

Curriculum Vitae
Caroline F. Butson

Education

- 1984 – 1986 Apprenticeship in Mural Painting, Mime, Drama
Teacher Training in ‘Art through Awareness & Action’
The Satok School of the Arts, Toronto, Ontario
- 1980 – 1982 Diesel Locomotive Machinist Apprenticeship, CN Rail Montreal,
Quebec
- 1976 – 1979 Bachelor of Arts, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec
- 1973 – 1976 H.S.S.G.D., The Bishop Strachan School, Toronto, Ontario

Specialized Training

- 2000 - Present Ceremonialist/Pipe Carrier,
Medicine Wheel Teachings from various First Nations elders
- 2007 Photoshop tutoring on Macintosh platform with Inno-vision
- 2006 Animal Talk Certification, I.B.A., Toronto, Ontario
- 2004 Body Talk Practitioner Certification, International Body Talk Association
- 2003 – 2006 BodyTalk System Modules I, II, III, I.B.A., Barrie & Toronto, Ontario
- 1999 – 2002 Reiki I, II, III and Reiki Master Degree and Restructuring
Negative Core Belief Certification from Carole Tolley, Reiki
Master, Toronto, Ontario
- 1993 – 1998 Afro Caribbean Dance, Ballet Creole, Toronto, Ontario
- 1984 – 1994 Tap & Jazz, Randolph Dance Theatre, Toronto, Ontario
- 1987 – 1990 Voice Major, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario
- 1987 – 1990 Tap and Jazz , Canadian Dance Teacher’s Association Exams,
Fay Gleeson Dance Centre, Thunder Bay, Ontario
- 1965 – 1972 Cecchetti Ballet, Nancy Campbell Studio, Hamilton, Ontario

Artistic Conceptions ~ Exhibitions ~ Commissions ~ Performances ~ Lectures

- May 2009 *How Butterflies Learned to Fly*, storytelling presentation at SGI Canada's annual Women's Group Meeting, Caledon, Ontario
- December 2008 *Memories of China (1910-1932): An Engineer's Memoirs From the Manchus to Chiang Kai-Shek and Mao Tse-Teung* by Cecil Walter Butson; book launch, performance and exhibit of water colour paintings by Doris Neaves Butson, Tree of Life Centre for Creativity, Belfountain, Ontario
- November 2008 *The Story of White Buffalo Woman*, Poetry, Song & Storytelling Soiree, Tree of Life Centre for Creativity, Belfountain, Ontario
- April 2008 Commissioned painting, family portrait, W. Bennett
- January 2008 Poetry, Song & Storytelling Soiree, Tree of Life Centre for Creativity, Belfountain, Ontario
- July 2007 *A Sense of Wonder*, commissioned painting, P. Weinwurm
- May 2007 *Victory!* Commissioned art cards on theme of 'Your Victory is my Victory' for SGI Canada, annual Women's Group meeting
- April 2007 Poetry, Song & Storytelling Soiree, Tree of Life Centre for Creativity, Belfountain, Ontario
- December 2006 *The Story of the Sacred Tree*, performance Tree of Life Centre for Creativity, Belfountain, Ontario
- September 2006 *Gaia* performance, Salamander Festival, Belfountain, Ontario
- June 2006 Tree of Life Centre for Creativity Opening Celebration
- 2006 *Faith as an "ism"*, exhibition of Children's paintings from Homestead Public School, at Tree of Life Centre for Creativity Gallery, Belfountain, Ontario
- 2004 – 2006 *Endangered Species*, exhibition of Children's paintings, from Belfountain School, Tree of Life Centre for Creativity, Belfountain
- January 2003 *Touched by the Goddess*, multi-media show with guest artists, Caroline's Creative Arts Studio Gallery, Belfountain, Ontario
- Fall 2002 Commissioned oil painting, K. Devereaux & M. Baziw

- December 2001 *Visions of the Goddess*, performance and exhibit of paintings on theme of the Divine Feminine, Caroline's Creative Arts Studio Gallery, Belfountain, Ontario
- June 2001 *The Water of Life*, multi-media performance with guest artists; singing, drumming, mime, music, dance and drama on theme of the Wounded Child recovering through Self-Expression, Caroline's Creative Arts Studio Gallery, Belfountain, Ontario
- May 2001 *The Healing Power of Creative Self-Expression – Overcoming Obstacles*, paper presentation, Special Education Symposium, Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board, Brampton, Ontario
- December 2000 *A Bright New Dawn*, multi-media performance with guest artists, Caroline's Creative Arts Studio Gallery, Belfountain, Ontario
- December 1999 *Journey to Self*, solo multi-media performance painting with song, drumming, and dance, Caroline's Creative Arts Studio Gallery
- Summer/Fall 1999 Exhibition of new paintings reflecting travels to Panama and Costa Rica, Caroline's Creative Arts Studio Gallery, Belfountain, Ontario
- 1999 Commissioned oil painting of house in Terra Cotta, J. Salamon
- 1997 – 1998 Exhibition of paintings at North York and Bolton Public Libraries
- July 1995 *Art for Healing*, exhibition, Art for Patients Program, Toronto-Sunnybrooke Regional Cancer Centre, Toronto, Ontario
Donated oil painting, *At the Forks* to Sunnybrooke
- Fall 1995 Exhibition of paintings, Yucatan series in Akumal, Yucatan *Sac-Atun*, commissioned painting, M. Bush, Akumal, Mexico
- June 1995 *Art in the Garden*, Group exhibition with 12 artists, sculptors, Caroline's Creative Arts, Belfountain, Ontario
- January 1994 *Mediterranean Mysteries*, commissioned painting, S. Kauffman, Suntower Developments Ltd., Toronto, Ontario
- December 1993 *Homage to Mother Earth*, first solo exhibition of landscape paintings in oil with poems, Toronto, Ontario
- June 1992 *The Lotus Spell*, co-directed children's musical revue benefit for The Satok School of the Arts, Wintergarden/Elgin Theatre, Toronto,

Ontario

Ishtar, produced and directed children's production, non-verbal play – production was culminating result of 2 year pilot project aimed at unlocking language challenged children's creativity and language, Toronto, Ontario

May 1991 *The Flower*, choreographed and directed multi-media inner-city children's performance, Sacre Coeur School, Toronto, Ontario

Related Work Experience

2006-Present Artistic Director and Teacher, Tree of Life Centre for Creatvity – Studio and Gallery, Belfountain, Ontario; Teach creative expression for adults and children of all ages and abilities – specialized in teaching individuals with language and physical challenges through the other languages of painting, clay modelling, creative movement, storytelling, singing and drumming; Transformational healing with Reiki and Body Talk

1996 – 2000 Teacher, ART with MUSIC and MOTION, Public Schools in Burlington, Hamilton, Oakville, Georgetown, Barrie

1994 Project Director and Teacher, Creative Arts and Drama Project for Children with Downs Syndrome, Toronto, Ontario; multi-disciplinary approach to enhance communication skills, social competence and self-esteem

1992 Teacher, ART with MUSIC and MOTION, Frank Oke Secondary School, York Board of Education, Toronto, Ontario; taught and developed program for teens with learning disabilities with the aim of enhancing communications skills and literacy using painting, drama and dance

1990-1992 Special Projects Co-Ordinator, The Satok School of the Arts, Toronto; Co-ordinated and taught creative educational program for children with special needs – documented children's progress and developed teaching program combining all artistic expressions

1987-1990 ART through AWARENESS & ACTION workshops, Thunder Bay, Ontario: Northwest Regional Centre, Public Libraries, Avila Centre, Definitely Superior Children's Gallery; Lakehead District School Boards; Smith Clinic for Drug & Alcohol Rehabilitation

Tree of Life Centre for Creativity Development and

Caroline's Creative Arts Studio Gallery

- 2009 Tree of Life 3rd Annual Celebration of the Arts
- 2009 Website development with Curewebsites.com
- 2008 Website original design concept www.tlc4.ca
- 2008 Tree of Life 2nd Annual Celebration of the Arts
- 2007 Tree of Life 1st Annual Celebration of the Arts
- 2007 Built Medicine Wheel in Garden, Tree of Life Centre for Creativity
- 2006 Opening Celebration of Tree of Life Centre for Creativity with local Caledon Councillors
- 2006 Built Annex and started teaching children's classes and adult workshops
- 2005 Restructured business to include healing practice and teaching
Registered The Tree of Life Centre for Creativity
- 2004 10th Anniversary Celebration of Caroline's Creative Arts Studio
- 1994 Moved to Belfountain, Ontario and relocated Caroline's Creative Arts Studio Gallery to display, exhibit and sell my own paintings
- 1993 Established Caroline's Creative Arts Studio Gallery, Toronto, Ontario