

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 .

On returning to my painting I have been developing a body of work I call Algonquin Wilderness. My approach to painting involves hands-on adventure in Algonquin, Ontario's oldest provincial park and one of the largest wilderness destinations in Canada. I travel by canoe or boat, hike and camp. I paint *plien air* (in any season), take photographs and sketch, constantly exploring light, form and color through my wilderness treks. The reference material that I have documented in the field is brought back to the studio where my larger pieces are created.

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.

Private Collections

Linda's work is represented in private collections across Canada and the USA, Innuvik, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, Japan and Germany.

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

Education

- 2015 Painting Workshop, Linda Lang, Bancroft Ont.
2008 Painting Workshop, Robert Bateman, British Columbia
1971 – 1972 Ontario College of Art
1970 – 1971 Lord Elgin High School; Drawing and Painting , Ceramics, Art History;
Robert Bateman, Burlington ON

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

- 2015 “Wild Women - Painters of the Wilderness”
South of 60 Arts Centre, Barry’s Bay Ont.
2008 – 2015 “Mystery of the Park”
East Central Ontario Artists Association Annual Juried Exhibit,
Visitor Center, Algonquin Park
1999 – 2016 Madawaska Valley Studio Tour
2015 ECOAA Annual Juried Show
Shenkman Gallery, Ottawa Ont.
2014 “Invitation 2014”, Art Gallery of Bancroft
Annual juried exhibition
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
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.

Group Shows (Continued)

- 2011 East Central Ontario Artists Association Annual Juried Exhibition 2011,
Shenkman Cultural Centre, Ottawa
- 2011 "Invitation 2011", Annual Juried Exhibition, Bancroft art Gallery
- 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

- 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.
- 2007 – 2010 Published Paintings "Our Town" – Ottawa Citizen
- 2009 Cover art featured painting – Country Connection Magazine
- 2008 Feature Article – Country Connection Magazine, Summer 2008 Issue
- 2008 Cover art featured painting
Maple Lanes, Guide for travelers tourist publication, Lanark Era
- 2007 Cover art featured painting, Ottawa Valley Tourism travel guide
- 2007 Feature Story "Wild Women – Painters of the Wilderness"
Country Connection Magazine
- 2007 Ottawa Valley Travel Guide, Published Paintings
- 2004 Regional Contact, CJOH, Ottawa – "Artist of the Wilderness"

Organizations

- 2011 – 2016 Artists for Conservation (AFC) member. International artists group as
advocates for nature and conservation.
- 2008 – 2016 Member of the East Central Ontario Artists Association (ECOAA)
- 2011 – 2016 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