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Diederich has studios in Fargo, ND, Pelican Rapids, MN & Rancho Mirage, CA

Summary

- A Neo-Impressionist painter using water-media on paper and canvas, creating calligraphic shapes, 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, instructor & 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 Alumnus-Fine Art, Minnesota State University Moorhead State University: Moorhead, Minnesota 2016
- Continued adult art and business education through workshops

Awards

- 2021 Merit award &Bronze Signature Status Watercolor Society of Alabama
- *Red River Watercolor Society – Merchandise award 2020*
- 2019 1st Place Red Door Art Museum & gallery Rural Exhibition
- 2019 Hawley Art Show 1st place
- 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

- Riverview Health, Crookston, MN
- 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

- *Rourke Art Museum & Gallery 2022 exhibit "Three Women"*
- *American Watercolor Society 2022 Associate Members Online Exhibition*
- *American Watercolor Society 2021*
- *Watercolor Society of Alabama National Exhibition 2021,2020, 2019,2016, 2011*
- *North-Star National Juried Exhibition,2020, 2019, 2018, 2016 award winner*
- *Midwestern Exhibit, Rourke Art Museum 2021,2020,2019*
- *Watercolor Art Society-Houston - International2017*
- *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*
- *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, 1997National 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*
- *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 Services

- Demonstrations & Lectures at Watercolor Societies, Local Elementary and High Schools, Public libraries
- 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
- 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

Workshops

Henning Landmark Center, Henning, MN, Red Door Art Gallery& Museum, Wahpeton, ND 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

- Acrylic Works 2021
- 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. 1999In books: Best Water-Media Artists in America, 2010, Best of Watercolor 3 1999 Painting Composition - Best of Watercolor,1997, Creative Watercolor 1995