



Original Paintings by Ellen Jean Diederich; TWSA, RRWS, WSA & WW

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SUMMARY

- A Neo-Impressionist painter using water-media on paper and acrylic on canvas to create expressive color and texture. The reflection of time and light are seen through composition emphasizing the relationships between subjects and the background.
- Award winning published artist and author, and an entertaining speaker.
- President of Givinity Press, which produces fine art reproductions, calendars, books, and stationary. Active in regional arts organizations.
- Watercolor and Acrylic workshop instructor and juror.

EDUCATION

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

AWARDS

- 2016 North Star National Water-media Exhibition \$500 Merchandise award
- 2016 Merit Award Watercolor Society of Alabama National Exhibition
- 2015 Gold Illumination Award –Samson's Gift
- Merit Award- Watercolor Society-Houston International Exhibition 2012
- Watercolor Society of Alabama National Juried Exhibition 2011 – Merchandise award
- Best Water Media Artists of America , Adam and Renee' Kennedy, 2010
- Watercolor Society of Alabama Online Exhibition, Recognition of Excellence; 2008- 2009
- Red River Watercolor Society National Juried Exhibition – Honorable Mention 2007
- Featured Artist—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," SD 2001
- Merit Award, "Northern Plains Watercolor Society Annual Juried Exhibition;" 2000
- 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

COLLECTIONS

- Jamestown Medical Center, Jamestown, ND
- Bell State Bank and Trust of North Dakota; Fargo, and West Fargo , ND
- Sanford Medical Center; Fargo, ND
- Avera Nursing Home, Sioux Falls, SD
- Minneapolis Children's Hospital; Minneapolis, MN
- Fargo Theater; Fargo, ND
- Zerr Berg Architecture; Fargo, ND

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- Brookings Art Center, solo exhibition 2018, Brookings, SD
- MaCrostie Art Center workshop and solo exhibition December 2016
- Taube Museum of Art, solo exhibition Minot ND 2015
- Plains Art Museum Fargo, solo exhibition Fargo, ND 2014
- North-Star National Juried Exhibition, 2016 award winner
- Watercolor Society of Alabama National Exhibition 2016, 2011
- Watercolor West International Exhibition 2016, 2014, 2013, 1998, 1997; Brea CA
- Georgia National Watercolor Society 2013, 1997

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- National Watercolor Oklahoma Exhibition 2010, 1997, Oklahoma City, OK
- Watercolor Art Society Houston International Exhibition, 2016, 2012, 2002, 1997, 1993
- Red River Watercolor Society National Juried Exhibition, 2016 + 13 shows Fargo, ND
- Georgia National Watercolor Society 2013, 1997 National Watercolor
- Oklahoma Exhibition 2010, 1997, Oklahoma City, OK
- Western Colorado Watercolor Society National Exhibition, 2006, 1998, 1997; Grand Junction,
- Pennsylvania Watercolor Society 40th International Exhibition, 2005
- 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
- "National Watercolor Oklahoma Exhibition," 2009, 1997, Oklahoma City, OK
- "Northern Colorado Artist Association," 1997; Fort Collins, Colorado
- "Transparent Watercolor Society of America ," 1997, 1995, 1991; West Bend, WI
- "Springfield Art League," 1991; GWVS Art Museum, Springfield, Massachusetts

**VOLUNTEER
SERVICE**

- Demonstrations & Lectures at Local Elementary and High Schools, Public libraries
- Rainbow Bridge, Mentor
Red River Watercolor Society, Past President
- Red River Watercolor Society National Juried Art Exhibition 2018 , Charter Chairman
- MSUM Foundation Board, Past Member

**PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERSHIPS**

- Signature Member of the Transparent Watercolor Society of America
- Signature Member of the Watercolor Society of Alabama
- Signature Member of the Red River Watercolor Society
- Signature Member of Watercolor West
- Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators
- Independent Book Publishers of America
- Arts Partnership, Fargo, ND
- Fargo Moorhead Chamber of Commerce
- Pride of Dakota

WORKSHOPS

Red River Watercolor Society, Northern Plains Art Society, Rapid City, SD, Bismarck Art Gallery & Association, Wyoming Art Society, Nebraska Art Association, Battle Lake Art Association, MacRostie Art Center, Grand Rapids, MN, North Dakota Gallery Association, Richardton, ND, Brush & Palette Club, Alexandria, MN, Nelson County Art Association, Pekin, ND, Women, in the Arts Association, Moorhead, MN, Concordia College-public classes, Moorhead, MN, Rio Verde Art League, Rio Verde, AZ, Cross Lake, Art Association, Cross Lake, MN, Cormorant Area Art Association, Cormorant, MN

PUBLICATIONS

- Samson's Gift by Ellen Jean Diederich 2014
- Progressive Painting – Your Creative Journey by Ellen Jean Diederich 2006
- Where's Petunia?, by Ellen Jean Diederich 2003
- Best Watercolor Magic Magazine - "In the Spotlight Headliners 2001," Spring 2002
- Area Woman Magazine Cover Story "Ellen Diederich - A Woman of Many Talents 2001
- Best Artists of 1999 - Artists Magazine - Finalist in Experimental Area, Dec. 1999 In books:
Best Water-Media Artists in America, 2010, Best of Watercolor 3 1999 Painting
Composition - Best of Watercolor, 1997, Creative Watercolor 1995