

Nationally recognized artist and Board Certified Art Therapist, Maria Lupo, MFA, MA, ATR-BC attended Rutgers University, NJ receiving a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. Thru Rutgers University, Ms. Lupo began her Sculptural studies in Cennina, Italy. Her time in Tuscany proved to be a major influence on her work as well as a new artistic direction for the artist. I found my cultural roots as well as my artistic heritage as a sculptress in Cennina, remarked Ms. Lupo. Maria continued her studies in Sculpture at Hunter College, CUNY, receiving a Master's of Fine Arts degree. In addition to her studies as a fine artist. Maria has completed her Post-Masters Specialization in Art Therapy from Caldwell College and is a Board Certified Registered Art Therapist holding a second Master's Degree in Clinical and Counseling Psychology. Currently, Ms Lupo is a Doctoral Candidate in Medical Humanities at Drew University. Lupo is an adjunct at Montclair State University, Caldwell University and Union County College. A recipient of the NJ State Council on the Arts fellowship award, Ms Lupo's work is included in many public and private collections. www.lupoart.com

Artist's Statement

Each series or distinct piece in my body of work aligns with a particular message or story that I am bound to share. Whether the artwork is two or three-dimensional, it is to express my feelings and share my craft. The images are frequently autobiographical, yet they regularly connect to the greater concerns of humankind and issues of the day.

Finding their way through images and media, the human condition, our place in the world, the environment and social justice are matters that are highlighted in my work. Transcending the use of traditional materials my work includes such materials as: topsoil, teabags, fabric, faux flowers, recycled materials.

Community Art Therapy Projects & Selected Exhibition Highlights

Montclair ART Museum

Arts Wellbeing & Mental Health Panel Discussion & Community Art Therapy Project

South Mountain Reservation Foundation -South Orange, NJ 2021

Wishin' & Hopin' (Outdoor Community Art Therapy Interactive Installation)

Warren County Community College, NJ solo exhibition- 2020

Intruder Series: mixed media

Unison Art Center -New Paltz, NY 2019-2020

Compose to Decompose

Penn State, University Park - solo exhibition- 2018

Pigs, Process, Sustainability (sculpture)

Rutgers University Robeson Gallery-Newark, NJ- Solo Exhibition 2016

Maps, Migrations, Wolves & Pigs (works on paper)

Pittsburg State University, Kansas University Gallery Solo exhibition 2015

~Pigs, Process, Sustainability (works on paper & sculpture)

~Morris Museum

NJ Crafts Annual-2015

~ Ormond Art Museum, FL - Solo Exhibition 2014

Pigs, Process, Sustainability

~Adkins Arboretum- Ridgley, Maryland

Discovering the Native Landscapes of Maryland's Eastern shore

*Pittsburg University, KS*Muskegon Community College, MI*Central Wyoming College, WY*University of Miami, FL*Newark Museum, NJ*Buckham Gallery, MI*Pierro Gallery,NJ*Block Gallery, NJ*Ohio State University-Mansfield, OH* Northern State University, SD*Studio Montclair*~Lundbeck Headquarters Corporation*~Mahoney allery/College of St.Elizabeth*~Hunter College, *McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL*DDC Gallery, Montclair, NJ*ETS Headquarters, Princeton, NJ* Nabisco Corporate Headquarters, NJ*~ High Desert Museum, CA ~ Galleria Tonantzin, CA ~ Ceres Gallery, NYC ~ Works, San Jose, CA ~Park Avenue Club, NJ~ Main Art Gallery, AK ~ Athens Institute, GA ~ Nexus, PA ~*

