

NANCY GEDDES POOLE, CM., BA., LL.D., F.O.C.A.

PERSONAL DATA

Date of Birth: May 10, 1930
Place of Birth: Victoria Hospital, London, Canada
Marital Status: Married to the late W.R. Poole, Q.C.
No. of Children: One daughter, Andrea

GENERAL EDUCATION

London Public Schools
Branksome Hall, Toronto
McGill University - McDonald College
The University of Western Ontario – Bachelor of Arts
The University of Western Ontario – Law School (2 years)
Université de Caen - French Language and Civilization

ART EDUCATION

1947-48 Art History lectures - McGill University, Montreal

1961 The Artist's Workshop – London

1977-79 Art appreciation and history lectures – National Gallery, London, England
Art appreciation and history lectures – The Tate Gallery, London, England
Art appreciation and history lectures – The Victoria and Albert Museum, London, England
Art appreciation and history lectures – The Wallace Collection, London, England

1979-80 Art appreciation and history lectures – The Uffizi Gallery, Florence, Italy

1980 Art appreciation and history lectures – The Tate Gallery, London, England
Art appreciation and history lectures – The Victoria and Albert Museum, London, England
Lectures on French Impressionism – The University of Western Ontario, London, Canada

1982 *Women in Art* – The University of Western Ontario, London, Canada

1983 *Twelfth-Century French Art and Architecture* - The University of Western Ontario, London, Canada

1984 *Early Renaissance Artists* - University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada

HONORARY DEGREES

1980 FOCA - Fellow of the Ontario College of Art

1990 LLD - The University of Western Ontario

HONOURS

2003 Member, Order of Canada

1978 Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal

1992 Confederation Medal

2003 Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal

2013 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal

Awards

1984 YMCA of Western Ontario Women of Distinction Award for Community Service

1985 The University of Western Ontario Alumni Association Award of Merit

2002 Ivey Award for Excellence from the London Community Foundation

Community Recognition

1960 Hungarian Community Award

1985 London Mayor's New Year's Honours List

1999 Special Londoners Award presented by the Mayor

2004 London City Press Club Newsmaker of the Year

2008 Royal Canadian Regiment Museum Honorary Member

2009 Special Londoners Award presented by the Mayor

MAJOR EXHIBITIONS CURATED

1969

- London Artists
- Painting, sculpture and tapestries by 18 London artists, The Rothman Gallery, Stratford

1970

- Paintings by Young Realists, three London Artists Under 25 Years: Brian Jones, Klaus Verboom, Geoffrey Holdsworth, Nancy Poole's Studio, London, Ontario

- Victor Pasmore, C.B.E. Print Exhibition (Victor Pasmore was present for the opening) Nancy Poole's Studio, London, Ontario
- Paintings and Constructions by Alex Wyse at the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts Gallery, Philadelphia
- Yorkshire Printmakers, Nancy Poole's Studio, London, Ontario

1971

- Prints and paintings by Aba Bayefsky, Canadian Embassy, Washington, D.C.
- Constructions (Boxes) and Drawings by Tony Urquhart, Nancy Poole's Studio, London, Ontario
- Paintings and Constructions by John Boyle, Nancy Poole's Studio, London, Ontario
- Paintings and Constructions by Herbert J. Ariss, Nancy Poole's Studio, London, Ontario
- Exhibition of work by graduating students from Bealart, Nancy Poole's Studio, London, Ontario

1972

- Paintings and Drawings by Paddy Gunn O'Brien, Nancy Poole's Studio, London, Ontario
- London Printmakers Exhibition at Canada House Gallery, London, England
- Organized Print Exhibition for promoting Canada in Zurich, Switzerland
- Drawings by Ernest Lindner, Nancy Poole's Studio, Toronto, Ontario
- Conceptual Pieces and Presentations by Eric Cameron, Nancy Poole's Studio, Toronto, Ontario
- Paintings and Drawings by Jack Chambers, Nancy Poole's Studio, Toronto, Ontario
- Prints and Drawings by Bert Kloezeman and Ceramic Constructions by Mary Keepax, Nancy Poole's Studio, Toronto, Ontario
- Paintings by Roly Fenwick, Nancy Poole's Studio, Toronto, Ontario
- Constructions and Drawings by Tony Urquhart, Nancy Poole's Studio, London, Ontario
- Prints and Drawings by Bert Kloezeman, Nancy Poole's Studio, London, Ontario

1973

- Daisy Bailey Memorial Exhibition, Nancy Poole's Studio, London, Ontario
- John Boyle Paintings and Constructions, Nancy Poole's Studio, Toronto, Ontario
- Tony Urquhart Constructions and Drawings, Nancy Poole's Studio, Toronto, Ontario; Nancy Poole's Studio, London, Ontario

1974

- Prints and Drawings by Bert Kloezeman, Nancy Poole's Studio, London, Ontario
- Paintings and Constructions by John Boyle, Nancy Poole's Studio, Toronto, Ontario
- Prints and Drawings by Jack Chambers, Nancy Poole's Studio, London, Ontario
- London Printmakers, Canadian Consulate, Cleveland, Ohio. Organized for the Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce

1975

- Drawings by Tony Urquhart, Nancy Poole's Studio, Toronto, Ontario
- Watercolours by Brian Jones, Nancy Poole's Studio, Toronto, Ontario

- Drawings by Tony Urquhart, Nancy Poole's Studio, London, Ontario
- Watercolours by Larry Russell, Nancy Poole's Studio, Toronto, Ontario

1976

- Paintings and Drawings by Jack Chambers, Nancy Poole's Studio, Toronto, Ontario; Nancy Poole's Studio, London, Ontario
- Constructions by Tony Urquhart, Nancy Poole's Studio, Toronto, Ontario; Nancy Poole's Studio, London, Ontario

1977

- Paintings and Constructions by John Boyle, Nancy Poole's Studio, Toronto, Ontario
- Paintings and Prints by Kim Ondaatje, Nancy Poole's Studio, Toronto, Ontario

1979

- Paintings and Drawings by the late Jack Chambers, Canada House Gallery, London, England; Canadian Cultural Centre Gallery, Paris

PUBLICATIONS

- 1978 *Jack Chambers*, edited and published by Nancy Poole
- 1978 Introduction to Catalogue for Jack Chambers Exhibition
- 1984 *The Art of London: A History of Art in London, 1830 - 1980*, by Nancy Poole, Blackpool Press
- 2004 *Battle for Life: The History of No. 10 Canadian Stationary Hospital and No. 10 Canadian General Hospital in Two World Wars*, Co-author with Professor A.M.J.Hyatt, Wilfred Laurier University Press
- 2014 *The Past... Comes Back: A Memoir* by Nancy Geddes Poole, Blackpool Press

TELEVISION

1954 *The Studio* - written, produced and hosted by Nancy Poole and P.G. O'Brien. A programme presenting the work of 10 local artists each week.

1983 *The Gallery* - written and hosted by Nancy Poole. A one-hour programme featuring Nancy Poole visiting the London Regional Art Gallery, Forest City Gallery, and McIntosh Gallery, as well as Gil Moll's studio, Stephen Joy's Trajectory Gallery, and three commercial galleries. A number of artists and gallery directors were interviewed.

RADIO

1978 CBC interview on Jack Chambers
 1978 CFPL interview on Jack Chambers
 1979 CBC interview about the late Jack Chambers

ART LECTURES DELIVERED

- 1969-70 Taught art appreciation to Grades 5 and 6 advancement classes, London, Ontario.
- 1971 Delivered a series of illustrated art history lectures at the Northland Library, London, Ontario.
- 1978 *Art in London* - The Kiwanis Club, London, Ontario.
- 1981 Delivered daily art appreciation lectures to groups touring public art galleries in London, England.
- 1983 *The Art of London in the Nineteenth Century* - Lawson Museum, London, Ontario.
The Art of London in the Nineteenth Century - Delivered to the Junior Volunteer Committee, London Regional Art Gallery, London, Ontario.
- 1984 *The Art of London in the Nineteenth Century* - Delivered to the Volunteer Committee, London Regional Art Gallery, London, Ontario.
The Art of London in the Nineteenth Century Continued - Delivered to the Junior Volunteer Committee, London Regional Art Gallery, London, Ontario.
Art in London - St. Lawrence College, Brockville, Ontario.
- 2015 *The Business of Art*, delivered to Senior Alumni, Western University, London, Ontario.

PANEL PARTICIPATION

- 1969 Member of panel discussing London art, Rothman Gallery, Stratford, Ontario
- 1971 Member of panel discussing London art, St. George's School, London, Ontario
- 1972 Member of panel discussing London art, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, Ontario
- 1973 Member of panel discussing women in the arts London Art Gallery, London Public Library, London, Ontario
- 1975 Member of panel discussing London art, Hart House, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario
- 1983 Member of panel discussing organizational politics and individual risk taking, The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario
- 1984 Member of panel discussing the role of galleries St. Lawrence College, Brockville, Ontario

COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- 1963 Organized and co-chaired fundraising campaign for women alumni, The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario
- 1966-67 Chairman, United Way Budget Committee team, London, Ontario
- 1966-68 Chairman of the John Howard Society, London, Ontario
Vice-Chairman of the John Howard Society, Province of Ontario
- 1968 Founded and organized Hardy Geddes House for Boys, London, Ontario
- 1969 Founded Nancy Poole's Studio, London, Ontario
- 1971 Founded Nancy Poole's Studio, Toronto, Ontario
Chairman, Personnel Committee of the Ontario College of Art, Toronto, Ontario
- 1972 Chairman of the Board and Interim President of the Ontario College of Art, Toronto, Ontario
- 1977-79 Chairman, Health Services Committee, The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario
- 1979-81 Chairman, Audit Committee of the Board of Governors, The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario
- 1981 Interim Director, London Regional Art Gallery, London, Ontario
- 1982-85 Chairman, Property and Finance Committee, The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario. Responsible for a budget of more than \$150 million
- 1997-2001 Vice Chairman, 2001 Canada Games, London, Ontario. Chairman of the committee responsible for the education, pageantry and cultural events
- 1999-2004 Chairman, Hazel Cryderman Weese Foundation, London, Ontario

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

- 1957 Member, Board of Directors of the United Appeal
Member, Board of Directors of the May Court Club
- 1959-61 Member, Board of Directors of the Children's Aid Society
- 1966-85 Member, Board of Directors of the Hardy Geddes House
- 1971-74 Member, Governing Council of the Ontario College of Art
- 1974-85 Member, Board of Governors, The University of Western Ontario
- 1977-80 Member, Board of Directors, University Hospital
- 1979-80 Member, Battered Women's Advocacy Clinic
- 1980-85 Member, Board of the Jack Chambers Foundation
- 1984-85 Member, Board of Directors, University Hospital
- 1985-2018 Member, Board of Directors, Hardy Geddes Foundation
- 1996-2004 Member, Board of Directors of Western Area Youth Services
- 1999-2009 Member, Board of Directors, Hazel Cryderman Weese Foundation

- 2000-2006 Member, Board of the Western Area Youth Services Foundation
- 2010-15 Member, Board of Middlesex and London Health Unit
- 2012-15 Member, Board of Eldon House

STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- 1956 Founding member of the London Art Gallery Women's Committee
- 1956-66 Member, Women's Committee of the London Symphony
- 1956-09 Member, Western Art League
- 1974-85 Member, Property and Finance Committee, The University of Western Ontario
- 1975-85 Member, Audit Committee, The University of Western Ontario
- 1977-80 Member, Health Services Committee, The University of Western Ontario
- 1981-85 Member, Campus Affairs Committee, The University of Western Ontario
- 1990-2002 Fundraising Committee of 'Original Kids' Theatre
- Fundraising Committee for the Aids Committee of London
- Fundraising Committee for the Royal Canadian Regiment Museum

ADHOC COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- 1982-83 Member, Ad Hoc Committee to re-write the Act governing The University of Western Ontario
- 1990-2002 Mayor's Committee concerning Poverty in London
- 1994-2006 Vision 96, initiated by the City of London to assist in future community living

SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

- 1975 Chairman of Search Committee to find new President for the Ontario College of Art
- 1982 Member of Search Committee to find a new Secretary of the Senate and Board of The University of Western Ontario
- 1984 Member of the Search Committee to find a new President for The University of Western Ontario
- 1984 Member of Search Committee to find a new Chancellor for The University of Western Ontario
- 1985 Member of the Search Committee to find a new Vice-President (Academic and Provost) for The University of Western Ontario
- 2012 Member of the Search Committee for the new medical officer of health for the Middlesex and London Health Unit

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 1952-54 Wrote, produced and hosted a weekly classical music programme for CFPL Radio
- 1955-56 Chairman, Publicity for the London appearances of the Canadian National Ballet
- 1993 Initiated the celebration to recognize the 200th Anniversary of the Arrival of Governor Simcoe at the Forks of the Thames

1994-2009 Guided the Legacy of Marjorie Blackburn to create the Walter Blackburn Memorial Fountain at the Forks of the Thames, through the Parks Department of the City of London