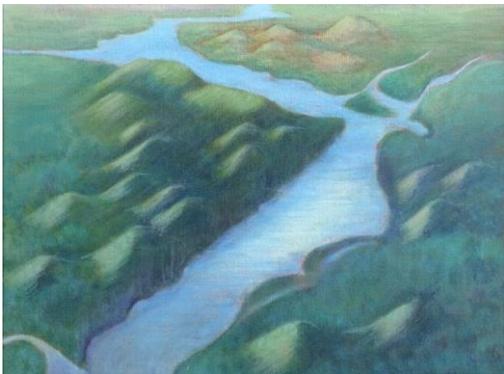


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Watershed



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I am an emerging artist, working in drawing and painting media. I studied art and maintained a practice before and after moving to Canada in 1976. My interest in artistic development led me to study and work in the field of Psychology. Upon relocating to British Columbia, the compelling beauty of this place led to a renewal of my art practice and an evolving view of landscape as an opportunity for connections between the individual and the environment. My goal in my landscape painting is to represent diverse aspects of the psychological experience (perceptions, thoughts, memories, emotions) of the natural environment.

Waterways seem unique in offering an abundance of both individual and shared connections to the natural world. One recent focus has been the potential of waterscapes to evoke connections to individual memories and emotional states.

Waterways are also a precious life-giving resource and a powerful force of nature. The unprecedented challenges of the pandemic years represent an opportunity to re-consider connections to the natural environment, while hoping for a more promising future. My focus has shifted towards the potential of waterscape imagery to encourage both appreciation of the beauty of the natural world and reflection on the human impact on that world. The paintings in this exhibit are united by this concept and my belief in that potential.

My process in painting is to work from what I see, but this is only a starting point. I typically develop a series of paintings that are connected by a concept and a limited colour palette. My current series of paintings focuses on waterways that have personal significance for me. My process has included research on reference images and both the natural history and human history of these waterways. With reference images as a starting point, these paintings are based on imagination, memory, and hope.

I acknowledge with gratitude that I live and create on the unceded traditional territories of the x̣'̣ṃə̣θ̣ḳ'̣ə̣ỵə̣m (Musqueam), Sḳẉx̣ẉụ́7̣mesh (Squamish), and sə̣ḷiḷẉə̣ṭə̣ł (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.