

Six Degrees of Freedom



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Exhibit at Etobicoke Civic Centre Art Gallery

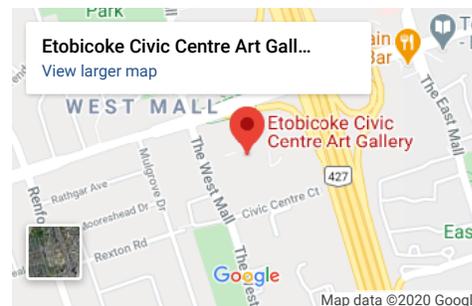
399 The West Mall Etobicoke, Toronto, ON M9C 2Y2

Exhibition Date: August 25 to September 20, 2018

Opening Reception: Sunday August 26, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Participating Artist are:

[Biljana Baker](#) [Doug Mays](#) [Nancy Newman](#) [Doug Purdon](#) [John Reid](#) [Brenda Stonehouse](#)



BILJANA BAKER

Biljana is a full-time watercolour artist who resides in Thunder Bay, Ontario. She was born in Yugoslavia, came to Canada in 1964 and grew up in Toronto. After high school she studied Fashion Design and Fine Arts at Ryerson University and upon graduation was employed in Toronto as a Fashion Designer.

The softness and spontaneity of watercolours are the motivating factors in her unique presentation. Innovative mat carving also adds another dimension to her work.

She has participated in numerous group and solo shows across Canada and the United States. Her paintings can be found in private and public collections worldwide.

Biljana has studied with many prominent artists in Canada, USA and Europe which has led to a career teaching watercolours in Thunder Bay at Confederation College, the 55plus Centre, and Learning Through the Arts and CAHAP programs.

Her involvement in the Thunder Bay Art Community has been very extensive and very rewarding. She produced several prominent shows -- People, Places and Things, Flavour and Flair, and Superior Creations. She organizes workshops by bringing in prominent artists and promotes student artists through sponsorship.

She is a member of Lakehead Visual Arts, Six Degrees of Freedom, [Artisan's Northwest](#), [Thunder Bay Art Gallery](#) and the [Pictograph Gallery in Atikokan](#), as well as an associate member of the [Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour \(CSPWC\)](#). She is past co-chair of [Clean, Green, and Beautiful](#), and was past chair of the [Public Art Committee for the City of Thunder Bay](#).

Biljana has been nominated for the Arts and Heritage Visual Art Award; illustrated a book entitled "The Art of Healing"; and has been profiled on the TV Home and Garden Show "Craft Scapes" with Sue Warden.



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Biljana Baker was a proud three time recipient of the Exhibition Grant from the [Ontario Arts Council \(OAC\)](#).

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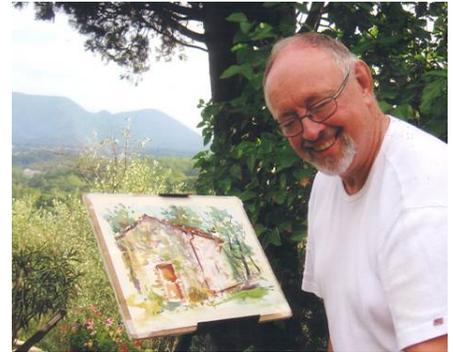
DOUG MAYS CSPWC

Born in Hamilton, Doug was raised and currently resides in neighbouring Stoney Creek. His dedication to art began at an early age, winning recognition for his first watercolour award at age 10. This watershed event along with his overall passion for drawing eventually led him to study architecture at Mohawk College - Hamilton, Ontario, where he graduated in 1971.

In 2002, following a 30 year business career, Doug surrendered his pen in favour of a brush to pursue his first calling as an artist and instructor in watercolours. Doug was elected into Canada's premier watercolour society - The Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour (CSPWC) in 2004, he is a Past-President of the Central Ontario Art Association (COAA) and a member of the Ontario Plein Air Society.

He is known for a loose, impressionistic approach that taps watercolour's greatest virtues - spontaneity & expressive freedom. Doug is an award winning artist who has established himself as a personable and effective watercolour instructor, conducting workshops for numerous art groups and art schools in Ontario, Quebec, Newfoundland, Mexico and Europe.

His paintings are held in both corporate and private collections in Canada, United States, Mexico and Europe.



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NANCY NEWMAN

Nancy is an award-winning artist, teacher and juror. She is the Past President of the Toronto Watercolour Society (TWS) and the Society of York Region Artists (SOYRA). Nancy has exhibited her work in many solo shows and juried group shows including TWS Aquavision, International Watercolour Society Canada (IWS), Art Aurora, Society of York Region Artists (SOYRA), and Blue Mountain Foundation of the Arts (BMFA) shows. She has received several First Place, Honourable Mention and People's Choice Awards.

Nancy has been a guest instructor for many art societies such as the Banbury Group of Artists, Don Valley Art Club, the Barrie Art Club and the Marsh Street Painters, Clarksburg. She gives workshops and teaches regular sessions of classes at the Aurora Cultural Centre. Nancy has been an instructor at the Haliburton School of the Arts for many years. In June of 2015, 2016 and

2017, Nancy was an instructor for the Blue Mountain School of Landscape where the focus was painting en plein air.

Nancy is a signature member of the Toronto Watercolour Society and is a master level member of the International Watercolour Society, Global.

Nancy and photographer Linda Welch conduct painting and photography trips for small groups "On Location". [www.Facebook.com/onlocationartistholidays1](https://www.facebook.com/onlocationartistholidays1) Past trips include France, Ireland and Spain. For more information, contact Nancy at nancynewmanart@gmail.com



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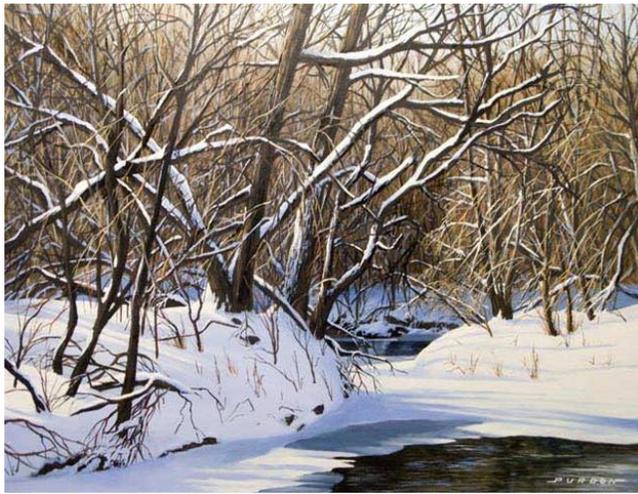
Doug was born in Toronto, Canada and graduated from the Ontario College of Art (OCA) and is a full-time painter living in Toronto, Canada. His preferred medium is oil, but he also works in watercolour and acrylic. In 1998, he wrote the best seller *Color Secrets for Glowing Oil Paintings*, published by North Light publications. His work has appeared in *International Artist Magazine* and numerous other publications. He is an elected member of The Society of Canadian Artists (SCA), and The Ontario Society of Artists OSA. As educational and technical advisor for Winsor & Newton, he lectures on painting materials and techniques at colleges and universities. His popular workshops are given at the University of Toronto - School of Continuing Studies, Loyalist College and for private art groups and societies. In 2005, Doug won the Museum Purchase Award at the 26th Annual Mystic International Marine Painting Exhibition. In 2007 his solo exhibition, *Doug Purdon and the Legend of Landscape* opened at the Arts and Letters Club of Toronto. His oil painting *Breaking Waves - Grimsby* was selected for the cover of *Canadian Brushstroke Magazine* in September 2009.

His work is exhibited at The Gallery at Mystic Seaport and galleries in the Canada, US and Scotland. His paintings are in the permanent collections of Mystic Seaport, Scottish National Tourist Board, Toronto Public Library, City of Toronto and Sears Canada.



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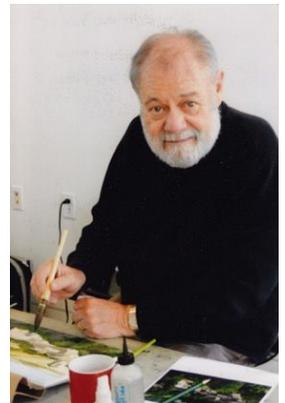
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JOHN REID CSPWC

I worked in advertising as a commercial artist. For the last 35 years of my career I worked as a freelance graphic artist and illustrator. I have drawn and painted, first in oils, now in acrylics and watercolour and pen and ink. Watercolour is my favourite medium. I am a member of Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour and Mississauga Watercolour Society. My work can be found in many private and corporate collections.

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BRENDA STONEHOUSE

An accomplished oil painter, Brenda Stonehouse shares her passion for the natural environment of Ontario's rugged and majestic landscape through her canvas.

Having spent time in Eastern, Central and Northern Ontario, the Muskoka Region and Thunder Bay, Brenda brings to life a wealth of experiences and flora as seen through her eyes.

Brilliant colours, mesmerizing shadows and releasing emotions of calmness and serenity upon those who witness Brenda's work have

made her a favourite at art exhibitions and shows across Ontario.

Brenda's work can be found in a number of private collections both in Canada and abroad.

Brenda is a tireless supporter of the arts and artists sharing her work and experiences through panels, discussions and blogs. Her work can be seen on her website at www.brendastonehouse.com.



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