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## **Susan Schaefer BIO**

**Susan Schaefer**, owner of **Young at Art Studios**, is a Canadian artist, photographer and graphics designer. She lives, works and creates at her British Columbia studio on an acreage outside of Qualicum Beach, BC on beautiful Vancouver Island.

Susan re-located to Qualicum Beach from Saskatchewan in July of 2007. She painted and ran her graphics art business for seven years from her home on Pasqua Lake. Susan published the bi-monthly **Prairie Guide Magazine**, the annual **Travel Guide**, and the **Prairie Guide Valley Calendar**. Her many advertisers in the magazines and calendars also commissioned Susan to design their marketing materials, business cards and brochures.

As a young girl, one summer Susan converted one of her dad's old granaries into an "Artist's Studio". She had grandiose ideas of becoming an artist and in that first "studio" her imagination could run rampant. She still has her very first oil painting entitled "**A Partridge in a Pear Tree**", dated 1974. After graduation she headed out west. With an ongoing thirst for artistic knowledge, Susan attended several classes in painting and design at the University of Alberta while working full time with the Alberta government.



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*"A Partridge in a Pear Tree"  
Oil 10x8*

Susan's first introduction to computer graphics came in the early 1980's when she enrolled in a summer class at the **Emily Carr College of Art & Design** in Vancouver. That was one of the pivotal points in her life.

From west to east to Toronto she engaged her energies into the world of graphic arts. She learned everything she could about the printing process, taking numerous classes. Many of her clients were artists and art galleries, thus maintaining her involvement in the arts.

From there Susan headed south spending several years travelling the Caribbean Islands and Latin America while pursuing her new passion for scuba diving. The ocean provided a colourful and exciting world to explore, photograph and paint.

Since moving to Vancouver Island, Susan has concentrated on her painting in acrylic and watercolour, and publishing a new magazine, **Island Arts Magazine**, which is dedicated to the arts.

For more information about Susan Schaefer, Young At Art and **Island Arts Magazine**, contact Susan via email at [susan@youngatart.ca](mailto:susan@youngatart.ca) or by phone at 250-757-8003. You may also visit her website at <http://www.youngatart.ca>.

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