



# Michelle Austen

*Artist, Art Instructor, Author*

## About Me

A full-time Calgary artist, creating artwork that reflects my inner self. Expression with oil, watercolor and acrylic. Inspiration comes by travel and plein-air painting with a focus on Western Canadian landscape and floral subject matter. I have taught art for over 20 years, providing a stage for personal growth and learning through creativity in a visual form. I am an author and have published and illustrated my first book called Adventures of Wild- A Sense of Wonder.

## Education

**Medical Laboratory Technology Program | SAIT  
1988-1986**

**Betty MacDonald - Private Art Instructor, Calgary  
1988-2007**

### Art Instruction and Workshops

- Art in the Park Residency - Revelstoke Visual Arts Center & Parks Canada 2024
- Ballinglen Art Fdn - Plein-air, Ireland 2024, 2014
- John Lennard Masterclass, Horta, Spain 2023
- U of C - Art History, Calgary 2019
- Banff Centre - Leighton Artist Studio, residency, 2016
- ACAD - Children's Book Illustration course, 2016
- Robert Genn - Plein-air, Bugaboos 2013
- Laura Harris - Acrylic, Columbia Valley 2012
- Nancy O'Toole - Acrylic, Calgary 2010
- Jean Pederson - Watercolor, ACAD Jan 2009
- Tracy Proctor - Encaustic, Calgary 2008
- Nita Leland - Mixed Media, Calgary 2008
- David Langevin - Acrylic, Calgary 2007
- Brent Lynch - Acrylic, Calgary 2007
- Mike Svob - Plein Air Painting, Italy 2007
- Micheal O'Toole - Acrylic, Calgary 2009
- U of C Acrylic Painting Course 2003
- ACAD Life Drawing, Calgary 2002
- Joe Abbrescia - Plein-air, Nordegg 1996,1999

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## Gallery Representation

**Masters Gallery, Calgary, AB**

**Bluerock Gallery, Black Diamond, AB**

**Leighton Art Center Gallery, Foothills, AB**

**Gust Gallery, Waterton, AB**

## Exhibitions

- 2024 - Solo Exhibition 'Becoming', Masters Gallery
- 2024 - Juried members Exhibit, Lebel Allied Art Council, Pincher Creek
- 2022 - Solo Exhibition, "Ebb & Flow", Masters Gallery, Calgary
- 2022 - Solo Art Show, "Art of Gathering", Calgary
- 2022 - Group Show, "It's About Blooming Time", Whyte Museum, Banff
- 2022-16 - Western Art Gallery, Calgary Stampede
- 2022-13 - Annual Juried Show - Leighton Art Centre, Priddis
- 2021 - Solo Exhibition, "Wildly Captivating", Revelstoke Art Gallery
- 2021 - Solo Exhibit, "Backroads & Beyond", Winchester Gallery, BC
- 2020 - Solo Exhibit, "Spirt of Lake O'Hara", Masters Gallery
- 2019-16 - Ranchmen's Club Emerging Artist Show, Calgary
- 2019-17 - Lineham House Galleries, Group Show, Okotoks
- 2018-19 - Pinebrook Golf & Country Club, Emerging Artist Showcase
- 2018 - CVK Collective Group Show, Calgary
- 2017 - Solo Art Show, "Symphony of Light", Calgary
- 2017-15 - Group Show, "Rage Against Beige", Okotoks
- 2016 - Glenbow Museum, "Schmancy", Calgary
- 2014 - Group Show - "Rage Remote", SAIT, Calgary
- 2014 - Solo Art Show - "Clarity", Calgary
- 2012 - Solo Art Show, Canmore
- 2011 - Group Show, "Amore", The Avens Gallery, Canmore
- 2011-07 - Gerry Thomas Gallery, Group Show, Calgary

## Awards/Publications

- Art in the Park, CTV News Calgary 2025
- Art in the Park/ Parks Canada - Livewire - 2024
- Group Publication, "Mothering" an Anthology - 2022
- Revelstoke Review, Post pandemic wildflower works - 2021
- Calgary Stampede, Committee Choice Award - 2016
- Published Book, Adventures of Wilde - 2017
- True Blue Spirit Magazine Cover - Jun/Jul 2013
- Alberta Rose Project, Calgary Flood Fundraiser - 2013