

Sharon Thirkettle

Artist's Statement

"I strive to create a unique sense of place while gently removing the ornamental details of a landscape to reveal its inner soul and true essence. I seek the feeling of tranquility that infuses me from plein air painting. Contending with nature's elements can be challenging; however, I find a comforting resonance and this transfers into my work. The silence of a wind, the majesty of a mountain, the serenity of a lake, the scent of a forest – these melodies of nature give me peaceful solitude and I'm in harmony with the land".

Selected Exhibitions

Keystone Gallery, Calgary, AB. 2007, 2009
Calgary Science Centre, Calgary, AB. 2005
Image 54, Calgary, AB. 2005
The Collector's Gallery, Calgary, AB. - Solo show, 1997/98/99, 2000/02/05
Dynes Gallery, Medicine Hat, AB. 1999 - 2000
Sunrise Gallery, Jasper, AB. 1998 - 2000
Wagner Rosenbaum Gallery, Toronto, ONT. Featured artist, 1997
Art Walk, Calgary, AB. 1995, 1996
Leighton Foundation, Calgary, AB. 1993 - 1998
Visual Edge Annual Show, Calgary, AB. 1995 - 1997
Federation of Canadian Artists, Vancouver, BC. 1994, 1995
Alicat Gallery, Bragg Creek, AB. 1994 - 1997
Theatre Calgary, Calgary, AB. 1993 - 1995
Karuna Gallery, Calgary, AB. Featured artist, 1995
The Station Cultural Centre, Okotoks, AB. 1992 - 1994
Devonian Gardens, Calgary, AB. 1992 - 1994

Studies

Guest Artist, Holy Family Academy, Brooks, AB. Centennial project, 2005
Visiting Artist, James Cook University, Townsville, Australia, 2001
Master Class painting workshop, Brian Atyeo, Calgary, AB. 1998
Residency at Pouch Cove, Newfoundland, 1997
Residency at Columbia Icefields, AB. 1995 - 1998
Selected studies at University of Calgary and Alberta College of Art, 1995 - 1998
Workshops with American artists Charles Movalli, Charles Sovek, 1992 - 1993
Toronto School of Art, Toronto, ONT. 1986

Gallery Representation

Studio Thirkettle, Calgary, Alberta
Gallery at Mattick Farm, Victoria, B.C.

#049 *Avalon Memories*

#054 *A Winters Afternoon at China Beach*

#063 *Rolling clouds*