

Linda Sorensen, SCA, 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

Biography

Primarily self-taught, Linda has been a professional artist for almost 25 years. As a painter her interest lies in wilderness landscapes, wildlife and the heritage of the area in which she resides, the Algonquin region. Linda paints both Plein-Air in oils in all seasons and in the studio large vibrant iconic canvases in acrylic. Linda has developed a body of work inspired by the Natural World and Algonquin Park exploring flora and fauna of this vast diverse wilderness. Much of the painting process involves hands-on adventure in wilderness destinations often by boat and canoe and camping with on-site painting sketches and photography to be used as reference material for larger studio paintings.

Linda is a juried member of Artists for Conservation, Canada, an international wildlife and landscape artists' group as advocates for the natural world.

Linda also belongs to a trio of dynamic, passionate Canadian women painters who share a unique vision of wilderness landscapes. Their hard cover book, *Wild Women — Painters of the Wilderness*, by Linda Sorensen, Joyce Burkholder and Kathy Haycock was published in 2014.

Linda's award-winning paintings have been featured in magazines, film and television and is included in private collections around the world. She is represented by numerous galleries and participates in select exhibits throughout the year.



Artist Statement

I am a mainly self-taught artist.

I had a fortunate early art influence by my then teacher, and the now internationally renowned wildlife artist and naturalist Robert Bateman. His teachings on the “Disappearing World” back then have stayed with me to this day, along with his dedication to Wildlife Conservation through his wildlife paintings.

Over the past 25 years I have developed my own original style of painting. My paintings reflect a passionate interest in the Natural World and all that it encompasses. My connection to the wilderness has developed over 45 years of living in the Algonquin region where I draw inspiration from the untouched beauty of the landscape. I enjoy exploring light and shadow and how the drama unfolds; along with wildlife and local heritage buildings that reflect the history of area.

I paint plein-air in water mixable oils on canvas preferring their versatility to changing outdoor conditions, of sun, wind, cold and numerous other elements that happen out there on site. I generally try to complete the painting on site. I use a camera as reference in my wildlife and for larger acrylic studio paintings, these paintings being different medium offer a different feel to my work. Photography is also a great passion for me.

I have always known that it was my destiny to be an artist. I continue to live my life as an advocate for nature and close to the land. It is my aspiration to convey my vision of the natural world and its beauty and fragility through my art. It is my hope to inspire others to respect our Natural World and become stewards of our wilderness and wildlife habitats.

Curriculum Vitae

Education

Mainly self-taught. Over 25 years a professional artist, www.lindasorensen.com

- 2007–2022, formed the wilderness painting trio Wild Women, www.wildwomenartists.ca
- 2008, workshop, Holly Hock, Gulf Island, British Columbia, Painting workshop with Robert Bateman
- 1970–1971 Lord Elgin High School, Robert Bateman, Teacher
- 1971–1972, Ontario College of Art, Toronto, Ontario

Exhibition History

SOLO EXHIBITS

- 2021, Madawaska Coffee Shop, featured artist, Barry’s Bay, Ontario

GROUP SHOWS

- 2018, May to October, Artists from Away, Deep River Gallery Town Hall, Deep River, Ontario
- 2011–2018, Annual Juried Exhibition, Art Gallery of Bancroft, Bancroft, Ontario
- 2011–2013, 2017, Annual Juried Exhibition, ECOAA, John M. Parrot Art Gallery Kingston, Ontario
- 1999–2019, Madawaska Studio Tour, Annual Juried Exhibition
- 2008-2020, ECOAA (East Central Ontario Artists Association) annual Mystery of the Park show, Algonquin Visitor’s

Centre, Algonquin Park

- 2016, Wild Women, three-women show, Algonquin Park Visitor Centre
- 2015–2016, Wild Women, three-women show, Eclipse Gallery, Huntsville, Ontario
- 2015, Wild Women, three-women show, South of 60 Arts Centre, Barry's Bay Ontario
- 2011–2015, ECOAA Annual Juried Show, Ottawa Ontario.
- 2001–2014, participant in juried shows over the years, South of 60 arts Centre, Barry's Bay
- 2021, Wild Women, three-women show, Algonquin Park Visitor Centre

JURIED EXHIBITS

- 2013, Wild Women, three-women show, Art Gallery of Bancroft, Bancroft Ontario
- 2013, Art from the Valley, Annual Juried Show, Valley Arts Council, Pembroke Ontario
- 2011–2013 Wild Women, house artists, Red Canoe Café and Gallery, Wilno Ontario
- 2011, Great Big Smalls, Annual Miniatures Show, Cube Gallery, Ottawa Ontario
- 2006–2010, Solo House Artist, Red Canoe Café, Wilno, Ontario
- 2021, Art Gallery of Bancroft, Annual Juried Group Show

Awards

- 2017, Best Acrylic, Windswept, Annual Juried Exhibition, Art Gallery of Bancroft, Bancroft Ontario
- 2014, Best in Show, Rocky Shore Majesty, East Central Artists Association Annual Juried Show, Algonquin Park Visitor Centre
- 2012, Award of Merit, Sunset Drift, Acrylics Category, Valley Arts Council, Pembroke Ontario
- 2011, Best Acrylic, Gone Fish'in, Annual Juried Exhibition, Bancroft Ontario
- 2009, Don Maddocks Award, Rock Lake Autumn, ECOAA Juried Show, Art Gallery of Bancroft

Affiliations

- 2019–2022, Juried Member of Society of Canadian Artists, SCA
- 2011–2019, Artists for Conservation (AFC) International artists group as advocates for nature and conservation
- 2011–2022, member of the Art Gallery of Bancroft
- 2008–2022, member of East Central Ontario Artists Association (ECOAA)

Publications and Media

- 2020, published painting, Silent Sentinel, Artist for Conservation annual hard cover book
- 2019, published painting, Broken Silence, Artist for Conservation annual hard cover book
- 2018, published painting, The Return, Artist for Conservation annual hard cover book
- 2018, Wild Women – Painters of the Wilderness, Article Paddling Magazine, spring edition
- 2016, Painting in Nature, with Wild Women Wilderness Artists. Highland Village Films, by Mary Sheridan, Toronto Short Film Festival
- 2015, The Link Magazine, Summer Issue, feature story, One Wild Woman
- 2014, Wild Women – Painters of the Wilderness, Hard Cover Book, Published by Innana Publishers, Toronto Ontario.
- 2011, featured artist, The Artists of Algonquin, Hard Cover Book

- 2011, feature Story, 55 plus Magazine
- 2010, feature story, Eganville Leader, Eganville Ontario Feature Story, Barry's Bay This Week, Barry's Bay, Ontario
- 2008, Wild Women. Feature Article, County Connection Magazine, Summer Edition
- 2004, Artist of the Wilderness, Regional Contact, CJOH Television, Ottawa

Teaching

- 2015–2018, beginner paint along workshops, Basic Acrylics, Barry's Bay, Ontario, Bancroft Ontario
- 2007–2019, formed the trio of women wilderness painters, Linda Sorensen, Joyce Burkholder and Kathy Haycock. Wild Women have a shared commitment to wilderness conservation and sharing their vision of wilderness through their paintings.

Wild Women, Painters of the Wilderness, have done a number of presentations over the years

- 2015, demo and slide presentation, South of 60 arts center, Barry's Bay, Ontario
- 2014, slideshow presentation, Womens Art Association, Toronto, Ontario
- 2014, Algonquin and Beyond, slideshow presentation, Algonquin Park Visitor Centre
- 2012, plein air painting, artist talk, Renfrew Art Guild, Renfrew, Ontario.

Gallery Representation

- Eclipse Wilderness Gallery, 1235 Deerhurst Drive, Huntsville, Ontario, 705-789-8803
- Wilno Craft Gallery, 19 Borutski Street, Wilno, Ontario, 613-756-3010
- Blue Sky Gallery, 1012 O'Grady Settlement Road, Killaloe, Ontario, 613-717-9012