

# ANDREA BLANAR

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## EDUCATION

1964 Occupational Therapy, McGill University

- Entrance Scholarship
- Hans Selye Scholarship (Faculty of Medicine, Université de Montreal)

1968 B.A. Psychology, Sir George Williams University

1979 B.F.A. Concordia University

- Magna Cum Laudae
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## ART ADVOCACY AND SERVICE

### Conseil de la Peinture du Québec (CPQ)

Vice President, Treasurer, Board Member

Committee advisor:

McGill University - 100 years of women artists at MC Gill

Québec Ministry of Culture - Intégration des arts à l'architecture et à l'environnement des édifices du Gouvernement du Québec

Québec Ministry of Culture - Funding for public and private galleries

Ville de Montreal – Les Arts en Ville

Workshop coordinator:

Substance abuse for artists, Montreal

Creative paralysis for professional artists, Montreal

Organizer, arts mentor programs for emerging and immigrant artists, Montreal with Federal Manpower- Training

Organizer, "Chroma Quebec" Traveling Exhibitions in Quebec Public galleries,

Organizer, "Pluralite-Quebec", Traveling Exhibitions, Public Galleries across Canada

### Canadian Conference of the arts (CCA)

Visual arts representative for 9 years

Board of directors 3 terms

Member of Advisory Committee on the Fate of Canada Council Art Bank

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## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Allan Memorial Institute, Royal Victoria Hospital

Community psychiatry, Albert Prevost Institute

Jewish General Hospital, Montreal-Retired 2016

Day Hospital Program/ Rehabilitation Services/Acute Care 4East/ Intensive High Care Unit/ OPD Services/ Job Experience Program.

## **Initiatives**

- Initiated occupational therapy training programs in geriatric residences, Albert Prevost Hospital and at U de M Montreal
- Created survival cooking program for low income psychiatric patients at Jewish General Hospital
- Created return to creative work programs for psychiatric clients with suffering from creative paralysis, Jewish General Hospital
- Developed programs & workshops for artists and occupational therapists on the use of art in the rehabilitation of clients in psychiatric institutions
- Organized numerous symposia & workshops on the use of creative techniques in the rehabilitation of the mentally ill at the Allan Memorial Institute and regional community centers
- Art Therapy Educational Seminars at St Joseph's Hospital & Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital in Hamilton, ON
- Created rehabilitation arts program at Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital
- Seminars and supervisions to occupational therapists on use of art in cognitive rehabilitation programs for gifted creators with psychiatric illnesses

## **World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT)**

Representative 1966-1972

Organizer 2 WFOT Symposiums in Montreal

Member of Accreditation Committee of OT Schools in Japan 1971-1972

Established Psychiatric Rehab Program for Occupational Therapy students at the Kyose School of Rehabilitation, Japan 1970-1972

## **International Social Services Japan (ISSJ) Tokyo Japan**

Created Tel Aide & Follow up Program for Adolescents with Substance Abuse for expatriates

Created individual and Group Art Therapy Program for Adolescents (Substance Abuse), Consultant, Foreign Adoptions of Japanese infants

## **University Lecturer**

Lecturer, Kyose School of Rehabilitation-Tokyo 1970-1973

Full Time Lecturer U de M, Faculte de Medicine, Ecole de Readaptation, Montreal

Lecturer, McGill – School of Physical and Occupational Therapy, Montreal

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## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Castonguay Commission: brief from Université de Montréal

President, Societe des Ergotherapeutes du Quebec 1964-1969

Executive Director, Corporation des Ergotherapeutes du Québec 1974-1977

Oversaw transfer from SEQ to CEP and implementation of Bill 250

Chair Accreditation Committee for Foreign trained occupational therapists 1974-197

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## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **Magor Foundation - Montreal**

Founder & First President  
Coordinator Fundraising Campaign -Construction of Third Phase of Foyer Hongrois  
(Housing & Services for the Geriatric Hungarian Community)  
Past President, Vice President & Board Member  
Organizer of Film Program at Foyer Hongrois  
Organizer of Art Exhibitions at Foyer Hongrois

### **Canadian Hungarian Artists Collective (CHAC)**

Founder and President  
Coordinator, Tantramar Art Symposium, Sackville, New Brunswick  
Exhibition coordinator:  
    "Reflections Canada Hungary", Stewart Hall, Pointe Claire  
    "Reflections Canada Hungary", Pier 21, Halifax  
    "Connecting", Traveling Exhibition  
    "Magyart", Exhibition & Fund Raiser  
    "Re:Insitu", Traveling Exhibitions Canada-Hungary

### **City of Outremont**

Member of Jérôme Choquette's task force against racism

### **Hungarian St Stephens Ball 1962 - 2009**

Past President, volunteer, archivist since 1962.  
Editor/published archives for 50th Anniversary 2008  
Senate Advisor, President, Promotions, Patrons, Advertising, Installations, and Publicity.  
Organized Numerous Workshops / Training Manuals/Archives

### **Montreal Hungarian Historical Society (MHHS)**

Founder, archivist, Committee member  
2006 Organized & Coordinated City Hall Exhibition: "History of Hungarians in  
Montreal", to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hungarian Revolution

### **Political Activities Liberal Party Quebec**

Interfacing with Media, Committee Group Leader  
Coordinator Telephone Committee mobilizing Voters  
Mercier riding; Coordinator Ethnic vote  
Co-Manager Mercier riding en tutelage-ethnic voters  
Member Ethnic Commission  
No Referendum Committees  
Campaigns Committees of Claude Ryan, Yves Bériault, John Parisella & Gerald Tremblay