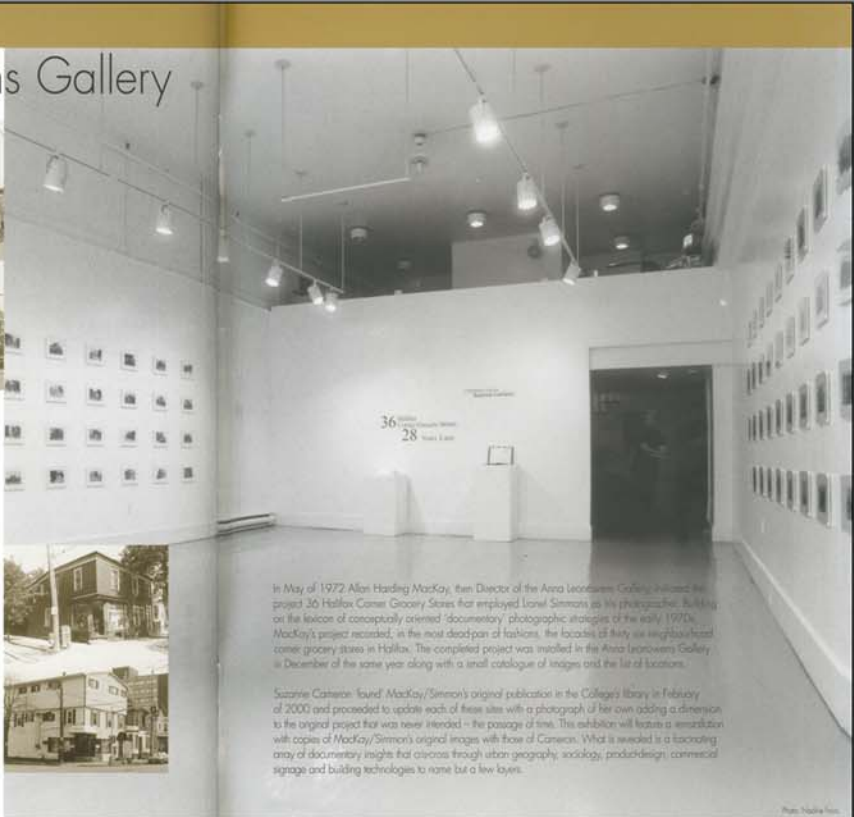


Exhibits Anna Leonowens Gallery

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- 28 Years later

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By Suzanne Cameron
Anna Leonowens Gallery
7 - 13 October 2001



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Suzanne Cameron

While finishing a degree in Sociology and Psychology at Acadia University Suzanne (Sus) Cameron began working with clay under the guidance of Miss Helen Deale professor emerita in Wolfville, NS. This interest developed into a full time career as a studio potter. Cameron now works in a Halifax studio in the winter and in her hometown of Summerside PEI each summer. Photography has been a lifelong interest encouraged by her mother and grandmother who were both avid photographers. Cameron is continuing her work in clay as well as developing her practice in photography.

Anna Leonowens Gallery
1881 Quinpool St., Halifax, NS



36 HALIFAX CORNER STORES

28 YEARS LATER

Allan Harding MacKay/Lionel Simmons
1972

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- Murray's Grocery (12)
Corner of Jubilee Rd and Preston St
- Mike Lewis' Grocery (34)
Corner of Oxford St and Young St
- Pat's Market (14)
Corner of Cornwallis St and Bauer St
- Armrest Food Shop (25)
Corner of Quinpool Rd and Quinn St
- Toulany's Market (26)
Corner of Cornwallis St and Maynard St
- Alexander's Grocery (10)
Corner of Chebucto Rd and Harvard St
- Vernon Grocery (20)
Corner of Vernon St and Pepperal St
- Reta's Grocery (4)
Corner of Agricola St and West St
- Fenwick Grocery (17)
Corner of South Park St and Fenwick St
- L.J. Amirault Grocery (24)
Corner of Jarvis Street and Fenwick St
- Wills' Confectionery (33)
Corner of Jarvis Street and Fenwick St
- Cornwallis Grocery (13)
Corner of Cornwallis St and Quin St
- Mother's Grocery (31)
Corner of Quinpool Rd and Brimley St
- True Value Market (19)
Corner of Chebucto Rd and Philip St
- Tony's Corner (22)
Corner of Chebucto Rd and Quinn St
- Joe's Groceteria (16)
Corner of Agricola St and West St
- Harold's Grocery (23)
Corner of Falkland St and Creighton St
- Morris Grocery (2)
Corner of Morris St and Hollis St

- Triple A Convenience Store (12)
Corner of Jubilee Rd and Preston St
- Al's Quik Stop (34)
Corner of Oxford St and Young St
- Pat's Grocery (14)
Corner of Cornwallis St and Bauer St
- Armview Food Shop (25)
Corner of Quinpool Rd and Quinn St
- Joe Thomas (26)
Corner of Cornwallis St and Maynard St
- K Rozman's Convenience (10)
Corner of Chebucto Rd and Harvard St
- Darrell's Convenience (20)
Corner of Vernon St and Pepperal St
- Toulany's Meat Market (4)
Corner of Agricola St and West St
- Fenwick Convenience (17)
Corner of South Park St and Fenwick St
- Point Pleasant Grocery (24)
Corner of Jarvis Street and Fenwick St
- Life Styles Hair Studio (33)
Corner of Jarvis Street and Fenwick St
- Charles' Club (13)
Corner of Cornwallis St and Quin St
- James Bradshaw, Goldsmith (31)
Corner of Quinpool Rd and Brimley St
- Man Yeung Asian Grocery (19)
Corner of Chebucto Rd and Philip St
- Scot Inc., Occupational Therapy (22)
Corner of Chebucto Rd and Quinn St
- Active Again Appliances (16)
Corner of Agricola St and West St
- Unoccupied Commercial Space (23)
Corner of Falkland St and Creighton St
- Pierre's Take Out and Grocery (2)
Unoccupied Commercial Space
Corner of Morris St and Hollis St

- Bloomfield Grocery (27)
Corner of Agricola St and Almon St
- Toulany's Grocery (6)
Corner of Agricola St and Macara St
- Misztela's Grocery (5)
Corner of Agricola St and Charles St
- Mike's Grocery (30)
Corner of Barrington St and Inglis St
- Habib's Grocery (15)
Corner of Robie St and May St
- Sam's Grocery (29)
Corner of Robie St and Stanley St
- William's Grocery (18)
Corner of Vernon St and Pepperal St
- Studley Grocery (9)
Corner of Lawrence St and Thomas St
- Hollett's Grocery (3)
Corner of Robie St and Livington St
- Wagner's Grocery (21)
Corner of Charles St and Clifton St
- Hollett's Grocery (7)
Corner of Robie St and Livington St
- Wing Sing Groceries (1)
Corner of Gresh St and Creighton St
- Dionne's Grocery (32)
Corner of Agricola St and Duffus St
- Richard's Grocery (35)
Corner of Victoria Rd and Bland St
- Joe's Grocery (8)
Corner of Creighton St and Charles St
- Smith's Grocery (36)
Corner of Barrington St and Airtz St
- Saunier's Grocery (28)
Corner of Barrington St and North St
- Irene's Grocery (13)
Corner of Mallard St and Noname Lane

- Fruition Trading Co (27)
Corner of Agricola St and Almon St
- 5800 Macara St (6)
Corner of Macara St and Almon St
- Smith's Bakery (5)
Corner of Agricola St and Charles St
- 1016 Barrington St (30)
Corner of Barrington St and Inglis St
- 5803 May St (15)
Corner of Robie St and May St
- 3273 Robie St (29)
Corner of Robie St and Stanley St
- 1978 Vernon St (18)
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- 6196 Lawrence St (9)
Corner of Lawrence St and Thomas St
- 5641 Bloomfield St (3)
Corner of Bloomfield St and Ixley St
- 6105 Charles St (21)
Corner of Charles St and Clifton St
- 3191 Robie St (7)
Corner of Robie St and Livington St
- 2390 Creighton St (1)
Corner of Gresh St and Creighton St
- 5640 Duffus St (32)
Corner of Agricola St and Duffus St
- 1069 Bland St (35)
Corner of Victoria Rd and Bland St
- 2535 Creighton St (8)
Corner of Creighton St and Charles St
- Barrington St Northbound (36)
Exit to Macdonald Bridge at foot of Airtz St
- North St Eastbound (28)
Exit to Barrington St
- Vacant Lot (13)
Corner of Mallard St and Brunswick Lane

In 2000, 10 sites remain as grocery stores, 11 are commercial spaces, 11 are residential and 4 have been demolished.
Left image: 21. Miztela's Bakery
Right image: 21. Smith's Bakery

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Nova Scotia College of Art and Design**

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● Allan MacKay/Lionel Simmons (top image), Suzanne Cameron (bottom image)



Morris St. and Hollis St.
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