



Original Watercolors by Ellen Jean Diederich; TWSA, RRWS

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SUMMARY

- A Neo-Impressionist painter using water-media in transparent and opaque layers to create expressive color and texture. The reflection of time and light are seen through composition emphasizing the relationships between subjects and the background.
- Active in regional art organizations, an accomplished instructor, published artist and author, a juror, and an entertaining speaker.
- Owner of Givinity Press, which produces stationery, calendars, books, and reproductions.
- Watercolor workshop instructor.

EDUCATION

- Moorhead State University: Moorhead, Minnesota
B.F.A. in Fine Arts and B.A. in Art Education, Cum Laude, 1983

AWARDS

- Watercolor Society of Alabama Online Exhibition, Recognition of Excellence; 2008 – 2009
- Juror's Choice Award, Bismarck Art & Galleries Association Fall Annual Exhibition, Bismarck, ND, 2009
- Red River Watercolor Society National Juried Exhibition – Honorable Mention 2007
- Best of Show—Painting, Red River Street Fair; 2006, 2003
- Benjamin Franklin Award, Best First Book Fiction; Where's Petunia?; 2004
- Gold Brush Award, "Northern Plains Exhibition of Transparent Watercolors," Rapid City, South Dakota; 2001
- Merit Award, "Northern Plains Watercolor Society Annual Juried Exhibition;" 2000
- Patron Purchase Award, "Watercolor USA;" 1999
- Honorable Mention, "Northern Plains Watercolor Society; 1999
- Honorable Mention, "Eastern Washington Watercolor Society; 1999
- Women On Paper, "Georgia Watercolor Society National Exhibition," Macon, GA; 1997
- First Honors, "Twin City Watercolor Society Autumn Exhibition," Minneapolis, MN; 1996
- Gold Medal of Honor, "Red River Watercolor Society Juried Art Exhibition," 1995

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- "Red River Watercolor Society National Juried Exhibition," 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2003, 2002, 1999, 1997, 1995, 1994; Fargo, North Dakota
- "Western Colorado Watercolor Society National Exhibition," 2006, 1998, 1997; Grand Junction, CO
- FM Visual Artists; Fargo, ND; 2006, 2005
- Pennsylvania Watercolor Society 40th International Exhibition, 2005
- "Original Watercolors by Ellen Diederich & Grace Haverty," 2004; New York Mills Regional Cultural Center; New York Mills, Minnesota
- "Solo Exhibition," 2003; Mayville State University, Mayville, North Dakota
- "Watercolor Art Society International Exhibition," 2002, 1997, 1993
- "Northern Plains Watercolor Society," 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998; Rapid City, SD
- "Rourke Art Museum Invitational Show," 2003, 2002; Moorhead, Minnesota
- "Farmington Museum National Exhibition," 2002; Farmington, New Mexico
- "Society of Watercolor Artists," 2000; Fort Worth, Texas
- "Eastern Washington Watercolor Society," 1999; Richland, WA
- "Watercolor USA," 1999, Springfield Art Museum; Springfield, Missouri

- "Arizona Watercolor Association," 1999, West Valley Art Museum; Surprise, AZ
- "Northwest Watercolor Society 58th Annual Exhibition," 1998. Seattle, WA
- "Watercolor West National Exhibition," 1998, 1997; Redlands, California
- "National Watercolor Oklahoma Exhibition," 1997; Oklahoma City, OK
- "Georgia Watercolor Society National Exhibition," 1997; Macon, Georgia

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EXHIBITIONS
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- "Northern Colorado Artist Association," 1997; Fort Collins, Colorado
- "Midwest Watercolor Society," 1997, 1995, 1991; West Bend, WI
- "Tri-State Art Competition," UND-Wittmer Art Gallery; 1994; Grand Forks, ND
- "Springfield Art League," 1991; GWVS Art Museum, Springfield, Massachusetts

***VOLUNTEER
SERVICE***

- Rainbow Bridge, Mentor
- Demonstrations & Lectures at Local Elementary and High Schools
- Red River Watercolor Society, Current Board Member, Past Chairman
- Red River Watercolor Society National Juried Art Exhibition, Charter Chairman
- MSUM Foundation Board, Past Member

***PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS***

- Signature Member of the Transparent Watercolor Society of America
- Signature Member of the Red River Watercolor Society
- Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators
- Publishers Marketing Association
- Fargo Moorhead Chamber of Commerce
- Pride of Dakota

COLLECTIONS

- State Bank of North Dakota; Fargo, ND
- MeritCare Medical Center; Fargo, ND
- Minneapolis Children's Hospital; Minneapolis, MN
- First Bank; Fargo, ND
- Northern Capital Trust; Fargo, ND
- Paintings in numerous personal collections throughout the US and Canada

PUBLICATIONS

- Progressive Painting – Your Creative Journey by Ellen Jean Diederich 2006
- Where's Petunia?, children's book, ISBN 0-9728654-0-3, 2003
- Best Watermedia Artists in America, 2010; 3 paintings published
- Best Watercolor Magic Magazine - "In the Spotlight Headliners 2001," Spring 2002
- Area Woman Magazine Cover Story: "Ellen Diederich - A Woman of Many Talents" - November/December 2001, Fargo, North Dakota
- Fargo Forum Business Feature Story: "Mixing Art and Business: Marketing is important part of local artist's success" - July 14, 2001
- Best Artists of 1999 - Artists Magazine - Finalist in Experimental Area, Dec. 1999
- Best of Watercolor 3, September 1999
- Painting Composition - Best of Watercolor series, August 1997
- Creative Watercolor - A Step by Step Guide and Showcase, December 1995
- In Touch: Midweek Community Service Directory; covers 1996, 1995, 1994
- PEO Record, cover story/image, September 1988, June 1992
- The Area Woman, Autumn 1989