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Memories Into Art

An Exhibition of Figurative Art by Rita Zawislak-Brandt
May - June 2019

Artist Reception Thursday, May 9, 2019
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Stillwater Public Library Gallery

Artist Biography

Born in St. Paul, Minnesota, I studied in the Fine Art at St. Cloud State and Commercial Art degree at St. Paul College. Married, I moved to the Green Mountains of Vermont and worked as a commercial artist in Hanover, New Hampshire. While living out east, I was privately commissioned for fine art and freelanced in projects drawing ski-wear fashions and cartoons in educational booklets. I moved back to the Midwest and live in Wisconsin, have two daughters, and one granddaughter who also love the St. Croix River Valley.

As Graphic Artist I provided marketing/art services to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls within the Division of Student Affairs, and various recognized student organizations designing: shirt designs, logos, brochures, posters, architectural renderings, sign painting, cartoons and cartoon caricatures. At the Hunt Arena I painted hockey ice logos and murals, created the current buildings murals in the University Center and logo seal wall of past University logos. Through the years I supervised, guided, and mentored many graphic, photography, and communication student interns and still enjoy hearing from them.

Currently fine art is a passion in my home studio where I create art projects for private commissions: children and animal portraits, landscapes, home renderings, still lifes, and still exploring my figurative art. I work in either watercolor, acrylic, pastel, pencil, pen and ink, whichever breathes life into a new piece I am creating. If you would like a piece created please contact me.

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Artist Statement

Art is a personal journey. I understand myself when painting. I am always examining new ideas seeking to develop broader artistic skill. Presently I exhibit figurative art. The best way to describe my painting is in the feeling and emotion defined on canvas and within the stories shown. I am on a journey exploring different mediums to find an expression that I can call my own.

My paintings are intended to express everyday experiences people can relate to. My painting style is derived from integrating human images, events and emotions together within a woven design pattern of details and colors telling a story of an event in everyday life. Through colors, shapes, and patterns converging, I express emotions with complication, needing interpretation and reconciliation. Each painting hopes to engage the viewer with emotion, memory or impression on a personal level. Bright colors mixed with the abstracting of thought and ideas invites a connection between painting and the viewer which communicates an intuitive meaning.