



## ***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 canvas, creating expressive color and textural brushwork. The reflection of time and light are seen through composition emphasizing the relationships between the subject 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***

- Minnesota State University - Moorhead, Minnesota
- B.F.A. in Fine Arts and B.A. in Art Education, Cum Laude 1983
- Distinguished Alumna Fine Art, Minnesota State University Moorhead State University: Moorhead, Minnesota 2016
- Continued Adult Education via art and business workshops

### ***AWARDS***

- 2019 Hawley Regional Art Show First Place- Painting
- 2019 1<sup>st</sup>Place Red Door Art Museum & Gallery Rural Exhibition
- 2016 North Star National Water-media Exhibition \$500 Merchandise award
- 2016 Merit Award Watercolor Society of Alabama National Exhibition
- 2015 Watercolor Society of Alabama National Exhibition, \$500 Merchandise award
- 2015 Gold Illumination Book Award –Samson’s Gift
- Merit Award- Watercolor Society-Houston International Exhibition 2012
- 2019 Hawley Regional Art Show - First
- Watercolor Society of Alabama National Juried Exhibition 2011 – Merchandise award
- 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, Gold 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***

- The Great Midwest- 2019 solo exhibition at the Red Door Art Museum & Gallery
- Watercolor Society of Alabama National Exhibition 2019,2016, 2011
- North-Star National Juried Exhibition, 2019, 2018, 2016 award winner
- Watercolor Art Society-Houston 2017
- 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
- Watercolor West International Exhibition 2016, 2014, 2013,1998, 1997; Brea CA
- Georgia National Watercolor Society 2013, 1997

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- Watercolor West International Watercolor Exhibition, CA, 2019, 2018, 2015, 2013, 98, 97
- Watercolor Society of Alabama, 2019, 2015, 2011, 2009, 2008
- NorthStar Watermedia Exhibition Minneapolis, MN 2019, 2017, 2016
- Watercolor Art Society Houston International Exhibition, 2018, 2016, 2012, 2002, 1997 & 93
- Red River Watercolor Society National Juried Exhibition, accepted in 18/26 exhibitions
- National Watercolor Oklahoma Exhibition 2010, 1997, Oklahoma City, OK
- Rourke Art Museum Invitational Show- 2019, 2003, 2002; Moorhead, Minnesota
- Georgia National Watercolor Society 2013, 1997
- Oklahoma Exhibition 2010, 1997, Oklahoma City, OK
- Western Colorado Watercolor Society National Exhibition, 2006, 1998, 1997; Grand Junction,
- Pennsylvania Watercolor Society 40<sup>th</sup> International Exhibition, 2005
- Northern Plains Watercolor Society, 2002, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1998; Rapid City, SD
- 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 & art societies.
- Rainbow Bridge, Mentor  
Red River Watercolor Society, Past President
- Red River Watercolor Society National Juried Art Exhibition 2015, 2018, 2019 + Charter Chairman  
1984, Board Member 2014-2020
- 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
- Rourke Art Museum,
- Arts Partnership, Fargo, ND
- Fargo Moorhead Chamber of Commerce
- Pride of Dakota

**Teaching Experience**

*I've had workshops at these locations, some multiple times plus my own workshop series in Fargo.*

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, Red Door, Wahpeton, ND

**PUBLICATIONS**

- The Adelphean- featured artist Winter 2020
- 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
- The Adelphean- featured artist Winter 2020
- 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