

# LORI ROTHFUS

## Creative Wisdoms

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## Education

- 1986      **Bachelor of Arts in Social Work**  
*Magna Cum Laude*  
Mercyhurst College  
Erie, PA
- 1999      **Certificate in Therapeutic Touch**  
Trocaire College  
Lackawanna, NY
- 1995-1996      **Graduate work in Women's Spirituality and Expressive Arts**  
California Institute of Integral Studies  
San Francisco, CA
- 1993      **Graduate courses in Anthropology/Sociology**  
Jamestown Community College  
Jamestown, NY

## Additional Training & Workshops Attended

- Spr/Sum  
2007      **A Window Between Worlds (AWBW) (Salvation Army Jmst.)**  
Received scholarship and completed requirements for  
Women's Windows Leadership Training August 2007 L. A., CA  
Non profit org. dedicated to using art to end domestic violence.
- May 2007      **Sacred Geometry - Mandalas**  
one day workshop with Charles Gilchrist Edinboro, PA
- March 2007      **CommonGround Conference** for Arts in Education  
3-day conference, Rochester, NY  
Presented by NYSCA, New York Federation for the Arts, Partners for Art  
Education, New York State Alliance for Art Education

- 2005      **International Labyrinth Society**  
 Member since October 2005  
 3-day weekend conference  
 Lenox, MA
- 2005      ***Mandalas***  
 3-day course with Susan McKee  
 Chautauqua Institution  
 Chautauqua, NY
- 2002      ***Healing Touch Techniques***  
 8-week course with Karen Vassh RN  
 Degraff Hospital Buffalo, NY
- 2001-2003    Day Long Workshops : Continuing Education Credits  
***Promoting Positive Lifestyle Changes***, by Jon Robinson, PHD  
***Opening Up: Health and Personal Disclosure***  
***Stress and Disease***, by Nicholas Hall, PHD
- 2000      ***Shamanism and Healing Art***  
 6-week study course  
 Buffalo, NY
- 1998      ***Drumming, Dreamtime and Guided Imagery***  
 With Sue Hirschberger and Steve Tribbeck
- 1994      **Reubenfeild Synergy Work**  
 With Ilaina Rubenfeild  
 Omega Institute 4 day study  
 Rhinebeck, NY
- 1994-1995    ***Basic Techniques in Shamanic Practice***  
***Shamanism and Nature Spirits***  
 3-day retreats  
 Instructor: Myron Eschowsky, MA Psychology PHD  
 Michael Harner Foundation for Shamanic Studies  
 Cleveland, OH
- 1994      **6-week Spiritual Development class** with  
 Minister Lynn Cauffman  
 Warren, PA

## Employment Experience

- present      **Creative Wisdoms** Private Office, Jamestown, NY
- 2007-present    **Healthy Living Skills Group Leader/AWBW Leadership Trainer**  
The Salvation Army Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Program  
Anew Center Jamestown, NY
- 2004 – 6/2007    **Office and Programs Manager / Teaching Artist**  
The ArtsCenter at Dave Poulin Studios  
Jamestown, NY
- 1998-2004      **Subacute/SNF Admissions Coordinator**  
Elderwood Senior Healthcare  
Williamsville, NY
- 1990-1998      **Hospital Social Worker**  
WCA Hospital – Jamestown, NY  
OLV Hospital – Lackawanna, NY
- 1987-1990      **Home/School Coordinator**  
Resource Center Early Learning Center  
Jamestown, NY
- 1985-1987      **Truancy Caseworker**  
**Physical/Sexual Abuse Intake Caseworker**  
Erie County Office of Children and Youth  
Erie, PA

## Independent Contracts & Workshops

- 2005-  
current      ***Creative Wellness Healing Art Class (DMH)***  
Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene, Mayville NY  
Class meets weekly for two hours in 10 week cycles to offer healing art activities to people in the community receiving services from DMH.
- August  
2007      ***Relaxing into Nature: Creating Belly Stones and Mandalas***  
First Presbyterian Church Jamestown NY 5-7 grade students for church camp retreat. Two day project using art to explore renewal and self-awareness through nature.
- July 2007      ***Summer Art Camp: Creating Aboriginal Bark Paintings***  
Audubon Center and Sanctuary grades 3-5 week long camp
- July 2007      ***Art as Meditation Classes/Private group*** Chautauqua Institution
- May 2007      ***The Body Sacred 6 week class*** Sponsored by the Adams Art Gallery, Dunkirk NY class used healing art, movement, and meditation for healing our bodies
- 2007      ***Power of Circles: Mandalas and Intuitive Painting***  
***Separate Day long Workshops*** in collaboration with the Arts Council of Chautauqua County open for public registration
- May 2007      ***Partnership Mandala Workshop*** for 60 adults and children at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Jamestown NY
- Spr 2007      ***The Resource Center : Healing Art Class*** through The ArtsCenter at Dave Poulin Studios 10 week long curriculum and two day art exhibit of work created by adults through Day Treatment Programming (OMRDD) co-instructor Kristen Briggs
- Mar 2007      ***Healthy Relationship Skills Intuitive Painting Project***  
Job Corp US Dept of Labor Education for Youth  
Day Long Programming for 90 students creating partnership paintings
- 2003-2007      ***Sacred Images: Healing Art/ Earth Art / The Body Sacred***  
Week-long Special Studies Courses  
Chautauqua Institution  
Chautauqua, NY
- 2006-2007      ***Arts Council of Chautauqua County: Arts In Education***

- Arts in Education Instructor/After-school Arts Programming
- 2006 **Jamestown Community College Summer Arts Academy** Accepted as instructor for high school seniors college credit course offering in Healing Art
- 2005-2006 **Camp Creativity @ Dave Poulin Studios The ArtsCenter**  
Summers Teaching artist developing art camps ages 6-16, taught and organized registration
- Nov 2005 **International Workshops Taiwan Healing Arts Workshops focusing on Mandalas:** offered two weekend workshops, two day long workshops, two evening lectures and an afternoon in an elementary school in three cities in Taiwan. Interpreter and Organizer Anne Chang
- 2002-2004 **Self-blessing Ceremony/Intuitive Ceremony/Intuitive Healing**  
Ongoing relaxation classes  
Soaring Eagle Center  
East Aurora, NY
- 2004 **The Rabbit Dance: Storytelling, Song and Dance of Nature**  
Grade 4  
Westfield School District  
Westfield, NY
- 2003-2004 **Celebrating Candlemas/Animal Guides/Self-Blessing Ceremony**  
Workshops  
Life's Gifts Unfolded Wellness Center  
Lackawanna, NY
- 2004 **Body Mapping with Children**  
Grief workshop  
WNY Office of Mental Health  
Chestnut Ridge Park, NY
- 2003 **Creative Wellness: Healing Art**  
6-week class  
Orchard Park Recreation Department  
Orchard Park, NY
- 2000-2003 **Ciurczak and Company, Inc.**  
Assistant for analysis and administration of extended day programming and focus group training in Buffalo-area public schools.
- 2003 **Healing Art: Complementary Interventions in Holistic Health care**  
Presentation for 80 health care professionals  
Kaleida Health Clinical Education Department  
Degraff Hospital Community Center
- 2003 **Intuitive Painting / Relax and Renew / The Spiral Dance**

- Workshops** NYS Office of Mental Health  
Western Region Family Support Coalition, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference  
Conference topic: Creative Stress Management  
Rochester, NY
- 2003 ***Healing Art: Body Mapping*** Workshop  
HAHA 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Healing Conference: Healthy Alternatives through the  
Healing Arts  
Buffalo Psychiatric Center  
Buffalo, NY
- 2003 ***Relax and Renew: Body Mapping*** Workshop  
Women's Relaxation Retreat  
Grand Island, NY
- 2001-2003 ***Future Leaders Network***  
state-funded program: trainer using art for team building and  
personal awareness  
Fredonia Schools, Fredonia NY, Buffalo City Schools, Buffalo NY  
Utica Schools, Utica NY  
[www.futureleadersnetwork.org](http://www.futureleadersnetwork.org)
- 2002 ***Self-Blessing Ceremony/Guided Meditation***  
Women's Adventure Weekend  
YMCA Camp Gorham  
Rochester, NY
- 2003 ***Chakras, Healing and Muscle Testing***  
Co-facilitated workshops with Dr. Dick Hanson  
Bonnie Collins Family Counseling Center  
Hamburg NY
- 2002 ***Relax and Renew***  
Teacher's in-service day  
West Seneca Public Schools  
West Seneca, NY
- 2001 ***Art & Me: Natural Discovery***  
***Exploring Stress and Wellness Through Art***  
7-week curriculum, grades K-6  
West Seneca Public Schools  
West Seneca, NY
- 2001 ***Exploring our Connection with Nature and Each Other Through***  
***Storytelling, Dance and Drumming***  
Day-long workshop  
Hopevale School for Girls  
Hamburg, NY
- 2001 ***The Use of the Circle as a Format for Listening, Discussion and***  
***Creativity***

Teacher's in-service day; collaboration with Bob James of *Future Leaders Network* and *Buffalo Safe Schools Project*  
Buffalo City Schools Buffalo, NY

- 1999-2000 ***Earth Mandala/Self-Blessing Ceremony/Symbolism of the Bear/Making Leather Medicine Bags***  
Workshops  
Little Black Bear Festival
- 2000 ***7 Point Movement Meditation/7 Week Relaxation Class***  
Workshops  
The Center for Ecumenical Spirituality Orchard Park, NY
- 1997-1999 ***Intuitive Painting: Honoring Our Mother*** Workshop  
Center of Spirituality and Creativity with Maggie Monroe Cassel  
Jamestown, NY
- 1999 ***Group Self-Blessing Ceremony***  
***Rabbit Dance Storytelling and Dance***  
Women's Council, Western NY
- 1997-1998 ***Stress-Reduction/Relaxation Classes***  
Southtowns YMCA  
Orchard Park, NY
- 1995 ***Self-Blessing Ceremony***  
New Moon Forum, CIIS College  
San Francisco, CA
- 1995 ***Creating Sacred Images Cards: collage and meditation***  
Women Artists' Workshop  
Impact Gallery  
Buffalo, NY
- 1994-1995 ***Exploring Mother Earth Through the Medicine Wheel***  
Bush Elementary  
Jamestown Public Schools  
Jamestown, NY
- 1994 ***Honoring Nature Through Conscious Reading***  
Program for local teachers, co-facilitated with Diane Clark  
Chautauqua County Teachers Association  
Chautauqua County, NY

## **Exhibitions: *Sacred Images Studio***

- 2001 Two-person exhibition with Daniel Dancer  
**The Center for Ecumenical Spirituality**  
Orchard Park, NY
- 1999 ***Art, Healing and Intuitive Creation***  
Exhibition and workshop  
**Studio for Yoga and Creativity**  
East Aurora, NY
- 1997-1999 Group Exhibitions  
**Second Place Ribbon/Award 1998**  
**Quaker Arts Festival**  
Orchard Park, NY
- 1999 Group exhibition, retail  
**Colden Arts Festival**  
Colden, NY
- 1998-2000 Exhibition, retail  
**Waldorf School Winter Festival**  
Roycroft, East Aurora, NY
- 1998 Clay sculpting demonstration  
**Quaker Days 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Chamber of Commerce Celebration**
- 1998 Exhibition, discussion and private reception  
**Cindy Boals**
- 1996 Exhibition  
**Whole Life Expo**  
San Francisco, CA
- 1996 ***Blood, Art, Magick and Ritual***  
Women's' public art exhibition  
Led opening ceremony: *Honoring the Directions*  
**CIIS College, Women's' Spirituality Masters Program**  
San Francisco, CA
- 1994 Exhibition, retail **Starwood Festival at Brushwood Folklore Center**

## Gallery Representation

2006            **Chautauqua Center for the Visual Arts (CCVA)**  
Members Exhibit July 16-August 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006

Present        **All Matters Gallery**  
Primary retail representation of artwork  
Cleveland, OH  
[www.allmatters.net](http://www.allmatters.net)

Past            **Real Stuff Gallery and Gifts**  
West Valley, NY

**Trails End Gallery**  
Panama, NY

**Country Road Gifts**  
Orchard Park, NY

## Creative Ventures

- 2006      **Wall Whispers**                      **Batik Designs** with Darlene Lind
- 2005      **Desert Flower Design**  
Original design commission for sandblasted windows  
Taco Hut  
Jamestown, NY
- 2003      **Creative Wellness Healing Meditations booklet and CD**  
for public sale
- 2000      **Shards and Circles: Adventures in Spirit, Art and Ecology**  
Pen and ink illustrations  
Book by Daniel Dancer
- 2000      **Center of Solitude**  
Commissioned for logo design  
Sr. Donna Marie  
Belmont, NY
- 1999      Created and sold calendars with monthly photos of sculptures  
Co-created with Bob James
- 1998      **Mandala** – tee shirt design  
**Tree of Life** – tote bag design  
Center for Creative Wellness
- 1992      Playwright: **SEEDS: A Woman's Healing Journey**  
Produced by Les Buhite. Performance locations:  
**Jamestown Community College One-Act Play Festival**  
Jamestown, NY  
**Batavia Arts Council**  
Batavia, NY  
**The Seneca Wolf Clan Teaching Lodge**  
Gowanda, NY
- 1990-2000      Created a series of pen and ink note card designs sold at various  
exhibitions.

## Community Services

- Mar 2007 ***Labyrinth Walk and Labyrinth for Healing Education***  
Heart Association and WCA Hospital Community Awareness Event  
Jamestown NY
- 2006 ***Earth Day Celebration Service Lecture***  
Fredonia Unitarian Universalist Church, Fredonia NY
- 2006 ***AIDS Community Awareness Fundraiser***  
Donated art for Auction
- 2005 ***Take a Seat Auction***  
Donated hand painted chair: *Wildflowers*  
Benefit for the Reg Lenna Civic Center  
Bemus Point, NY
- 2005 ***Therapeutic Touch Clinic***  
**Father Baker Manor**  
Buffalo, NY
- 2004 ***Waldorf School Fund raiser***  
Donated art for Auction  
Roycroft, East Aurora, NY
- 2002-2004 Volunteer  
**Messinger Woods Wildlife Care Hospital**  
Holland, NY
- 2003 ***Therapeutic Touch Clinic***  
**Buffalo General Hospital**  
Buffalo, NY
- 2002 ***Self-Blessing Ceremony***  
**Healing Touch and Therapeutic Touch Networkers of WNY**  
Heathwood Healthcare  
Amherst, NY
- Power of Blessings***  
Church service with Diane Clark  
**Unitarian Church** Fredonia, NY
- 1991-1998 ***History of the Goddess*** (with Michelle Buhite)

***Father's Day Services*** (with Michelle Buhite)  
***Dreams*** (with Linda Pascatore & Joanne Paipona)  
***The Wheel of the Year***  
Seasonal celebrations, children's programming  
***Cakes for the Queen of Heaven***  
9-week curriculum on Women's Spirituality

**Unitarian Universalist Church of Jamestown**  
Jamestown, NY

- 1996 **Habitat Restoration Project**  
**Golden Gate National Recreation Area**  
San Francisco, CA
- 1995 ***Transforming the Violence***  
2-day ritual and public performance on domestic violence  
**Jamestown Community Awareness Alliance**  
Jamestown, NY
- 1994-1995 Relaxation classes  
**Salvation Army Women's Safe House**  
Jamestown, NY
- 1993 ***Life and Death Arrow Ceremony***  
***Day long*** workshop; participants used writing, movement, meditation, ritual, art and group sharing to assist in the process of identifying, setting and reaching personal goals.  
**Unitarian Universalist Church of Jamestown**  
Jamestown, NY
- 1993 ***Fast for Peace***  
Candlelight vigil and 12-week alternate fasting in support of Brian Wilson's non-violent protest against political corruption.  
Fredonia, NY
- 1992 ***Exploring Women's Spirituality and its Impact on our Culture and Environment***  
**Unitarian Universalist Church**  
Fredonia, NY

Board Member: **Amicai** Developed intervention and support

1992-1993 programming for victims of child sexual abuse

1990 ***Women's Remembering Ceremony***

***Self-Blessing Ceremony***

Interdenominational Women's Day of Prayer

**State University of New York College at Fredonia**

Fredonia, NY