



SUSAN SCHAEFER

From the Prairies...to the West Coast...and Beyond!

Susan Schaefer, born and raised on a farm in Saskatchewan, began her passion for colour and art at an early age. After graduating from high school, she headed out west. With an ongoing thirst for artistic knowledge, she attended several classes in painting and design at the University of Alberta while working full time with the Alberta government.

Her first introduction to computer graphic design 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 artistic career.

From west to east to Toronto Susan engaged her energy into the world of graphic design. She studied hard learning everything she could about the printing process. She attended night classes while starting a design and publishing company. Many of her clients were artists and art galleries, thus maintaining her involvement in the arts.

In 1999, she returned to Saskatchewan and purchased a home on an acreage in the historical Qu'Appelle Valley. There she started a graphic arts company called **Young At Art** which continues on today. She very quickly became involved with the artists' guilds by organizing art retreats and workshops.

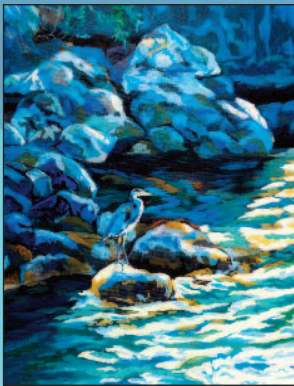
Susan moved to Vancouver Island in 2007 where she established the **Island Arts Magazine**, a quarterly publication showcasing west coast artists. She also enjoys organizing and attending artists workshops plus hosted the annual Island Arts Expo for the past 5 years.

Susan is a professional artist working mainly in acrylic paints. She finds inspiration in nature and from her passion to travel.

~ commissions welcomed ~



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Professional Experience:

- 2007 – Present: Entrepreneur & Artist, Qualicum Beach BC
- Publisher: Island Arts Magazine 2008 –
- Organizer and host of the Annual Island Arts Expo 2009 – 2013
- 2000 – 2007, Self-employed Artist & Graphic Designer, Fort Qu'Appelle, SK

Professional Service & Affiliations:

- Resident Artist at The Old School House (TOSH)
- Sponsor: Sooke Fine Art Society
- Sponsor: Artists for Conservation
- Juror: Art Competition to benefit Street Smart Kidz Program

Publications:

- Featured Artist – Eyes on BC – October 2012
- Reviewed – The Fort Qu'Appelle Times – June 2012
- Featured Artist – Country Register - Feb 2010
- *Walk Along the Beach* – front cover of Beacon Magazine – October 2008
- Featured Artist in Beacon Magazine's March 2008
- Reviewed – Regina Sun – November 2006

Recent & Upcoming Exhibitions:

- Fort Qu'Appelle, SK - Sept. 2014, Celebration of Colour
- Pearl Ellis Gallery, Comox, BC – August 2014
- Impressions Art Gallery, Campbell River BC – feature artist for July 2014
- Island Arts Expo, Qualicum Bay, BC – November 2013, 2012, 2010
- Raintree Gallery, Qualicum Bay, BC – Summer of 2013
- Clock Tower Gallery, Port Alberni – August 2012
- Qu'Appelle Valley Centre for the Arts, Fort Qu'Appelle, SK – June 2012

Education: *I continue to grow artistically by organizing and attending workshops.*

- Nicholas Pearce – March 2015 - Limited Palette
- Suzanne Northcott – November 2014 - Acrylics Big and Bold
- Brian Buckrell – May 2014 – Fundamentals of En Plein Aire
- David Langevin – April 2014 – Mastering Acrylics
- Carey Anderson - October 2013 - Working Big
- Mike Svob - April 2013 - Designing with Colour
- Janice Robertson - February 2013 - Acrylic Techniques & Beyond
- Donna Baspaly – September 2012 – Mixed Media
- Mark Hobson – April 2012 – Misty Landscapes
- Brian Buckrell – April 2011 – Bootcamp for Acrylic painters; February 2012 - Preparing for Plein Air
- Ruth Payne – Art is your Business: Marketing for Visual Arts – September 2008

Memberships:

- CARFAC BC
- Pearl Ellis Gallery, Comox, BC
- The Old School House (TOSH), Qualicum Beach, BC
- Qu'Appelle Valley Centre for the Arts, Fort Qu'Appelle, SK
- Lighthouse County Business Association, Qualicum Bay, BC
- Nile Creek Enhancement Society



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