

27TH ANNUAL NANAIMO

ARTWALK

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22nd
10AM TO 4PM
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23rd
12PM TO 4PM





Nanaimo Art Gallery During ArtWalk

Saturday November 22 | 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Sunday November 23 | 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM FREE ADMISSION

Check out our thought-provoking current exhibition, Samuel Roy-Bois' *Commercial St.* After that, join us in Art Lab to view creations made in our Learning and Engagement programs. On Sunday, participate in a community art project and complete your experience with a trip to The Gallery Store! Everyone is welcome.

NANAIMO ART GALLERY

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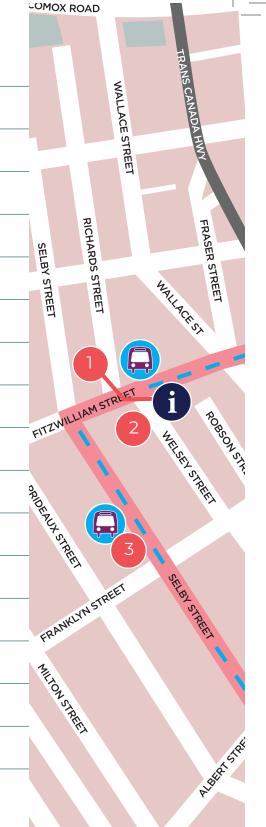
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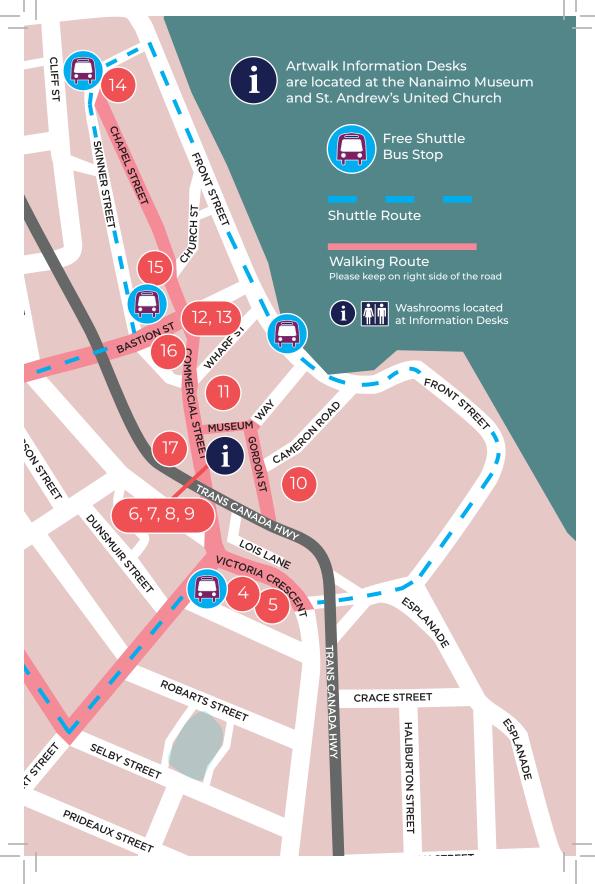
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Letter from the Mayor







Welcome to Nanaimo!

On behalf of Council and our citizens, welcome to the great community of Nanaimo! It is an honour to host the 27th annual Nanaimo Artwalk on the Traditional Territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

There are so many reasons why Nanaimo is THE place to be, and as the City celebrates 150 years since incorporation, we are excited to share them with you. Our harbourfront is stunning, our shop owners are friendly, our recreation opportunities will keep you moving, our people are hospitable, and our parks are lush, green and glorious! Accenting it all is a cultural and artistic presence that adds greatly to the vibrance of our community. From public art to galleries to art displayed within our local businesses, it's all around us in Nanaimo.

The Nanaimo Artwalk will feature 50-60 artists exhibiting in more than 20 venues and will be held on November 22 & 23, 2025. The event includes a free hop-on, hop-off shuttle service between Downtown Nanaimo and the Old City Quarter, and the Nanaimo Arts Council's Artwalk Event Guide will include all the art, bios and venue locations that art enthusiasts will need for a successful, self-guided tour.

In 2024, more than 1 000 attendees (25% from out of town) came out to enjoy the art and the cultural connection of the Artwalk, setting a new event record! For more than 50 years, the Nanaimo Arts Council has been helping to keep Nanaimo's cultural community vibrant and alive, and events like the annual Nanaimo Artwalk offer a fantastic showcase for our talented artists. So, whether you call Nanaimo home or are visiting for the event, we hope you take in the wonders of our City as you enjoy, reflect upon and find inspiration within this year's featured Artwork.

Mayor Leonard Krog

CITY HALL, 455 WALLACE STREET, NANAIMO, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA V9R 5J6 TELEPHONE (250) 755-4400 · WEBSITE: WWW.NANAIMO.CA · FAX (250) 754-8263 The Nanaimo Arts Council is thrilled to host the 27th Annual Nanaimo ArtWalk, one of the most extensive artist engagements on Vancouver Island. This important cultural event provides a unique opportunity to discover the talents of local artists while exploring vibrant businesses and public venues in Nanaimo's downtown and Old City Quarter. Please take advantage of the Hop-On Hop-Off shuttle that operates every 15-20 minutes round-trip. Park your car and ride for free

Artwalk would not be possible without the generosity of funders, sponsors and public and private venues for supporting artists so the community can enjoy their work. Thank you. Nanaimo Arts Council acknowledges with gratitude and respect that Artwalk takes place on the unceded traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

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We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia, the City of Nanaimo, the Regional District of Nanaimo Transit, the Old City Quarter Association and the Downtown Nanaimo Business Association.











Nanaimo Artwalk Committee: Namrata Verma, Dana Smiley, Steven Dennis

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Eileen Williamson

St. Andrews Church 315 Fizwilliam Street

In her show "The Natural Path," Eileen invites viewers to join her on a journey through the landscape of the organic world. The works in this exhibition explore the idea that nature is a constant, living dialogue. The Natural Path asks us to step back and reconsider our relationship with the earth. Ultimately, this show seeks to remind us that nature is not a destination but a path to walk—slowly, mindfully, and with reverence.

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Rich Williams

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When we look at a piece of art work it has to form some kind of connection to us. It must evoke a memory or stir our imagination or it will fail to cause us to return to it and examine it further. By painting some of nature's hidden treasures, Rich hopes to bring us back to places or times that are stored in our memories.

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Patty McRory

St. Andrews Church 315 Fizwilliam Street

Patty is an outdoorswoman at heart and her landscape art reflects her deep love of the wild. Her images represent both the coastal rainforest and the alpine mountain environment. She works mostly in acrylic paint but sometimes goes out on a limb with multimedia works.

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Maureen Purtell

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Maureen is a self-taught Vancouver Island artist using acrylics as her main medium. She has always loved to create art with lots of bold colours, that makes for bright and happy paintings.

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Charlotte Mougeot

St. Andrews Church

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Charlotte is a self-taught artist living in Nanaimo. She is originally from Quebec and has lived in Manitoba, Alberta, Yukon, and B.C. Charlotte's preferred medium is oil paint. She also enjoys the playfulness and practicality of acrylic paint. Right now, Charlotte's mind in on sky, clouds and beaches.

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Marilyn Strongitharm

St. Andrews Church

315 Fizwilliam Street

Marilyn has been an artist most of her life. Working in fabric, building homes, and interior design. All are based on balance and colour. It was not an easy transition into painting for her, but the love was there, and her hands found it. She is enjoying what she puts down on canvas, and is delighted to share it.

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Harald Wetklo

St. Andrews Church 315 Fizwilliam Street

Since retirement as a Dental Technician, Harald enjoys painting in water colour and acrylic. From being precision-driven in his career, he wanted to free himself by painting loosely and in an abstract form. It gives him satisfaction.

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Kathryn Galvin

St. Andrews Church

315 Fizwilliam Street

Kathryn is an accomplished watercolour artist. She is known for her vibrant florals. More recently, she has been using metal leafing to 'tickle the eye'. "Watercolour is a challenging medium; one with endless possibilities. I continue to explore ways to express the beauty in our world."

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Dave Stevens

St. Andrews Church

315 Fizwilliam Street

Dave taught high school art for 30 years in North Delta, and retired from teaching in 2012. He's participated in Artwalk for the last 4 years, displaying arbutus trees painted in oils and illustrations in acrylics. Paintings, books and art cards are available.

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Rosina Solylo

St. Andrews Church

315 Fizwilliam Street

Rosina has been exploring her creativity with paint and photography for over forty-five years. Capturing a moment, a feeling or an abstraction to share in the spirit of art.

Rosina aspires to evolve and continue learning in creating her art.

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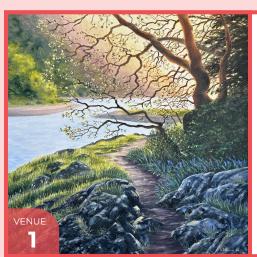


Brenda Brown

St. Andrews Church 315 Fizwilliam Street

Brenda is a multi-disciplinary artist working in oil, acrylics, printmaking, and metalworking jewelry. She is inspired daily by the colours and textures in nature. Brenda enjoys plein air painting and teaching art to others. She is a member of Art 10, the Federation of Canadian Artists, and is a resident artist at The Old Schoolhouse.

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Sarah Boileau

St. Andrews Church 315 Fizwilliam Street

Sarah has been painting Canadian landscapes in oils for over 20 years. She captures the beauty of nature by focusing on the way that light interacts with the landscape. Sarah is an exhibiting member of the FCA and a resident artist at The Old School House in Qualicum Beach.

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Lottie Stone Anderson

St. Andrews Church 315 Fizwilliam Street

Discover Lottie's luminous abstract watercolour and ink paintings inspired by nature's movement, colour, and form. Each piece is an original, blending fluid shapes with vibrant hues to spark emotion and curiosity. Come explore, connect, and be inspired.

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Joanne Ayley

St. Andrews Church 315 Fizwilliam Street

Joanne paints bright colourful paintings of her travels (local and beyond) in acrylics. She loves visual drama and contrast so tends to use lots of sharp edges and complimentary colours. Her interpretive style evolved over several years of painting after working as a graphic designer.

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Tina Johnson

Window Seat Books 321 Wesley Street #6

Tina is a former high school art, careers and sex-ed teacher. She retired in 2022 and now works on bringing people joy through her art and swearing fat birds. She draws inspiration from nature, animals, and her experiences teaching. Tina likes colour and patterns, and the secret lives of animals. In her spare time, she likes to quilt, sew, embroider

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Marina Wright

Nanaimo Conservatory of Music 375 Selby Street

Marina paints vibrant acrylic landscapes of Vancouver Island, capturing local beaches, forests, colourful skies, and movement, often weaving in elements of native plants and wildlife.

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R. Michael Fisher

Nanaimo Conservatory of Music 375 Selby Street

R. Michael is a seasoned artist with a passion for creating aesthetic problems and resolving them in art works in multimedia collage and other forms of drawing and painting spontaneously. He has shown his work in art galleries across North America and in Nanaimo for the last four years.

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Sheila Norgate

Nanaimo Conservatory of Music 375 Selby Street

Artist, author, performer, and erstwhile long-term Gabriolan, Sheila has been represented in art galleries across North America and now happily paints, writes, and rabble rouses out of her Nanaimo studio.

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Lin Hammill

Nanaimo Conservatory of Music 375 Selby Street

Lin works with ink and markers because they are permanent; she cannot erase the marks she makes on the paper, only sometimes modifying them, forcing her to be mindful of every mark, of every choice she makes.

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Dustin Rickman

Sound Heritage Music Ltd. 33 Victoria Crescent

Dustin is a welder-turned-sculpture artist residing in Nanaimo. His nature-inspired creations are made from salvaged metal materials and serve to bridge the beautiful coexistence of artificial and natural worlds.

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Mia Dungeon

Nightmare Oasis Gallery 115 Haliburton Street

Mia's work grows out of the notions of housing instability, broken bones, grief, world conflict and the healing that can knit it all back together. Her belief that everyone deserves housing security, safety and stability is integral to Mia's

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practice.



Winona Dale

Primary Skateboards 60 Commercial Street

Winona has a focus in mixed media, often working with watercolour alongside other materials. Her practice is rooted in experimentation, allowing each work to take shape through process and play.

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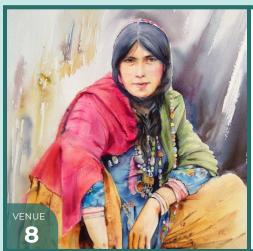
Michelle Kennedy

Cold Front Gelato

306-60 Commercial Street

Michelle's mixed media, mono-prints, & collages take advantage of the versatility of acrylic paints & vintage print media. The cheeky Dirty Bird design series Michelle debuted last year has a dozen new designs added to the flock. Each piece combines a liveliness of expressive colour with a playful palette, resulting in vibrant, multilayered art.

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Ava Heydarpour

Serious Coffee

300-60 Commercial Street

Ava is a watercolour artist based in Nanaimo. Her work is inspired by nature, emotion, and the quiet beauty of everyday life. She is passionate about creating expressive, accessible art. Ava enjoys teaching watercolour painting to all ages in Nanaimo.

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Ellie Escobar

Nanaimo Museum 100 Museum Wav

Ellie came from Mexico City 13 years ago, and fell in love with Canada and its people. Her passion is to paint people in their different emotional facets. She has a predilection for the "chiaroscuro" due to the way light breaks through the shadows. You can see a story behind each of her paintings.

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Dana Smiley

Nanaimo Museum 100 Museum Way

Dana is a member and artist working in acrylics. She has entered many events, served on the board, presently the Treasurer. She is committed to promoting the Nanaimo Art Community.



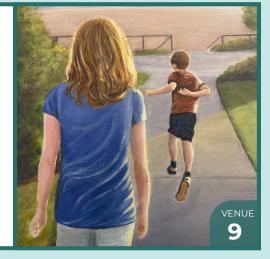
Coni Long

Nanaimo Museum

100 Museum Way

Coni is a contemporary acrylic artist with a focus on realism and figurative works.

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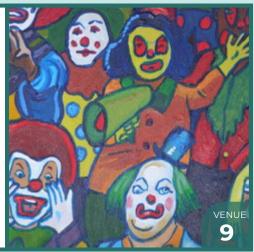
Rod Corraini

Nanaimo Museum

100 Museum Way

Rod's satirical paintings tell a tale of the desire to travel post-global pandemic, and are a chaotic reaction to how current events affect society.

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Sonja Billard

Nanaimo Museum 100 Museum Way

Sonja is showing a selection of small mixed medium work on canvas, Yupo paper or wood. She is inspired by nature, especially the ocean, the mysteries of the universe and her love of colour. Most work leans to abstraction, but she loves to add whimsy to collage pieces. Watch for a visitor surprise project

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Patricia Banks

Nanaimo Museum 100 Museum Way

Patricia is a Canadian Landscape painter best known for her detailed oil and acrylic paintings. She is inspired by the magnificence and splendour of the natural environment. Patricia has exhibited widely and has won many awards for her work

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Guy Manuel

Nanaimo Museum 100 Museum Way

Guy is a mask-carver, taught by friend Rupert Scow, a Kwakwaka'wakw woodcarver. Guy suffered a stroke 10 years ago and now works with his non-dominant hand. Rupert's designs are evident in Guy's work, and Jenaya Shaw paints his masks. This art is not for sale, but to be shared.

Alana Godin

Courtyard by Marriott

100 Gordon Street

Living by the ocean in Departure Bay, Alana Godin finds both inspiration and therapy in painting. Once an interior designer, she now creates art that reflects her journey toward healing and her love for nature's wonder



Karen Sim

N. Harbourfront Library

90 Commercial Street

Karen is a fantasy creature artist, illustrator, and storyteller from Nanaimo, BC, and the creator of "Oliver the Squonk". Karen's artistic focus is on the psychology of monster making, and fostering compassion and empathy through strange and challenging lenses. She loves to blend humour and kindness with a little creepy darkness...

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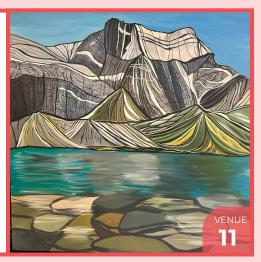
Andrea Dillingham-Lacoursiere

N. Harbourfront Library

90 Commercial Street

Andrea is a multidisciplinary artist and a recent transplant to Nanaimo. She paints abstract landscapes as her daily act of decolonization. Her work braids land memory and gratitude together, with resistance and reconciliation rooted in responsibility, and the promise of accountability that we must hold each other to.

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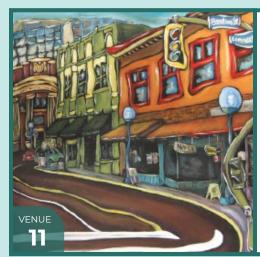
Janice Evans

N. Harbourfront Library

90 Commercial Street

A full-time professional painter, Janice mainly works in water-based media, exploring nature with a meditative aesthetic. Her loose technique aims to evoke an emotional reaction to the imagery that she paints 'en plein air'. She has a Zen vibe to her beautiful, simple, but complex imagery. Member of SCA, FCA, IWS, NWS.

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Sherri Prevost

N. Harbourfront Library

90 Commercial Street

Sherri, a Nanaimo-based artist, creates vibrant, expressive paintings of cityscapes, coastal scenes, and sacred symbols. Blending bold color and playful linework, her work celebrates memory, community, and the magic hidden in everyday places.

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Island Crisis Care Society

Nanaimo Art Gallery

150 Commercial Street

Healing Through Art features work created by ICCS clients, expressing stories of hope, strength, and recovery. Each piece reflects the artist's journey and the power of creativity in healing and building connection.

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Jenny Adams

Flying Fish

180 Commercial Street

Jenny creates original acrylic paintings inspired by her love of nature. The west coast continues to provide a source of inspiration for her work. She enjoys the challenge of capturing the feeling of where she stands and recreating that feeling on canvas.

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Denise Tierney

Pentimenti Art Studio

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Contemporary figurative narration expressed through painting and sculpture. Plus... leather.

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Mary Anne Molcan

Pentimenti Art Studio

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Mary Anne creates original fine art prints that highlight the overlooked and ephemeral. Through themes of impermanence, fragmentation and life's subtle traces, she explores patterns found in nature, blending line and colour to produce bold and striking artworks

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Dale Sheppard

Nanaimo Ceramic Arts

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As a potter specializing in ceramic underglaze decoration, Dale creates pieces illustrated with animals in a simplified folk art style. The pieces are both decorative and functional.

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The Artists of Nanaimo Ceramic Arts Studio

Nanaimo Ceramic Arts Studio 115 Chapel Street

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Hannah Grant

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Shot Nerves is the chainstitch embroidery project of Nanaimo local Hannah Grant. Using a hand-cranked machine, she illustrates and stitches wearable goods—think silly characters on patches and larger banner art. Catch her live stitching custom text and flash designs on site!

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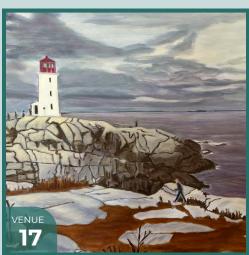
Paul Fudge

Dakin Block

93 Commercial Street

Paul was trained in England, and emigrated to Canada in 1967. He moved to Nanaimo in 1999. Paul works in acrylics and oils on canvas, and much of his subject matter is derived from nature, especially the landscape. He often starts a piece by painting directly from nature. He has work in private collections in England, Germany and across Canada.

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Deborah Zorkin

Dakin Block

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Deborah's journey with painting started twenty years ago, working with watercolour, and now acrylics on canvas, learning from many others along the way.

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