

# ROBIN HOLLINGDRAKE



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## BIOGRAPHY

Robin was born in 1953 in the western suburbs of Toronto in what was then Port Credit / Clarkson and is now Mississauga. Her art education was immediate with constant encouragement from her mother, Patience Morrisey a graduate of the Ontario College of Art, who kept a very active painting, print making, and ceramics studio going. Her grand mother Mabel Harris was a gifted painter and draughts person schooled at the Slade School of Fine Art in London, England. Robin's sister Catherine Morrisey is a landscape painter and has a significant profile in the arts community in London, Ontario. Suburban 1960's Toronto, hardly a hot bed of arts activity, but Robin's upbringing and exposure to the arts was total immersion.

Robin graduated 1971, T.L. Kennedy Secondary School with the David L. Stevenson Award for Commercial Art. At the time the high school ran an arts program for those students identified in the Peel Region with special gifts. She attended the Ontario College of Art from 1971 to 1973 and won the Reeves and Sons Scholarship Award in 1972. With the upheavels at OCA during the period she transferred to Sheridan College School of Crafts and Design and graduated in 1978 from the Ceramics Program.

Robin has stayed in the Mississauga area with her husband where they brought up their two boys. She has been very active over the years within the community and has taken full advantage of the what Mississauga and the neighbouring communities have had to offer with respect to the arts. Robin has been able to both teach and exhibit her works on a regular basis.

