



BIOGRAPHY

Sonia Urquhart

I was born in Toronto, Ontario to Harry and Sophie Marak in 1949. As a young children, I was always fascinated by my mom and uncle's sketches, which led me to love drawing. Apparently, I was quite artistic as a child, which allowed me to help in doing some backdrops for school plays in elementary school. So, after grade school I majored in Visual Arts in high school. My goal was to be an art teacher. After completing my education, I did some free lancing on the side, while still deciding on what I was doing with my life I met my husband, Carl Urquhart. We married and a year later we had our first daughter Wendydale and then three years later we had Melinda our second daughter. As, the girls got older, I was able to dabble back into my art, doing some free lancing (ads, blue prints, signs, etc.) from home. Then later after the girls left home I traveled with my husband, he was a long haul truck driver, driving all over North America. While traveling I enjoyed sketching different people, places we stop at and other drivers. We decided to settle in Victoria to be closer to our daughter Melinda whom is in the Navy. I now have the time to enjoy my art. I, enjoy working with all kinds of mediums (watercolour, inks, oils and acrylic, etc.)

I joined the Esquimalt Painter's Group in 2007 and In 2009 I became co-ordinator of EPG. In 2010, I stepped down due to my husband's health; however, I stayed as a member. January 2010, I became an associate member of the Coast Collective, Artist in Motion and Griffin Galley. I have been a member of the Arts Council of Greater Victoria since 2007. Last in 2010 took time off to reflect on what, and where I was going with my art. Plus, spending more time with family and doing the odd requested piece for private sale. February 2011, accepted into STUDIO 30 Art Group, Victoria BC. In May of 2011 moved back to Edmonton, Alberta. Where I did" Blooming Garden Show", Show on Whyte Street and some private pieces. Now living in Lavoy, Alberta 2015. I am a member of VVA Art group in Vegreville, Alberta. I had the pleasure of designing and painting the murals at the Vegreville Information Center in the Elks Park.

Every piece I do is by mood or inspiration. An particular piece or a piece that has been requested. The painters that inspired me in the early years of my life was; Michelangelo, Winslow Homer, Emily Carr and later on I was totally inspired by the beauty and realism of Robert Batemans works of art. So, I have a verity of mixed pieces of art: some abstract, some playful & bold, some realistic and some surreal. My art has been viewed all over the world and have sold pieces in Canada and the United States. Also, can be contact at lobsterbait61@yahoo.com or www.artby1.com Call home 1-587-790-0685 or cell1-587-984-6926