



Original watercolors by *Ellen Jean Diederich; TWSA, RRWS*

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SUMMARY A Neo-Impressionist painter using watercolor and gouache in the exploration of color theory and light, along with experimentation in patterning and watercolor textures. My most recent "Tapestry Series" shows a development of weaving achieved by the partial removal of paint and relayering. This technique captures the essence of tapestry beauty in a variety of subject matter.

Ellen Jean Diederich TWSA, RRWS is active in regional arts organizations, an accomplished instructor and published artist, author, juror, & entertaining speaker.

Owner of Givinity Press which produces stationery, calendars and reproductions of Diederich's artwork.

- AWARDS**
- 2004 Benjamin Franklin Award "*Bill Fisher- Best First Book Fiction*", "*Where's Petunia?*", 2004
 - "2002 Favorite Local Artist", *Fargo-Moorhead Magazine*, 2002
 - 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 XVIII National Exhibition*", Macon, Georgia; 1997
 - First Honors, "*Twin City Watercolor Society Autumn Open Exhibition*", Minneapolis, Minnesota; 1996
 - Gold Medal of Honor, "*Red River Watercolor Society Juried Art Exhibition*"; 1995

EDUCATION

Moorhead State University; Moorhead, Minnesota
B.F.A. in Fine Arts and B.A. in Art Education, Cum Laude, 1983.
Signature Member of the Transparent Watercolor Society of America
Signature Member of the Red River Watercolor Society

ART INSTRUCTOR

Elementary Art Teacher; Pine River, Minnesota
Beginning to advanced workshops which focus on watercolor
Wyoming Artists Association, Cheyenne Wyoming
Red River Watercolor Society; Fargo, North Dakota
Driftwood Resort Workshops; Pine River, Minnesota
Mathisons Art Store; Fargo, North Dakota
Moorhead Technical College; Moorhead, Minnesota
Art of the Lakes Association; Battle Lake, Minnesota
2nd Crossing Gallery; Valley City, North Dakota
Art Gallery; Cavalier, North Dakota
Fort Ransom Art Association; Fort Ransom, North Dakota
Fair Hills Resort; Detroit Lakes, Minnesota

ARTISTIC
REPRESENTATION

Galleries

Underbrush Gallery; Fargo, North Dakota.
Latitudes Gallery & Gifts, Bismarck, North Dakota
The Dakota Collection at Silverman's, Grand Forks, North Dakota

Publications

Where's Petunia?, childrens book, ISBN 0-9728654-0-3, 2003
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

Selected Exhibitions

"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
"Red River Watercolor Society National Juried Exhibition", 2003, 2002, 1999,
1997, 1995, 1994. Fargo, North Dakota
"Watercolor Art Society International Exhibition", 2002, 1997, 1993.
Watercolor Art Society/Houston; Houston, Texas
"Northern Plains Watercolor Society", 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998.
Rapid City, South Dakota
"Rouke 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
"Western Colorado Watercolor Society National Exhibition", 1998, 1997.
Grand Junction, Colorado
"National Watercolor Oklahoma", Exhibition, 1997. Oklahoma City, OK
"Georgia Watercolor Society National Exhibition", 1997. Macon, Georgia
"Northern Colorado Artist Association", 1997. Fort Collins, Colorado
"Midwest Watercolor Society", 1997, 1995, 1991. West Bend, WI
"1994 Tri-State Art Competition", UND-Wittmer Art Gallery; Grand Forks, ND
"Springfield Art League", 1991. GWVS Art Museum; Springfield, Massachusetts

Commissions

Butler Machinery Corporate Office; Fargo, North Dakota
Honeywell Inc; Minneapolis, Minnesota; *print edition*
Hjemkomst Heritage Cultural Center, Moorhead, Minnesota; *print edition*
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Dakota; Fargo, North Dakota
Eide Bailly; Fargo, North Dakota

**ARTISTIC
REPRESENTATION**
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Collections

Fargo Clinic Meritcare; Fargo, North Dakota
Minneapolis Children's Hospital; Minneapolis, Minnesota
First Bank; Fargo, North Dakota
Northern Capital Trust; Fargo, North Dakota
Paintings in numerous personal collections throughout the US and Canada

**PROFESSIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS**

Moorhead State University Foundation Board
Red River Watercolor Society, chairman of the Board
SCBWI, Society of Childrens Bo] Writers & Illustrators
PMA, Publishers Marketing Association
SPAN, Small Publishers Association of North America
RRWS National Juried Art Exhibition, charter chairman
Fair Hills Art Extravaganza, director
Fargo-Moorhead Regional Art Show, annually active
First Lutheran Church Art Gallery, gallery director

INTERESTS

REFERENCES

Photography, Gardening, Travel, Golf and Piano
Available upon request