

GRETA GUZEK

Greta embraces and captures the spirit of the West Coast. Her intricate designs and vivid colours have become a distinctly joyful feature of her artwork, which has gained wide appeal throughout Canada. She grew up in South Africa and moved, in 1980 to Vancouver, working as a designer and illustrator. Since 1990, Greta has lived and worked as a painter from her studio on the Sunshine Coast, BC.

“Having lived on the west coast for thirty years, I feel integration with its character, and it has become a vehicle for my artistic expression. Through the familiar sketches of life, I create a bond with viewers, which allows me to converse with them on an aesthetic level. I paint in a way to express my involvement with the subject; I simplify and distort the forms, enhance the expressive value of colour and create a rhythm that animates the scene. In this way I develop a visual language that conveys my sense of wonder and materializes the spirit of joy that I feel.” – Greta Guzek

Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts
University of Pretoria (1978)

Selected Exhibitions

- 2019 “Steadfast”, Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver, BC
- 2017 "Along the Way", Ian Tan Gallery, Vancouver, BC
"Power of Paint", Sechelt, BC
"50 Canadian Things", Invitational, Sunshine Coast Arts Centre, Sechelt, BC
"Origins", A Cultural Heritage Invitational, Sechelt, BC
- 2016 "Island Passages", West End Gallery, Victoria, BC
"Power of Paint", Sechelt, BC
- 2015 "Power of Paint", Sechelt, BC
- 2014 "Renewal", West End Gallery, Victoria, BC
"Power of Paint", Sechelt, BC
- 2013 “Tide Line” Westwind Gallery, Gibsons, BC
- 2012 “Coastal Allure” Westwind Gallery, Victoria, BC
“Power of Paint” Seaside Centre, Sechelt, BC
- 2011 “Trails of Discovery” Westwind Gallery, Gibsons, BC
- 2010 “Beach Roaming” West End Gallery, Victoria, BC
- 2009 “Four Elements” Westwind Gallery, Gibsons, BC
“Sky Above, Earth Below” West End Gallery, Victoria, BC
- 2008 “Pacific Point of View” West End Gallery, Victoria, BC

- 2007 “New Paintings” Shayne Gallery, Montréal, QC
- 2006 “Islands in the Sun” West End, Victoria, BC
“New Works” Westwind Gallery, Gibsons, BC
- 2004 “Coastal Narratives” West End Gallery, Victoria, BC
“New Works” Westwind Gallery, Gibsons, BC
- 2003 Duel Show, Carousel Theatre, Granville Island, Vancouver, BC
“Colour Soulstice” Ferry Building Gallery, North Vancouver, BC
- 2002 “Tides of Summer” Downstairs Gallery, North Vancouver, BC
- 2000 “New Works” Downstairs Gallery, North Vancouver, BC

Publications

- Coast Reporter, June 2003
- Galleries West Magazine, Spring 2012
- Just Business Magazine, December 2007