

TOVA SPETER

Gorse Mill Studios, 31 Thorpe Rd Studio 109, Needham, MA 02494

BRIEF ARTIST STATEMENT

Both my own artwork and my facilitation of community art experiences focus on the idea that everything and everyone has an inherent beauty that will shine through when time is taken to shift to a new perspective. In my studio I transform pieces of scrap wood (that others thought as nothing more than trash) into works of art to highlight each piece's natural greatness. In the community I facilitate collaborative art experiences that offer opportunities for self expression, artistic exploration, and community connection, reminding others that we all can be creative artists when given the opportunity to share our talents. My work is therefore inspired by drawing upon what already exists; and uncovering and celebrating that which is sometimes overlooked or unseen.

EDUCATION

Certificate	2009	Arts Administration	<i>UMASS Amherst</i>
Master of Arts	2002	Art Therapy and Mental Health Counseling	<i>Lesley University</i>
Bachelor of Arts	1999	Psychology (Magna Cum Laude)	<i>Brandeis University</i>

SELECT PUBLIC ART/MURALS/INSTALLATIONS

2022	<i>Rising Sun</i> , Painted Public Bench, Newton, MA <i>Welcome to the Rainbow Room</i> , Temple Israel, Boston, MA <i>Shir Ramah</i> , Camp Ramah, Palmer, MA
2021	<i>Brighter Revealed</i> , Traveling Art Installation Painted Restaurant Barriers, Needham, MA
2020	<i>Brighter Connected</i> , Window Display, Newton, MA <i>Shalom & One Heart</i> , Schechter Boston, Newton, MA
2019	<i>Brighter Beyond</i> , Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA <i>This is Lexington Park</i> , Somerville, MA <i>Our Core</i> , Camp Young Judaea, Amherst, NH
2018	<i>Brighter Together</i> , Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA <i>Windows to Nature</i> , Newbridge, Dedham, MA Interactive Collage Installation, Kevin O'Grady School, Beverly, MA <i>Connect</i> , Rec Place Afterschool, Newton, MA <i>Fusing Cultures</i> , Bentley University, Waltham, MA
2017	<i>Circles of Time</i> , Shillman House, Framingham, MA <i>Reaching Out</i> , Jewish-Arab Community Mural, Israel <i>Persevere</i> , Granite Academy, Braintree, MA <i>Sail</i> , Anchor Academy, Middleboro, MA
2016	<i>Rise</i> , The Victor School, Acton, MA
2015	<i>Youth Flames</i> , Fire and Ice Restaurant, Boston, MA <i>Kabbalat Shabbat</i> , Camp Ramah, Palmer, MA
2014	<i>Song of Hope</i> , Temple Shir Tikva, Wayland, MA <i>Growing Inclusion</i> , Binah School Mural at Memorial Park Beach, Sharon, MA <i>Bubbles to Butterflies</i> , Bridge Elementary School, Lexington, MA
2013	<i>Autumnal Splendor</i> (painted piano), Celebrity Series, Boston, MA <i>Friendship</i> , Ivy Street School, Brookline, MA <i>This is Where We Live, Work, and Create</i> , CAC/Novartis, Cambridge, MA <i>Connections</i> , Horim Bamercaz Community Center, Haifa, Israel Tree Mural, Shattuck Hospital, Boston, MA
2000-2012	30+ Community Mural Projects (details provided upon request)

SELECT GRANT/AWARD HISTORY

2005-present	LCC Project Grants, Somerville, Arlington, Malden, Newton, Needham, MA
2013	AHN Fellow, Arts & Healing Network, Stinson Beach, CA
2009	Fund for the Arts Grant, New England Foundation for the Arts, Boston, MA Mural Grant, Tomfohrde Foundation, Boston, MA



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SELECT SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2019	<i>Featured Artist: Tova Speter</i> , JP Licks, Boston and Somerville MA <i>Tova Speter: though the years</i> , Gorse Mill Gallery, Needham, MA
2015	<i>We are the Shamash</i> , Pavement Coffeehouse, Boston, MA
2014	<i>Out of the Studio and Into the Cellar</i> , Craft Beer Cellar, Newton, MA
2012	<i>There's always time for ice cream</i> , Christina's Ice Cream, Somerville, MA
2010	<i>Environmentally friendly</i> , Arnold Arboretum, Jamaica Plain, MA
2009	<i>A collection of works</i> , Atomic Bean Café, Cambridge, MA
2008	<i>Bold on Black II</i> , MIT Window Space, Cambridge, MA
2007	<i>The air of Autumn</i> , Essential Inc, Boston, MA <i>Weather Wars</i> , Francesca's Case, Boston, MA <i>Featured Artist: Tova Speter</i> , Boston Center for the Arts, Boston, MA
2006	<i>A collection of works</i> , Carberry's Café, Cambridge, MA <i>Featured Artist: Tova Speter</i> , Market Street Health Center, Brighton, MA
2005	<i>Recent work</i> , Creative Resource Center Gallery, Portland, Maine <i>A collection of works</i> , Maven Gallery, Somerville, MA
2004	<i>1st public exhibit</i> , Somerville Open Studios, Somerville, MA

SELECT GROUP SHOWS

2022	<i>Illumination</i> , Gallery Twist, Lexington, MA <i>Raw Emotion</i> , Gallery Tempo/Jameson & Thompson, Jamaica Plain, MA
2021	<i>Spring Juried Exhibit</i> , Needham Art Association, Needham, MA (*honorable mention)
2020	<i>Translations</i> , Gorse Mill Gallery, Needham, MA
2019	<i>Needham Open Studios Group Show</i> , Needham Library, Needham, MA <i>GMS Group Show</i> , Gorse Mill Gallery, Needham, MA
2014	<i>Vernon Street Studios Curated Artist Show</i> , Somerville Museum, Somerville, MA
2012	<i>Middlesex Fells Art Show</i> , Beebe Estate, Melrose, MA
2010	<i>Vernon Street Studios Group Show</i> , POSTO Restaurant, Somerville, MA <i>Lost and Found</i> , Nave Gallery, Somerville, MA
2008	<i>Reused, Repurposed, Reinvented</i> , Bunker Hill CC Art Gallery, Charlestown, MA <i>ArtRocks!</i> , Logan Airport, Boston, MA
2007	<i>Driven to Abstraction</i> , The Gallery @ The Piano Factory, Boston, MA <i>Imagining Somerville</i> , Somerville Museum, Somerville, MA <i>Reuse and Recycle</i> , Feed Your Head Books, Salem, MA
2005	<i>Journeying within Mind and Matter</i> , Gallery 181, Lawrence, MA <i>City Women: Boston Community Artists</i> , Gallery @ The Piano Factory, Boston, MA <i>Organic Expressions</i> , Art Attack Gallery, Somerville, MA <i>2nd Chance Show</i> , Willoughby & Baltic Gallery, Somerville, MA

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

2013 – present	Arts Consultant , various clients (JArts, Facing History, CJP, and more), Boston, MA
2012 – present	Art Therapist & Licensed Mental Health Counselor , private practice, Needham, MA
2010 – present	Founder/Director , <i>The MEM Project</i> , Needham, MA
2005 – present	Community Muralist , independent artist, based in Needham, MA

PAST EMPLOYMENT

2005-2011	Program Manager , <i>The Art Connection</i> , Boston, MA
2006-2009	Art Instructor , <i>Prozdor-Hebrew College</i> , Newton, MA
2005	Art Instructor , <i>Zumix</i> , East Boston, MA Art Therapist , <i>Arbour Counseling Services</i> , Malden, MA
2002-2004	Art Therapist , <i>Littleton Group Home</i> , Littleton, MA

Full mural, exhibit, and grant history, bibliography, and references/images are available upon request.