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# Barbara Black

## *Professional Writing CV and Related Artistic Activities*

### Literary Training and Education

- **Summer Literary Seminars Kenya, 2018:** Fiction
- **Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, Independent Residency, Leighton Studios, 2018:** Fiction
- **Deep Noticing for Distracted Writers, 2018:** Workshop with Sarah Selecky
- **Vancouver Manuscript Intensive, 2016-2017:** Fiction Mentorship with Cathleen With
- **Undressing Your Master Poet, 2018:** Workshop with Yvonne Blomer
- **The Living Room, 2018:** Poetry Workshop with Carla Funk
- **Master Poet Workshop/Retreats, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016:** with Patrick Lane
- **Disquiet International Literary Program, 2014:** Short Fiction with Sally Ashton
- **Creative Non-Fiction, 2012:** with Yvonne Blomer
- **Victoria School of Writing, 2004:** Fiction workshop with Patrick Lane
- **University of Victoria, 1981 to 1984:** B.A. English Literature
- **University of British Columbia, 1978 to 1981:** Arts and Education/Theatre

### Awards, Nominations, and Scholarships

- 2019: **Geist 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Literary Postcard Story Contest:** First Prize (\$500)
- 2019: **Jacob Zilber Prize for Short Fiction 2019:** Longlisted (Fiction)
- 2019: **Writers' Trust/McClelland & Stewart Journey Prize:** nomination of "Velvet Voice" by *Don't Talk To Me About Love* magazine
- 2019: **BC Council for the Arts:** Project Assistance Grant for Creative Writers (\$6000)
- 2018: **Commonwealth Short Story Prize:** Longlisted (out of 6,000 entries) (Fiction)
- 2018: **Peter Hinchcliffe Short Fiction Award:** Longlisted (Fiction)
- 2018: **Summer Literary Seminars Contest:** Kenya 2018 (Seminar Fellowship-Fiction)
- 2018: **Canadian Songwriting Competition 2018:** Double Semi-Finalist (Lyrics)
- 2018: **Federation of BC Writers 2018 Literary Writes:** First Prize (Poetry) (\$350)
- 2018: **Don't Talk to Me About Love 2018 Prose Contest:** Finalist (Fiction)

2017: **Writers' Union of Canada 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Short Prose Contest:** First Prize (\$2500)  
 2017: **Summer Literary Seminars Contest:** Finalist/Fellowship (Fiction)  
 2017: **Don't Talk To Me About Love 2017 Poetry Contest:** First Prize (\$1000)  
 2017: **The Malahat Review 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Open Season Awards:** Finalist (Fiction)  
 2016: **James Joyce Bloomsday Short Fiction Contest:** Second Prize (\$200)  
 2015: **Canadian Authors Association (Vancouver) Short Story Contest:** Finalist  
 2014: **Disquiet International Literature Award:** Semi-finalist/scholarship (Poetry)  
 2013: **Victoria Writers Festival 2013:** Russell Books Scholarship (Poetry)  
 2013: **VWS Annual Writing Competition 2013:** Third Prize (Creative Non-fiction)  
 2013: **Spark Anthology "Una Mujer" Literary Contest:** First Prize (Poetry) (\$500)  
 2013: **Disquiet International Literature Award:** Semi-finalist/scholarship (Poetry)  
 2011: **Writers' Union of Canada Short Fiction Contest:** Finalist (Microfiction)  
 2011: **Writers' Union of Canada Short Fiction Contest:** Double Semi-Finalist  
 (Microfiction)  
 2005: **Focus Magazine CoastLines Writing Contest:** First Prize (Creative Non-fiction)  
 (\$2500 kayak trip for two)  
 2004: **Victoria School of Writing:** Honourable Mention (Postcard Fiction)  
 2002: **Federation of BC Writers Literary Writes:** Second Prize (Fiction)  
 2001: **Federation of BC Writers Writing Slam 2001:** Second Prize (Fiction)

## Affiliations

- Member, Federation of BC Writers
- Associate Member, League of Canadian Poets

## Publications

### *Magazines/Literary Journals*

2020 **Geist**, Issue 114 Winter, "His Invertebrate Existence," 4 pgs  
 2019 **Coast Collective: In Conversation III**, "Look Inside," "Rainforest," 2 pgs  
 2018 **Rockvale Review** Issue Two, "Where Women Go in Middle Age," 1 pg  
 2018 **Prairie Fire** Love Issue, Vol. 39 No. 1, "Belly-Deep in White Clover," 4 pgs  
 2018 **Federation of BC Writers WordWorks** "Child Bride, Hawkesbury, Ontario, 1918," 1 pg  
 2018 **Don't Talk to Me About Love Magazine** "Velvet Voice," 3 pgs  
 2017 **Don't Talk to Me About Love Magazine** "Microconundrums," 1 pg  
 2017 **Dying Dahlia Review** "The Killing Fields, Cambodia," "Faith in a Nordic Country," 2 pgs  
 2016 **Forage Poetry** "Tsuniah Lake: August 2014," 1 pg  
 2016 **Kaaterskill Basin Literary Journal** "The Collector," 4 pgs  
 2015 **Fracture** "Fishboy," 1 pg  
 2015 **Room** Volume 38.4, Book Review of "The Freedom in American Songs," 3 pgs  
 2014 **The New Quarterly** Issue 130, "Night People," 4 pgs  
 2014 **What Can't Be Contained** "Long Distance," "It Is," 2 pgs  
 2014 **Tattoo Highway** "Strange Attractors," 1 pg  
 2014 **Room** Volume 37.2, Book Review of "A Bitter Mood of Clouds," *Room*, 2014, 3 pgs

2013 **Contemporary Verse 2** Vol. 36 No. 1, “Dream Sonnet 3,” “Why You Should Wear Gloves at Night,” “Fado I,” “Fado II,” “Fado III,” 5 pgs  
 2013 **FreeFall** Blog Book Review of “Brown Dwarf,” 2 pgs  
 2013 **Preparing the Way** “Works of the Minor Gods,” 1 pg  
 2013 **Island Writer** Vol. 13, “Que Vive el Toro,” 4 pgs  
 2013 **The Journal of Compressed Creative Arts** “A Recipe,” 1 pg  
 2012 **FreeFall** Vol. XXII No. 1, “The Plot,” 1 pg  
 2012 **Freefall** Vol. XXII No. 1, “Herring Radio,” “Moth of Knives,” 4 pgs  
 2012 **Love in the Time of Predators** “Development,” 1 pg  
 2012 **FreeFall** Vol. XXII, No. 3, Book Review of “A Complete Encyclopedia of Different Types of People,” 4 pgs  
 2004 **Focus Magazine** Vol. 16 No. 8, “Chop Wood, Carry Water, Watch TV,” 3 pgs  
 2003 **Sea Kayaker** Vol. 20 No. 5, “Moby Dick in a Ziploc,” 3 pgs  
 2000-2003 **North Shore News** “Between the Lines,” bi-weekly opinion column, 144 pgs  
 2002 **Monday Magazine** Vol. 28 No. 43, “Night of the Living Alter Ego,” 1 pg  
 2001 **Monday Magazine** Vol. 27 No. 51, “Merry Chicken-mas,” 1 pg  
 2001 **Monday Magazine** Vol. 27 No. 39, “Mainstreaming the Fringes,” 1 pg

### *Anthologies*

- 2020 **Voicing Suicide: A Poetry Anthology**, Ekstasis Editions, Box 8474, Main Postal Outlet, Victoria, BC, “Last Call,” “Fado V,” “Flammable,” 3 pgs
- 2019 **Refugium II: Poems for the Watershed**, Caitlin Press, 8100 Alderwood Road, Halfmoon Bay, BC, “Dharana,” 1 pg
- 2019 **Collected Haiku, League of Canadian Poets Chapbook Series**, League of Canadian Poets, 688 Richmond Street West, Unit 101, Toronto, Ontario, “snowy owl calls,” “frozen river,” 1 pg
- 2018 **Heartwood: Poems for the Love of Trees, An Anthology**, League of Canadian Poets, 688 Richmond Street West, Unit 101, Toronto, Ontario, “Rainforest,” 1 pg
- 2017 **Christmas Miracles, Chicken Soup for the Soul Special Edition**, Topix Media Lab, New York, NY, editor Jeff Ashworth, “Our Lucky Christmas,” 4 pgs
- 2014 **Chicken Soup for the Soul: Christmas in Canada**, Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, Cos Cob, CT, editors Amy Newmark & Janet Matthews, “The Great Chicken Escape,” 3 pgs
- 2013 **Poems from Planet Earth**, Leaf Press, Victoria, BC, editors Yvonne Blomer, Cynthia Woodman Kerkham, “Granny Larocque,” 1 pg
- 2013 **Chicken Soup for the Soul: It’s Christmas**, Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, Cos Cob, CT, editors Amy Newmark & Janet Matthews, “Our Lucky Christmas,” 4 pgs
- 2013 **Spark: A Creative Anthology**, Empire & Great Jones Creative Arts Foundation, Riverton, UT, editor Brian Lewis, “Sister Eugenie’s Wonderful Glass Eye,” 1 pg

### **Poetry and Prose Readings, Collaborations**

2019: **Coast Collective “In Conversation III”, Writer/Visual Artists Collaboration** (Barbara Black/Linda Danielson/Sheryl Parsons), Victoria, BC

- 2019: **Writer/Composer Collaboration** (Barbara Black/Michael Park), Victoria/Vancouver, Erato Ensemble
- 2018: **Writer/Composer Collaboration** (Barbara Black/Robert Strobel), Victoria/Illinois
- 2018: **Writer/ Photographer Collaboration** (Barbara Black/Susan Smith), Victoria/Philadelphia
- 2018: **Art Song Lab 2018, Writer/Composers Collaboration** (Barbara Black/Martha Schmidt; Barbara Black/Christopher Reiche), Vancouver, BC
- 2018: **The Fall: Canadian Music, Writer/Composer Collaboration** (Barbara Black/Allison Cociani), Baumann Centre, Victoria, BC
- 2017: **Remembrance Day for Lost Species Poetry Competition and Event**, finalists reading, Dublin, Ireland
- 2017: **Feroce: Canadian Women Compose, Writer/Composer Collaboration** (Barbara Black/Lynne Penhale), James Bay United Church, Victoria, BC
- 2016: **PRESENT/TENSE 10, ROMP Festival, Writer/Dancer Collaboration** (Barbara Black/David Ferguson and Andrea Robyn Bayne), Metro Theatre, Victoria, BC
- 2016: **James Joyce Bloomsday Short Fiction winners reading**, James Joyce Bistro, Victoria, BC
- 2016: **Leaf Press *Fracture* anthology launch**, Planet Earth Poetry, Victoria, BC
- 2015: **The Spark Project 27**, Writer/Artist/Musicians collaborations, online
- 2014: **Disquiet International Literary Program**, participant readings, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2013: **PRESENT/TENSE 8, ROMP Festival, Writer/Dancer Collaboration** (Barbara Black/Paras Terezakis), Centennial Square, Victoria, BC
- 2012: **Gibsons Art Gallery, “Hallelujah” tribute to Leonard Cohen**, poetry reading and song performance, Gibsons, BC