

Linda Sorensen, AFC

Visual Artist

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Linda Sorensen was one of the most talented and dedicated students I had the pleasure to teach and know in my 20 years of teaching.

Her work was and is strong and bold, starting with nature and her own experiences and putting her distinctive creative stamp on it. Art begins where nature ends. Linda's art was always clearly "Sorensen". The clear stamp of original character is always the sign of a true artist and Linda Sorensen has it.

Robert Bateman

Artist Statement

I was born in London, England in 1953. Throughout childhood I was exceptionally gifted in art. My talent was recognized and encouraged by teacher, now world-renowned wildlife artist and environmentalist, Robert Bateman.

I live in the Ottawa Valley, Ontario, Canada. For more than 45 years I have lived close to nature. I was a part of the back to the land movement and raised my family in a self-sufficient lifestyle .

I have been a professional self-taught artist since 1998. My orientation to painting involves hands-on adventure, often getting to wilderness destinations by boat ,canoe, hiking and camping. I have been painting on site, in all seasons, for 10 years using water mixable oils. My inspiration for my work is the Natural World – Algonquin Park has been a favorite muse for 20 years. Reference material is documented with my camera and my on-site painting, and then brought back to the studio where I will paint large acrylic canvases in the winter months.

I have always thought it was my destiny to be an artist, but I also continue to live my life as an advocate for nature. It is my aspiration to convey my vision of our natural world and its beauty and in doing so to inspire humanity to respect nature and be stewards of our wilderness and wildlife habitats.

My award-winning paintings have been published in numerous magazines and film credits and in the books *Artists of Algonquin*, 2011 and *Wild Women, Painters of the Wilderness*, 2014.



My work is represented in private collections across Canada and the USA, Innuvik, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, United Kingdom, Japan and Germany.

My Studio and Gallery is called Wilno Hills Gallery and I am open by appointment year round. My work is also available at local shops and galleries and at select exhibitions.

Awards

- 2017 **Best Acrylic** *Windswept*
Invitation 2017, Annual Juried Exhibition, Bancroft Art Gallery
- 2014 **Best in Show** *Rocky Shore Majesty*
East Central Ontario Artists Association, Mystery of the Park annual juried show,
Algonquin Park Visitors Centre, Algonquin Park, ON
- 2012 **Award of Merit** *Sunset Drift*
Acrylics Category, Valley Arts Council
- 2011 **Best Acrylic** *Gone Fishin'*
Invitation 2011, Annual Juried Exhibition, Bancroft Art Gallery
- 2009 **Don Maddocks Award** *Rock Lake Autumn*
East Central Ontario Artists Association
- 2006 3rd Place, "Landscapes of the Madawaska Valley", South of 60 Arts Centre

Exhibitions

Solo Exhibits

- 2004 – 2010 House Artist, Red Canoe Café and Gallery, Wilno, Ont.
- April 2003 Bancroft Art Gallery, Bancroft, Ont.
"All of Me"
- May 2001 Wagner Rosenbaum Gallery, Toronto, Ont.
"Vintage Passages"

Two Artist Exhibits

- June 2005 Algonquin Room, Algonquin Park Visitor Centre
"Wild Solitudes"
- July 2002 Algonquin Room, Algonquin Park Visitor Centre
"Mystic Wilderness"

Group Shows

- 2008 – 2017 "Mystery of the Park"
East Central Ontario Artists Association Annual Juried Exhibit,
Visitor Center, Algonquin Park
- 2011 – 2017 Annual Juried Exhibition, Bancroft Art Gallery
- 2011 and 2017 East Central Ontario Artists Association, Annual Juried Exhibition
John M. Parrot Art Gallery, Kingston
- 1999 – 2017 Madawaska Valley Studio Tour, Annual Juried Exhibition
- 2016 "Wild Women – Painters of the Wilderness"
3 woman show, Algonquin Park Visitors Centre
- 2015 – 2016 "Wild Women – Painters of the Wilderness"
Eclipse Gallery, Deerhurst Resort, Huntsville
- 2015 "Wild Women - Painters of the Wilderness"
South of 60 Arts Centre, Barry's Bay Ont.
- 2011 and 2015 East Central Ontario Artists Association Annual Juried Show
Shenkman Gallery, Ottawa Ont.
- 2001 – 2014 South of 60 Arts Centre, Barry's Bay Ont.
❖ "Reflections, Surfaces, Textures" 2014
❖ "Art from Trees" 2013
❖ "Watershed" June 2011
❖ "Nocturne" November 2010
❖ "Can Art Save Us?" August 2010
❖ "A Show of Miniatures" December 2002, '05, '06, '07, '08
❖ "Process" May 2007
❖ "Landscapes of the Madawaska Valley" July 2006 (3rd place award)
- 2013 "Artists of Algonquin"
John M. Parrot Art Gallery, Belleville ON

Group Shows (Continued)

- 2013 “Wild Women, Painters of the Wilderness”
Three woman show, Art Gallery of Bancroft, Bancroft ON
- 2013 “Art from the Valley”, Annual Juried Show
Valley Arts Council, Pembroke ON
- 2011 – 2013 “Wild Women”, house artists / three women show, Red Canoe Cafe and Bakery
Wilno Ont.
- 2011 “Great Big Smalls”, Annual Miniatures Show, Cube Gallery, Ottawa Ont.
- 2008 Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden, Ont.
“Wild Women – Painters of the Wilderness”

Presentations

- 2015 *Wild Women , Painters of the Wilderness*
Demo and slide presentation
South of 60 Arts Centre, Barry’s Bay, Ont.
- 2014 *Wild Women Painters of the Wilderness*
Slide show presentation
Womens Art Association of Canada, Toronto , ON
- 2014 *Algonquin and Beyond*, Slide presentation
Algonquin Park Visitors Centre
- 2012 *Plien Air Painting - with Wild Women*
Artists talk - Renfrew Art Guild, Renfrew ON

Books, Magazine and Film Credits

- 2018 “Wild Women, Painters of the Wilderness” *Paddling Magazine*, spring edition
- 2016 *Painting in Nature, with the Wild Women Wilderness Artists*
Highland Village Films by Mary Sheridan, Toronto Short Film Festival
- 2015 *The Link – Summer Issue*
Feature Story – “One Wild Woman”
- 2014 *Wild Women Painters of the Wilderness*, Hard Cover Book,
Published by Inanna Publishers , Toronto ON
- 2011 *The Artists of Algonquin*, Hardcover book
- 2011 Feature story, *55 Plus Magazine*, Sept 2011
- 2010 Feature story, *Eganville Leader*, Eganville Ont.
Feature story, *Barry’s Bay This Week*, Barry’s Bay Ont.
- 2008 Feature Article – *Country Connection Magazine*, Summer 2008 Issue
- 2007 Feature Story “Wild Women – Painters of the Wilderness”
Country Connection Magazine
- 2004 *Regional Contact*, CJOH, Ottawa – “Artist of the Wilderness”

Organizations

- 2011 – 2018 Artists for Conservation (AFC) member. International artists group as
advocates for nature and conservation.
- 2008 – 2018 Member of the East Central Ontario Artists Association (ECOAA)
- 2011 – 2018 Member of the Art Gallery of Bancroft

Gallery Representation

- Eclipse Wilderness Art Gallery, Deerhurst Resort , Huntsville Ont.
Wilno Craft Gallery, Wilno, Ont.
Wilno Hills Studio Gallery
Madawaska Art Shop, Maynooth, Ont.
Art Gallery of Bancroft