**1992** Eve Helman Award: Nat Association of Women Artists, NYC.  
**1991+** Marquis Listings: "Who's Who in American Art" "Who's Who Amer. Women"  
**1998+** "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in the World"

## Solo Exhibitions

**2019** "Grate Works of Art" The Cultural Center at Ponte Vedra Beach FL  
**2013** "Manhole Messages" % Islip Art Museum at Mac Arthur Airport, Ronkonkoma, NY  
**2011** "Water Works" Toho Water Authority Gallery: Kissimmee FL  
**2010** "Sewers of the World, Unite" [http://sewers.artinfo.ru/archives\\_projects](http://sewers.artinfo.ru/archives_projects)  
**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  
**1993-1999** "Water Works III" Suffolk County (NY) Water Authority

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## Group Exhibitions

- 2024 "In the Round" NAWA, FL Chapter: Orlando City Hall, Mayor's Gallery
- 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

- 2013 <http://weadartists.org/artist/mastrangelo>
- 2012 <http://freelinemediaorlando.com/artist-enters-the-age-of-cyberspace-and-all-its-benefits/>
- 2011 <http://freelinemediaorlando.com/poinciana-artist-heads-to-the-orlando-museum-of-art-next-month-for-1st-thursday/>
- 2010 [http://nawaf1.com/gallery/bobbi\\_mastrangelo](http://nawaf1.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)

## Press

- 2024 "Meet Bobbi Mastrangelo" Canvas Rebel Magazine, July
- 2014 [http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2014-04-28/news/os-orlando-museum-of-art-hosts-artist-specializing-in-manhole-covers-20140428\\_1\\_manhole-covers-orlando-museum-bobbi-mastrangelo](http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2014-04-28/news/os-orlando-museum-of-art-hosts-artist-specializing-in-manhole-covers-20140428_1_manhole-covers-orlando-museum-bobbi-mastrangelo)
- 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
- 2004 "Maryvale Alumna in Art Display at Buffalo State" Cheektowaga Times, S. Koenig
- 2003 "Beauty Under Foot" TV Park (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" Ozymoron, The Fringe: Oxbridge Com.
- 1990 "The Manhole is the Message" Newsday Part II: by Susan Howard

## Radio-Television on YouTube

- 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

Artists Registry, Arts & Science Collaborations Inc., Staten Island NY, Friends of Dard Hunter (Paper Makers) Nat. Assoc. of Women Artists, NYC; FL Chapter of NAWA, Florida Sculptors Guild, Nat. Museum of Women in the Arts, National Women's History Museum, 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; Port Washington, NY Water District; Suffolk County NY Water Authority; Author- Fr. Joseph Girzone; Nat. Assoc. of Women Artists' Permanent Collection; The Zimmerli Art Museum