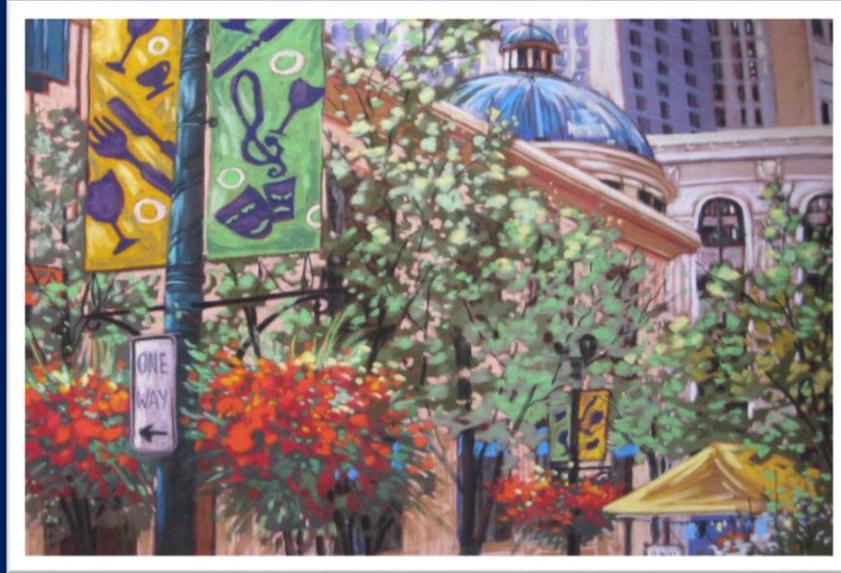


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Newsletter

Summer 2021



“Stephen Avenue Mall, Pastel, 16”x20”

Summer is just around the corner! Restrictions are due to be lifted soon and we are able to be outside to breathe and meet family and friends on a patio or in a park! Colour is returning to the outdoors to inspire us artists. It is time to look for new reference material for our artistic endeavours. Our hometown, wherever yours is, does offer a wide variety of subject matter. It is all in the “seeing”, even mundane sights might hold some interesting angles for some intriguing photography or other artwork.





"Summer at City Hall, Pastel, 11"x14"

My favourite thing is actually the hunt, camera in hand, looking into nooks and crannies, in different light conditions and times of day! One does not have to venture far: Alberta offers some of the most unsteady weather but oh boy, does it offer the most incredible skies!



It is time to hit the road and, in the absence of international travel, rediscover some of our own gems. We have sung the praises of the Rockies close at hand many times but there are other interesting landscapes to visit. For lovers of shapes and textures, the Alberta Badlands are always a great destination:



"Badlands Shapes, Pastel, 14"x14"



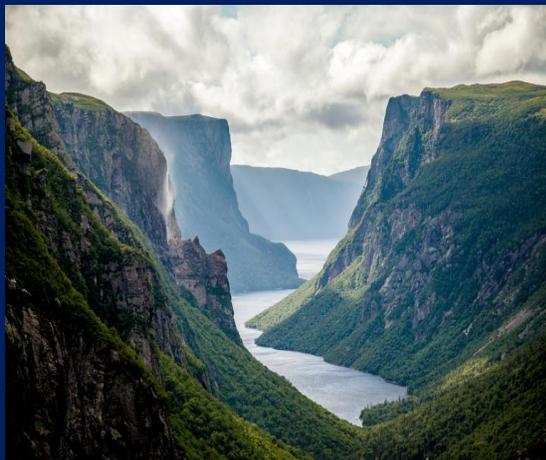
"Prickly but beautiful", Pastel 11"x14"

Many classes were cancelled again this spring but some of you kept going with my email lessons and soon, we will be heading outside for a plein air class/get-together in the great Calgary outdoors. As I am writing this newsletter, I am listening to the news with our Premier announcing that outdoor gatherings can soon have 10 people, so be in touch with Parkdale Nifty Fifties at (403)283-0620 to register for my outdoor class beginning the middle of June (to last for 6 weeks). I will send out a list of places/parks in Calgary where we can paint together, so stay tuned!

As some of the world is reopening, waiting for travel restrictions to be lifted, plans are underway for a great 2022 travelling season and beyond. Reservations are already hard to come by so I have made plans for next year and 2023. Here is what I offer (some are stock photos):



Amalfi Coast/Italy, April 19 to 29, 2022



Newfoundland, May 25 to June 4, 2022



Great Bear Rain Forest, BC (onboard historic tugboat MV Swell), June 11 to 18, 2022



Le Vieux Couvent/France, October 5-15, 2022

(alternate October 2023)



La Foce - Tuscany/Italy, May 6 to 20, 2023

I am happy to send you more information and put your name on the list. Some of these holidays were delayed from last year and space may or may not be available. One thing is clear: everyone is eager to resume artistic travel!

I hope many of you took advantage of all the online offerings out there. An artist talk or quick demo by local/national or international artists kept me inspired on days when I rather would have lounged on the sofa. Some art societies put on talks, critiques and

workshops to keep us in the loop. It does not replace the fun we have when together in person but it does make day to day more bearable in the meantime.

Now that life is slowly opening up, there will be more art shows to attend in person. I can't wait to make the rounds at local art galleries. Inspiration for my own work will hopefully follow as I have struggled with motivation for the duration of the pandemic. Even though we creatives are used to working mostly in solitude, we still need the stimulation from outside sources!

While out and about this summer, make a visit to the Leighton Art Centre where assorted shows are and will be happening during the season. It is also a wonderful place for "renewal", the views are stunning and always so inspiring! Another inspiring place is Waterton National Park where I show my work at the Gust Gallery. If you are just taking a drive around Alberta, the Candler Art Gallery in Camrose is a great place to see Alberta art (including mine), shop for art supplies and visit this quaint town with nice shops and prairie surroundings.



Wishing you all a great summer, good health and lots of creativity! Keep in touch!

I always love to hear from you!

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