



Doug MacBean

Biography

Born at Toronto General Hospital, and lived in the east end of Toronto (Beaches) area of the city until 2004. Now residing in the beautiful city of Hamilton Ontario.

A late bloomer, I graduated from the Ontario College of Art in 1991, continuing to paint in oils, my favourite, in a traditional style that seems to maintain its popularity. I've been painting since the age of 14 when my parents bought my first set of oil paints.

Commercial art has been the mainstay of my professional life, since the late sixties, computer assisted design/publishing, most recently. Prolific in most mediums like watercolour, acrylic, pastel, oils, conté or charcoal, etc., I have worked with most things that can mark a surface. I enjoy producing a wide variety of subjects, not wishing to limit myself to a particular "genre", any more than is obvious. From dramatic lighting in landscapes to the delicate balance of subtlety in portraiture, I strive to master the elements of colour and light. Creating atmosphere in a painting is paramount, - this is the measure of success for most painters. I have miles to go yet, of course. The texture and depth achieved with oil paints has given me the ability to convey what I like best in painting. Subject matter for me is almost unlimited, from figurative studies, to outdoor still life. The use of watercolour and acrylic medium in my early efforts, helped me to achieve a more sophisticated understanding, of colour and tone.

Also a teacher of art, I like to "give good demo" to my students, believing that is the best way to inspire developing painters. When a student watches the teacher demonstrate his subject well, "Proof in the Putting", as I like to say, there is little doubt of the quality of art education that is provided. Teaching painting and drawing to adults, at Sheridan College, Brampton and Midland Collegiate, in Scarborough was a great experience for me.

Works are held in many collections, both private and institutional. Even Joanna Cassidy, actor in Hollywood, California has bought and admired one of my (cloud) pieces. I've collected a few awards over the years and honoured at being elected President of the Don Valley Art Club in 1979.

Master painters, that I have admired over the years, include John Singer Sargent, William Bougereau, Claude Monet and Gerharhdt Richter, and that American icon, Norman Rockwell, just one of many great illustrators, from the last century. Not an easy task.

Education: Fine Arts Degree:
The Ontario College of Art and Design, Toronto, Canada, 1991

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Awards etc

Commission from the National Museum of Man, 1977 (Two large watercolour paintings for the new wing called A Few Acres of Snow) request of Barbara Tyler, Director of Resource Services.
Best Watercolour Award, The Don Valley Art Club, 1975, adjudicated by Eric Freifeld, O.C.A.
Best of Show Award, The Don Valley Art Club, 1976. Juried by Pat Fairhead, O.C.A.
Scholarship Award from Kiwanis, 1978.
Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, 1977.
Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, 1989.
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Arts at the Heart, Mel Lastman Square, Toronto 1989.
President of The Don Valley Art Club, 1979.
Lakeshore Arts, Juried show, Toronto, "Peoples Choice Award" 2003

Art Galleries:

Art Gallery of Hamilton
Fawcett-Langdon Gallery, Burlington Ontario
Printziples Fine Art, Yonge & St. Clair Ave. Toronto
Passages/Art Angel Investments, Toronto
Masterangelo Gallery, 876 Yonge St. Toronto
Cedar Ridge Studio Gallery, Scarborough
Corbett Wayne Gallery, Toronto
York Gallery, Ottawa Ontario
Victoria Art Gallery, Toronto
Olivia Art Gallery, Toronto
The Station Gallery, Toronto
The Guildwood Gallery, Scarborough
The Brampton City Hall, Brampton Ontario
The Kathleen Gormley McKay Art Centre, Unionville, Ontario

Collections:

Daniel T. Gallacher, Research Director, Canadian Museum of Civilization, Hull Quebec
Toronto Historical Board, Stanley Barracks, Toronto
Joanna Cassidy (actor) Los Angeles California, USA.
Bell Canada, Trinity Square, Diane Chabot, Toronto
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Bryce, Scarborough Ontario
Marr & Foster, Chartered Accountants, Toronto
Hugh G. Lissaman, Barrister & Solicitor (Yorkville), Toronto, Ontario
Beatriz E. Alvarez, Toronto
Nancy and Brien Dane, Toronto
Paul B. Davis, Scarborough Ontario
Marilyn R. Berry, Toronto
Caren Baker Freedman, Toronto etc.
Richard and Gail Fraser, Pickering Ontario

Teaching Experience:

Sheridan College, Brampton campus, 1991-1993 - "Drawing and Painting, for Adults".