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Aeris Osborne

FEATURE ARTIST



I have twice won the yearly Open Art Competition at Allied Art Council, in Spruce Grove. In November of 2020, I was featured in a video interview and article by CBC Edmonton News about my “YEG Old House” project. In early 2020, I supported an Edmonton-based film company “Coronation Films Inc” (located at the Orange Hub) by lending my paintings for filming “Christmas Coronation”. My artwork prints and original paintings can be found in the Art Gallery of St. Albert’s Gallery Shop and Tix On The Square in downtown Edmonton, as well as on my personal website aerisosborne.com or on Instagram @art_by_aeris.

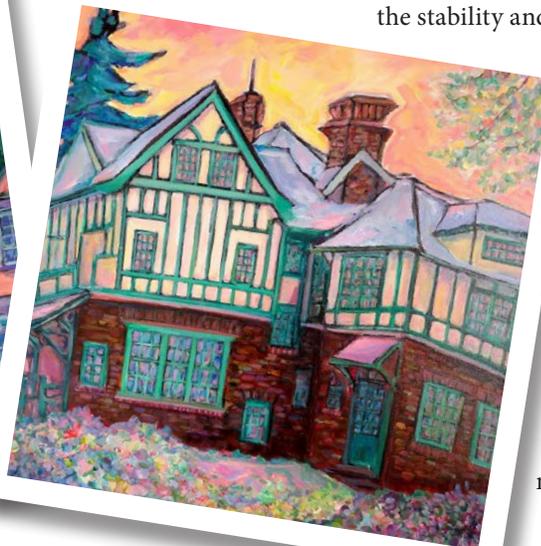
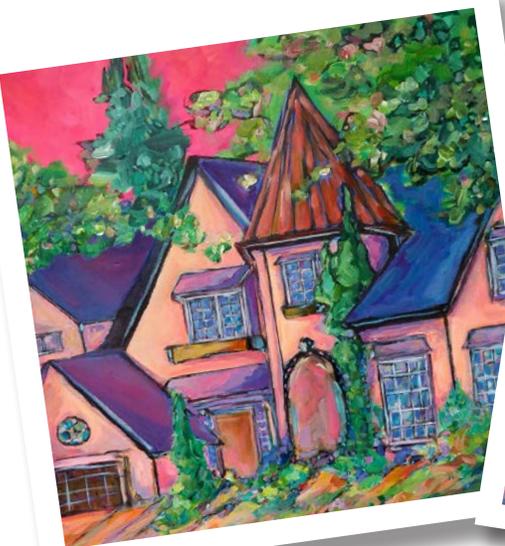
My artworks are collected in North America and Asia.

WHY YEG OLD HOUSES?

As an emerging Hong Kong-Canadian visual artist and immigrant, it is my desire to use my bold impressionist style

of painting to transform those historic old houses into an art form. In my hometown of Hong Kong, 90% of the population lives in small high-rise apartments, only a rare few can afford to live in detached dwellings. Because of this, I have

always been attracted to Edmonton’s characteristic single homes, not only the charming designs but also their representation of the stability and social equality that I have been seeking.



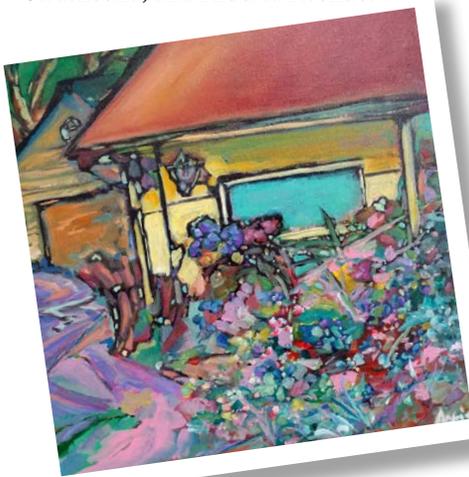
10 ARCHITECTURAL STYLES & 5 MATURE NEIGHBORHOODS

After researching Edmonton’s heritage history, I learned that its old houses were built with various distinct architectural styles: Classical Revival, Tudor Revival, Georgian/Jacobethan Revival, French Provincial Revival, Arts & Crafts, and Victorian. For the best results, I went out to the various neighbourhoods and took photos

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for painting references. I posted these reference photos on another Instagram account @yegoldhouses. The twelve YEG Old Houses paintings will represent ten classical architectural styles found in five historically rich neighborhoods: Highlands, Glenora, Westmount, Strathcona, and Alberta Avenue.



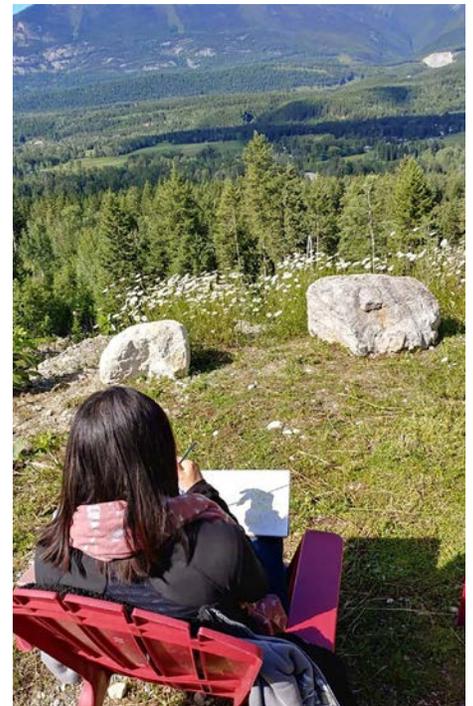
12 YEG OLD HOUSES ACRYLIC PAINTINGS

I use a bold black line to shape each house's portrait and highlight their architectural style and characteristics. Then, with vibrant colour acrylic paints to recreate the existing subject with a new look and colour. The bold impressionist style captures the essence of the subject (old houses) and is interpreted through my emotions, personality, and lively style that I'm developing in the studio. In addition, I transform each of the house portraits' front yards with my passionate use of colour to glorify the beauty of the summer season since Edmonton has such long cold winters.

SELF DISCOVERY THRU ART

My visual art is a journey of self-discovery. It represents the integration between inner peacefulness and

passion. My paintings and drawings are taken directly from landscapes and surroundings, but I redefine them and give them a new identity while keeping the soul of the land and surroundings. All my visual arts have their own character with no duplication. I work in several media such as acrylic, watercolour, or ink pen. You can find some of my paintings presented in a vivid, striking colour palette emphasizing the passion of life. Also, you can find some of my paintings presented in the subtle, soft colour palette emphasizing the ethereal and delicate atmosphere.



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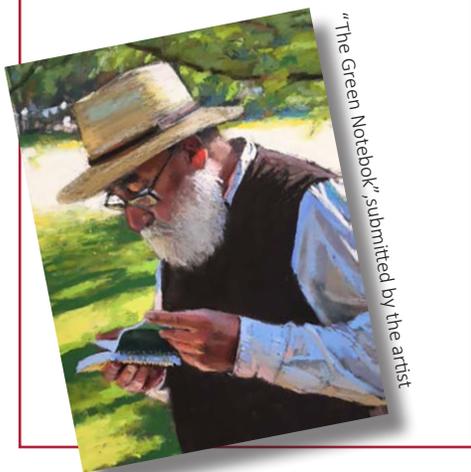
Meet our critic for May, David Shkolny, artist.

David Shkolny is an Edmonton-based artist specializing in soft pastel. Born in Pinawa, Manitoba, in 1969, he has spent most of his life in Alberta. His art is collected internationally and is also represented in The Canada Council. He graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design in 1992.

“The first time I touched a pastel to paper was in my freshman year of college. Something just resonated - the combination of using such a direct way of applying colour on a toothy paper, the scumbly appearance of the stroke, the colour of the paper peaking through, even the subtle sound - a synaesthetic experience for me. I couldn’t get enough of it.

“As often happens, that unfettered joy of artmaking slipped into the ether after I graduated and I didn’t return to soft pastels until I went back to college some years later to study design. A happy reunion in a drawing class with the medium reminded me of the charge it gave me. A few years later and I fully launched back into it and haven’t looked back.”

adapted from davidshkolny.com



Ted Widen

First thoughts: charming, interesting composition and unexpected, like the mountains. Background seems extra large, trees extra small, not a bad thing and very interesting.



Stanza Widen

Impressive use of colour. Good handling of the paint and nice texture. Composition keeps the eyes moving. I viewed the arm as a tree, interesting in an abstract way. Thoughtful placement of the bird.



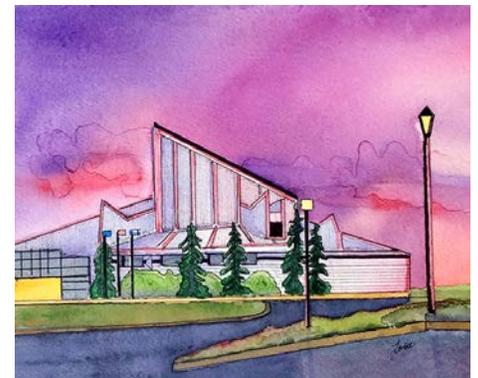
Seraya Smit

A fresh, bold use of colour. Interesting tension achieved. Feels a bit confined, explore a wider view.



Ruth Baker-Bailey

Lovely colour in the sky, nice technique. Could use more contrast in the foreground rocks which would pull the foreground closer.



Rob Losie

Nice colour scheme: purples, pinks and greens. Solid composition but the eyes are drawn to the 2 trees around the pole left of centre, they could be shifted over.

◀ **Sharon Bongers**

Composition interesting, sensitive rendering sure but not fussy. Gaze looking out makes it more mysterious.

CRITIQUES



Rob Guetre

Interesting concept, great subject matter: simple, effective. The size of the head seems a bit large for the arms. Good rendering of rain on the face, some drops could be more defined.



Rhea Jansen

Nice fresh, wet feel. Allowing the colour to bleed down plays with space well. Juicy composition. Lots of variety in the currents, vary the colour among them.



Myrna Wilkinson

Intriguing. It is not apparent to me what this is painted on? (Rice Paper, the white outlining is wax). The tree forms are interesting with the white line and jagged edges. The light source could be stronger, more defined. The grasses are tricky to paint, try less detail.



Penny Lamnek

Interesting use of colour and form. Suggests spirituality, it's uplifting. Successful. Those musical indications are not distracting. Nice layering and depth.



Mona Innes

Very serene. Subtle focal point, some forms in the foreground could be more defined. Left centre there is a skinny line of light on the water which looks a little rounded, make it skinnier and straighter.



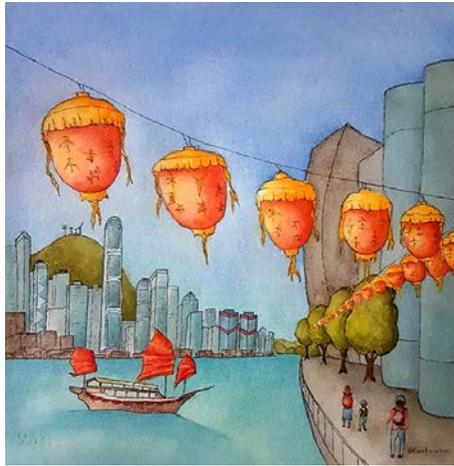
Johanna Septou

This has an elegance to it, the tall format enhances this. Nice use of limited palette. The form is intriguing, with the shifting figure/ground relationship.



Jani Galarneau

All the colours are working together. The cacti are really distinctive and varied, not repetitive, as are the buildings. There's a bit of a jump between foreground and background, needs moderation. Soften the edges on those distant cliffs.



Eleanor MacAllister

Really calm, the lanterns look like faces. Colours work well: reds and oranges feel nice. There is an issue with the perspective of the buildings, but it is not distracting. There's a whimsical feel to this painting.



Ada Wong

Pleasing colour scheme. The chairs are nicely done, but the rocks don't seem as natural. The grey doesn't seem right, perhaps more earthy tones. The chairs alone would make an interesting painting.



Frances Hessels

Nice subtle colours, good proportions. There is an emotive element. Slight technical issue the hand in central figure. Overall interesting, keeps my eye moving in the composition.



◀ **Connie Clarke**

The circular format is a good choice for this composition, maybe a square would not work as well. Good contrasts, a nice subtle sky. The road is a bit too straight, some variety or a curve in it. Some atmospheric perspective is needed, noting how dark the background trees are.



CHECK IT OUT!

New from the Blog on Edmonton Art Club's website

Mediums vs Additives

Our paintings are on display on ATB Marketplace. Take a look! (link below)

<https://atbmarketplace.com/pages/sellers?edmonton-art-club>

CRITIQUES



◀ Barb Stachow

A character study, subtly forming a triangle. Nice variety and use of colour. Shadows are convincing, front chest area of the geese a bit off. A technical issue there is a dark edge around the geese heads. I like the rough edges it adds to the fun feel.

Betty Dean ▶

Format and composition work well, good negative space. The droopy petals is a nice touch. Nice rendering of texture throughout except perhaps the upper left.



Diana Panizzon ▼

Nice eye-catching format. A playfulness to the subject, similar flowers with variety. Highly decorative.



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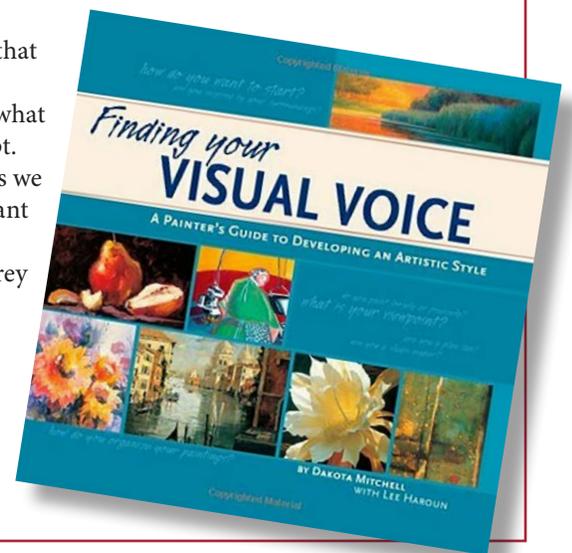
EAC Library Books Tips by Barb Stachow

What comes naturally to you? As painters it is essential to understand that artistic inspiration.

That inspiration is not from external nor internal focus. It is important to find what is right for you. If you paint what your eye sees you can struggle with this concept. Finding your true source of inspiration may not be a smooth journey. As humans we can be afraid and unwilling to change our ways. Choosing what direction you want to go in your painting requires you to honor your passion and follow your heart. These directions are a part of a continuum; just like a value scale each shade of grey transitions into the next.

There are no hard and fast rules. As you grow as an artist you will find yourself moving along the inspiration continuum. "Choosing your direction as an artist and following your heart will find you honouring your passion and will fill you with the divine joy of creativity." Artists, like their paintings, are works in progress.

"Finding Your Visual Voice" is available in the Edmonton Art Club Library.



21 PAINTINGS TO WELCOME 2021

2021 holds so much uncertainty, the only thing that's certain in our book is that a trip to Nova Scotia will not happen this year!

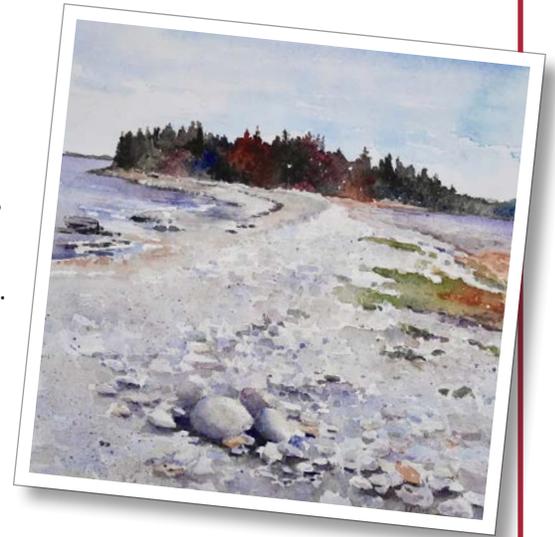
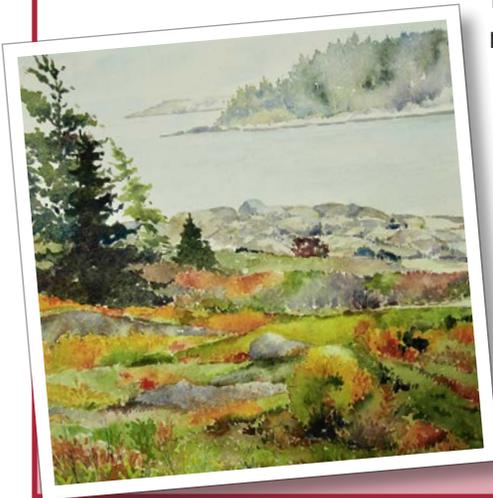
When my artist friend Karen Bishop took on the challenge to do 20 paintings in 21 days, I was also inspired to do a series of paintings to welcome 2021.

It wasn't easy since I still hold other work-related responsibilities.

There were a lot of "burning the midnight oil" nights! I finished the last one on Feb 28th.

As I was organizing the paintings for my website, a desire was shaping inside me. I wanted these paintings to touch beyond the heart of art lovers, so I decided this exhibition of paintings should be a benefit show; to support the "Pay It Forward Emergency Fund". This is one of the programs in the non-profit organization I work for.

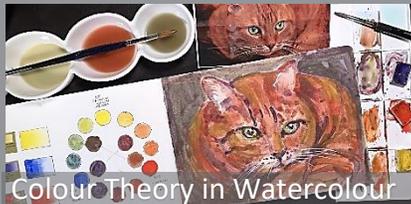
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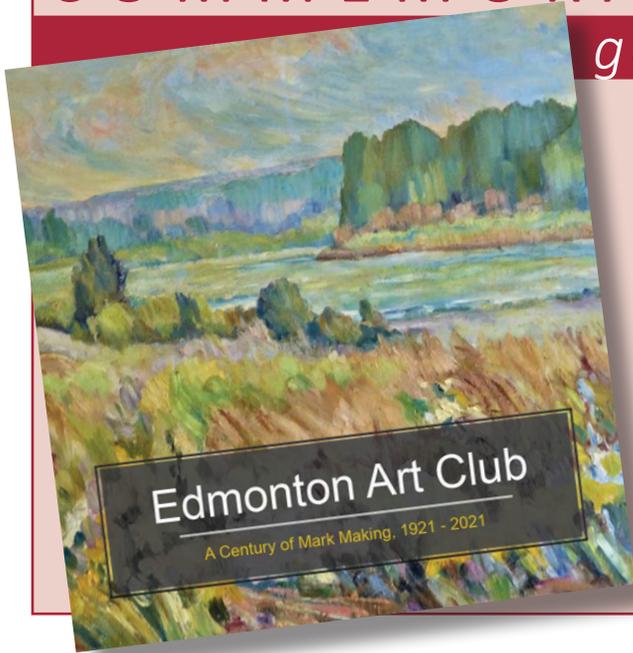
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The poster for the exhibition 'All the Notes We Cannot Hear' features a stylized, painterly illustration of various musical instruments including a guitar, a drum, and a violin. The title is written in a large, flowing, yellow script. The text at the top reads 'Edmonton Art Club Presents' and 'Alberta Foundation for the Arts'. The bottom text says 'Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Edmonton Art Club', 'NOW EXHIBITING!', 'May 10th to July 31st on ATB's Virtual Marketplace', and 'www.edmontonartclub.com'.

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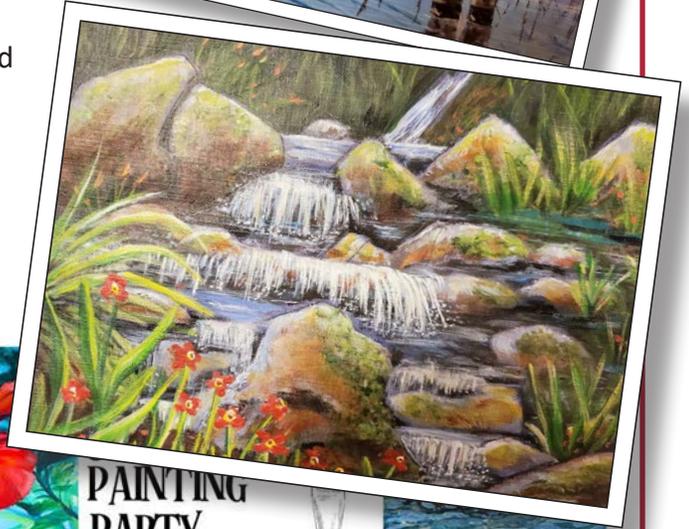
ONLINE RESOURCES

It was suggested to tell of inspiring artists who produce YouTube videos for inspiration and instruction. Well I have a few that I follow...

First is Ginger Cook, and second is Cinnamon Clooney (Ginger Cook's daughter) aka: The Art Sherpa.

These are some of the acrylic tutorials I follow. As a newer artist I find them informative and fun.

I am presently working on The Art Sherpa's "Acrylic April 2021 Paint better in 30 days" series.



I feel these lessons are helping me build confidence as I'm venturing into painting on my own.

Jenny Rodrigue



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There's no good or bad in painting, Cheryl... it's just that plants died to make all that linseed oil, and they're probably sad to end up like this.



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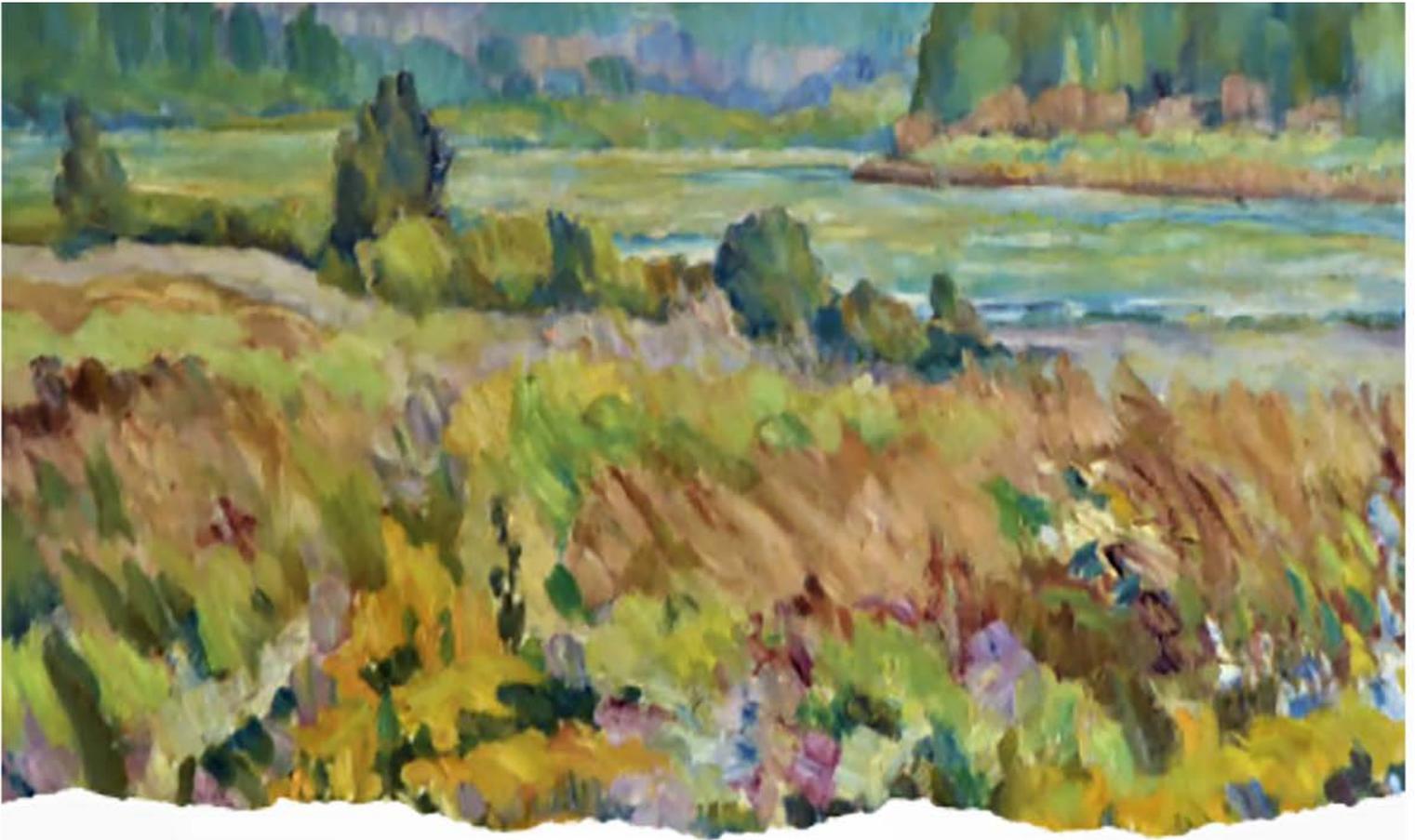
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Artwork: J. Gordon Sinclair
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