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Major Expeditions

Solo Expedition

2018/09 – 2019/03: “Every 5 Miles: Painting the Way of Saint James” 1000-mile walking and painting expedition, painting en plein air every 5 miles to create a body of 200 plein air pastel paintings that capture and map the cultural landscape and sense of place of this ancient pilgrimage route.

Exhibition History

Solo Exhibitions

- 2015: Studio Connexion Gallery “On the Wild Side” Nakusp, BC
- 2014: Studio Connexion Gallery “Wild Connections” Nakusp, BC
- 2013: Studio Connexion Gallery “Wild Waters” Nakusp, BC
- 2013: Burton Pop-Up Gallery “Genesis: From Conception to Completion” Burton, BC
- 2012: Studio Connexion Gallery, Nakusp, BC

Group Exhibitions

- 2018: Hockaday Museum of Art “Plein Air Glacier” Kalispell, MT, U.S.
- 2018: Sorrel Sky Gallery “Santa Fe Plein Air Fiesta” Santa Fe, NM, U.S.
- 2018: Artists for Conservation “International Exhibit of Nature in Art”, online
- 2018: Hilton Santa Fe Buffalo Thunder Hotel “Plein Air Convention & Expo Art Show” Santa Fe, NM, U.S.
- 2017: Sense of Place Gallery “Pastels USA International Open Exhibition” Fresno, CA, U.S.
- 2017: Mendocino Art Center “Mendocino Plein Air Paintout” Mendocino, CA, U.S.
- 2017: Sheraton San Diego Hotel “Plein Air Convention & Expo Art Show” San Diego, CA, U.S.
- 2015: Roger Tory Peterson Institute “Art and the Animal” Society of Animal Artists, Jamestown, New York, U.S.
- 2013: Federation Gallery “Success!” Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2012: Federation Gallery “Open National Juried Exhibition” Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2012: Federation of Canadian Artists Open National Juried Exhibition, Kamloops, BC
- 2011: Federation Gallery “FCA 70th Anniversary National Juried Exhibition” Vancouver, BC, Canada
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Awards

- 2018: Outstanding Architectural. First Place. Santa Fe Plein Air Fiesta
- 2017: Aaron Schuerr Award. Pastels USA International Pastel Open Exhibition
- 2017: Quick Draw. First Place. Mendocino Plein Air
- 2017: Best Pastel. First Place. Mendocino Plein Air
- 2016: Animals and Wildlife. First Place. Pastel Journal International Pastel 100
- 2015: Animals and Wildlife. Third Place. Pastel Journal International Pastel 100
- 2015: Animals & Wildlife. Honourable Mention. Pastel Journal International Pastel 100
- 2014: Animals & Wildlife. Honourable Mention. Pastel Journal International Pastel 100
- 2013: International Artist Mammals. Second Place. BBC Wildlife Artist of the Year
- 2013: Finalist. BBC Wildlife Artist of the Year
- 2012: Animals & Wildlife. Honourable Mention. Pastel Journal International Pastel 100

2012: Award of Excellence. Federation of Canadian Artists Open National Juried Exhibition
2010: Art Visions. Bronze Award. Federation of Canadian Artists Open National Juried Exhibition
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2009: Award of Excellence. Federation of Canadian Artists Open National Juried Exhibition

Publications

Books

“Every 5 Miles: Painting the Way of Saint James”, Sharon Bamber, 2019

Articles

“A Pilgrimage in Pastel”, Pastel Journal June 2019, pp 20-27

“Sharon Bamber, Travelling the World to Paint Living Landscapes”, PSWC Magazine, Spring 2018

“Every 5 Miles: Painting the Way of Saint James”, Outdoor Painter, 2018

“Painter Finds Her Piece of Kootenay Paradise”, Imagine Kootenay online, 2017

“The Best of Pastel”, Pastel Journal April 2016

“The Top 100 Pastels of the Year”, Pastel Journal April 2015

“Sharon Bamber: An Artistic Journey”, Articulate Magazine, Spring/Summer 2014 pp 26-27

“Pastel 100”, Pastel Journal April 2014

“Wildlife Artist of the Year, The Winners”, BBC Wildlife Magazine, 2013

“Wildlife Artist Captivates as Artist in Residence”, Arrow Lakes News, 2013

“The Pastel 100”, Pastel Journal April 2012

“Animal Portraits Connect Water and Life”, Arrow Lakes News 2012

Interviews/videos

“BC Woman Set to Embark on Ambitious Art Adventure with Donkey”, CBC News, 2018

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/art-medieval-way-1.4740099>

Live Radio Interview, CBC Radio West, 2018

Live Radio Interview, Kootenay Coop Radio, 2018

Radio & Video Interview “Ana Interviews Sharon Bamber”, Shift Happens Media, 2018

“Ecstatic Places” Nature Canada podcast and blog, 2017

Grants/Residencies

2015: Marilyn Newmark Memorial Grant. Society of Animal Artists.

2013: Arts and Culture Project Grant. Columbia Basin Trust.

2013: Artist in Residence, Selkirk College, BC Canada

Affiliations

Artists for Conservation, Signature Member

Federation of Canadian Artists, Signature Member

Society of Animal Artists, Associate Member

Plein Air Painters New Mexico

Pastel Society of the West Coast

Plein Air BC

Education

2016, 2018: Mentoring. Albert Handell

Workshops: David Leffel, Jeremy Lipking, Kevin MacPherson, Robert Bateman, Aaron Schuerr

Ongoing: Virtual Art Academy. Barry John Raybould

1992: Masters Degree - Landscape Architecture, Manchester University, UK

1989: BSc (Hons) Zoology, Swansea University, UK