

Curriculum Vitae

Linda Laforge

Education

Social Media Marketing Certificate, Northwestern University
Artrepreneur Program, City of Barrie
Creativity, Innovation, and Change, Penn State University
Teaching & Training Adults Certificate, Georgian College of Arts
Industrial Design, Georgian College of Arts, Honour Student

Experience

2012 - present Caricature/Portrait artist
04/1995 - present Freelance graphic designer, LA Designs
01/2009 – 07/2011 Marketing & Event Co-ordinator, Great Northern Medieval Fayre
09/1998 - 05/2001 Teacher, computer graphics, Georgian College of Arts

Projects

Writing

No BS About IBS, non fiction *work in progress*
Anyone Can Draw in Ten Sessions, Amazon.com, 2012
Ashes, Amazon.com, 2013

Articles | Short Stories

What do Artists and Street Vendors do to Beat Extreme Heat?, [Lifestyles Magazine](#),
Aug 2017
Creative Summer Fun for Adults in Simcoe County, [Lifestyles Magazine](#), July 2017
Artists Make Special Occasions Unforgettable, [Lifestyles Magazine](#), June 2017
Travelling to Paradise? Check Your Health Risk!, [Lifestyles Magazine](#), print & [web](#),
March 2017
Three Ways to Learn Art on a Budget, [Orillia Lifestyles Magazine](#), print & web, 2014
Where the Water Is, 2009, [Quick-Brown-Fox-Canada Blog](#)
Various articles, Blog - <http://lindalaforge-author.com>, present

Teaching

Celtic College, part of Celtic Spirit Fest in Goderich, Aug 2017 - 2018
The Fun of Drawing, hired by CARP Barrie Chapter, Sept 2016
Fairy Tales, Monsters & Dragons - Zephyr Art Gallery, Orillia, June 2013
Anyone Can Draw - Private studio, since 2009
Kids Can Draw - Private studio, since 2009
Creative Illustration for Beginners - Private studio, since 2009
Acrylic Painting for Beginners - Private studio, since 2009
Various Art and Drawing Workshops - Celtic Spirit Festival, Goderich, since 2009
Anyone Can Draw - Barrie Art Club, 2008

Festivals and Art Shows

Promenade Days, Barrie ON, June/July 2019
Coldwater Steampunk Fest, Coldwater, ON, August 2019
Numerous private functions in 2019
Promenade Days, Barrie ON, June/July 2018
Beer & BBQ Fest, Heritage Park, Barrie, ON, July 2018
Celtic Spirit Festival, Goderich, ON, August 2018
Tug Boat Fest, Georgian Bay & HarbourFair, August 2018
Celtic Spirit Festival, Goderich, ON, August 2017
Beer & BBQ Fest, Heritage Park, Barrie, ON, July 2017
Promenade Days, Barrie ON, June/July 2017
Canada Day & Promenade Days, Downtown Barrie, ON, June/July 2016
Beer & BBQ Fest, Heritage Park, Barrie, ON, July 2016
Collingwood Elvis Festival, Downtown Collingwood, July 2016
Celtic Spirit Festival, Goderich, ON, August 2016
Comicon Toronto, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, March 2015
Ad Astra, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel, April 2015
SpiritFest, Sharon Temple, Sharon, ON, June 2015
Promenade Days, Barrie ON, June/July 2015
Elvis Festival, Collingwood, ON, July 2015
Craft Beer and BBQ Fest, Barrie, ON, July 2015
Celtic Spirit Festival, Goderich, ON, August 2015
Kempenfest, Kempenfelt Bay, Barrie, ON, 2008 - 2010
Royal Medieval Faire, Waterloo Park West, Waterloo, ON, Sept 2010
Great Northern Medieval Fayre, Clearview Township, ON, June 2010 & July 2011
35th ORIGINALS Ottawa Christmas Craft Sale, Lansdowne Park, Ottawa, Dec 2009
Upper Canada Village Medieval Faire, Upper Canada Village, ON, June 2009
Robin in the Hood, Elora, ON, June 2009
Gregor's Crossing Medieval Faire, Chatham, ON, May 2009
2nd Annual Beltaine Paganfest, Earth and Sky Connection Barrie, OM, May 2009
Annual Faery Fest, Riverside Park, Guelph, ON, June 2008 - 09

Exhibitions

Fairies in Barrie, Maple Ave Studio, Barrie ON, November 2008
Face of the World with Paul Forde, City Hall Rontunda, Barrie ON, 2006

Collections

Works held in private collections in Canada, the United States, Ireland, Scotland, Germany and Australia.

Galleries

2007 - 2018	Edge Gallery, Barrie
2005 - present	Unity Market & Cafe, Barrie
2013 - present	In a Heartbeat Art Gallery, Eden Mills
2007 - 2010	Earth and Sky Connection, Barrie

Volunteerism

Word Up Barrie

2013 - present

Founder with Barrie's Poet Laureate, Bruce Meyer and still member, Aaron Reynolds.

A proud supporter of local writers and authors. Writers, authors, poets, spoken word performers, rappers, comedians, motivational speakers and anyone who loves the magic of language joins monthly at *Unity Market* to read, to perform and to share their work. Published authors of serious note feature every month.

Barrie Arts Committee

2015 - 2017

Working member of the new Barrie Arts Committee, an organization that serves to communicate with, unite, and advocate for all genres of the Arts in the Barrie Area. She specializes in internet ...

Youth Haven, Barrie

1996 & 1997

Enigma, designed, built & painted a 12' x 12' puzzle to raise funds 2 years in a row.

Volunteered nights with the kids in 1998 & 1999.

Parkinson's Foundation, Barrie

1990 - present

Originally created Graphic designs and PR for local events, including the Parkinson's Superwalk. Annually raise funds for and hike the Superwalk since it's inception.