

## Judy Ross, Artist



As a young teen, I purchased my first camera for only \$5.00 to take with me on a trip out west to my birthplace and the majestic Rocky Mountains. Needless to say, I was bitten by the photography bug. Year's later, my membership in various photographic clubs has allowed me to pursue my love of photography, learn by taking part in various club projects and enjoy the fellowship of other photographers.

I am relatively new to painting, having taken lessons during the past few years from local accomplished artists in watercolour and acrylic medium. I enjoy taking part in workshops whenever possible, one of my most enjoyable being a water media collage workshop with well-known American artist, Carrie Burns Brown. I feel my knowledge of photography has helped me immensely, in particular with regard to composition and the art of seeing. As with photography, I enjoy a variety of subject matter.

I welcome the challenge of painting on many different surfaces. For the most part, I enjoy vivid colour and incorporating texture into my work through the experimental use of a variety of mediums. It is my goal to continue to develop my technical skills in both my photographic and painted interpretations, in order to accurately portray what I feel, onto the support of choice.

A single flower can evoke an emotional response equal to that of a mountain view, or a magnificent sunset. I enjoy being "taken away to another place" as I pursue my craft. It is my hope to bring others along with me and to put forward these feelings through my artistic renditions. While valuing and respecting my fellow artists, I strive continually to learn, improve and to maintain individuality in my art, all the while enjoying the ride and keeping it fun.

### HISTORY:

- 1989 – present – study of photography and 2003 – present – study of painting
- Current member of Port Stanley Artists' Guild [www.portstanleyartguild.com](http://www.portstanleyartguild.com)
- Current member of St.Thomas-Elgin Artists' Guild [www.steag.ca](http://www.steag.ca)
- Current member of St.Thomas Photographic Guild [www.stthomasphoto.com](http://www.stthomasphoto.com)
- Past President/executive member of former St.Thomas-Elgin Camera Club
- Previous member of the former WOFCCA (Western Ontario Federation of Camera Clubs – London, Chatham, Windsor, St.Thomas)

### CREDITS:

- Cover Photo – Arts in Elgin - Special Edition 2009 – Relish Elgin Magazine
- Honourable Mention – 2008 & 2009 – Port Stanley Artists' Guild Spring Show
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place in slide division - 2005- St.Thomas Photographic Guild annual competition

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 2004 United Way Calendar photo contest – (still life - cover photo), 1<sup>st</sup> Place (pet photo) & Honourable Mention (pictorial)
- Accepted entries and Honourable Mention in WOFFCA Salons for several years
- Accepted entries to Canadian Association of Photographic Art (CAPA)
- Various other awards and honourable mentions in local photographic contests
- Club presentations in local businesses and St.Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre
- Various art shows & exhibits in Port Stanley, St.Thomas, London, Belmont,
- Photography exhibit -Port Stanley Public Library - 2006 & 2008