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“Calla Lilies” acrylic 16 x 20”

*“My work is often described as
vibrant in colour and texture.
I like to simplify form, using bold
brush strokes and strong colour.”*



“Sunflower in the Breeze” acrylic 16 x 20”

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Canadian Artist

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About the Artist . . .



“Winter Barn”
watercolor 14 x 18”

After graduation I headed to Edmonton where I studied painting & design at the University of Alberta in the evenings while working full time.

My first introduction to computer graphics came in the early 1980’s when I enrolled in a summer class at the Emily Carr College of Art & Design in Vancouver. That was one of the pivotal points in my life.



“Small Sunflower” watercolor 10 x 12”

Born and raised on a farm in Saskatchewan, I began my passion for colour and painting at an early age. One summer I converted my dad’s old grainery into an ‘Artist’s Studio’. I had *grandiose* ideas of becoming an artist and in that first ‘studio’ my imagination ran rampant.



“New Beginnings”
acrylic 12 x 16”

From west to east, to Toronto, I engaged my energy into the world of graphic arts. I learned everything I could about the printing business while managing a graphic design studio. Many of my clients were artists, thus I stayed connected to the arts.

Having a restless spirit, I spent several years travelling the Caribbean Islands and Central America while pursuing my newest passion for scuba diving. The ocean provided a colourful & exciting world to explore, photograph and paint.



“Hawaiian Dolphins”
watercolor 16 x 14”



“Beach Cow” acrylic 12 x 16”

In 1999, I returned to Sask. to spend more time with my family. I started my own graphic arts company and produced several yearly publications for Sask. Tourism and private customers. I was in charge of organizing artists workshops for our guild. My annual open house was fun and usually resulted in many sales - enough to supplement my yearly winter get-away.



“Through the Garden Gate”
watercolor 16 x 22”

In the summer of 2007 I decided to broaden my horizons and pursue my artistic career on a more full time basis. I moved to Qualicum Beach, on beautiful Vancouver Island, BC. I spent the summer painting and taking long walks with my dog Cheyenne.

I love to travel. The Dalai Lama’s instructions for life include, “Once a year, go someplace that you have never been before.” I spend a few weeks each winter in a warmer climate armed with my sun-tan lotion and my paints.



“Costa Rican McCaw”
watercolor 12 x 16”

I am mostly self taught but continue to grow artistically by studying and attending workshops.

I have also started a new magazine called “**Island Arts**”. I have learned so much in the past year by meeting and exchanging ideas with fellow artists. I am at such an exciting point in my life!

*“Love what you do ... and do what you love”
I certainly do!*

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“Wonder Dog” acrylic 16 x 20”

• Watercolor & Acrylic Artwork

• Florals

• Landscape

• Whimsical