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PAINTING EN PLEIN AIR



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Sometimes, all we really need is to unplug. This is something that writer Christina Crook has artfully revealed in her book The Joy of Missing Out: Finding Balance in a Wired World. Christina has continued telling this story through The JOMOcast, a podcast that explores the many ways we can live full lives by occasionally pressing the pause button on technology. Which brings us to the world of art...art painted en plein air, to be precise.

In this edition of the Digest, we celebrate several incredible BC artists working en plein air; creating art in the moment, directly within nature. They represent the artistic form of unplugging: of connecting to our natural world in a deeply meaningful way that breathes life through canvas.

TERRILL WELCH

Early Evening Active Pass, 8" x 10", acrylic on gessobord panel

Based on Mayne Island, Terrill Welch is an internationally recognized artist, known for her

painterly depictions of land, sea and sky. Frequently working in the plein air tradition, her work suspends moments in time. Physically distanced private viewings at the Art of Terrill Welch Gallery can be booked in advance. Or, visit her website and social media to learn more. Budding artists can also learn from Terrill through her Beauty of Oils Skill Building Masterclass series, available online.





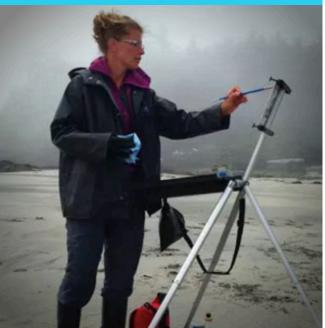
SUSAN FALK

Willow Tree, 16" x 20", oil on canvas

Based in rural Langley, Susan spends her time painting, teaching art and riding her beloved horse. In addition to her love for animals, she is deeply committed to the environment. Her work, painted en plein air and in studio settings, has exhibited internationally. Currently, Susan's paintings are on display at the Shadbolt Centre for the Arts, where she completed her Summer Residency in 2019. Her current series of COVID inspired figurative oil paintings can be seen on her instagram page @susan.falk.artist.

ESTHER SAMPLE

As a self taught oil and acrylic painter, Esther dives into the expression of the West Coast with passion, colour, and realistic renditions of local scenes. Having been a commercial fisherman in a past career, she fell deeply in love with coastal BC. Waves and boats being her specialty, seascapes and wildlife are also a big part of her subject matter. Esther resides in Comox, working from her home studio. She offers weekend workshops in acrylic once or twice a year. Her work is collected around the world. She has been published in numerous hard covered art books and magazines.



KRISTIN KRIMMEL

Turquoise Barn, McKechnie Road,



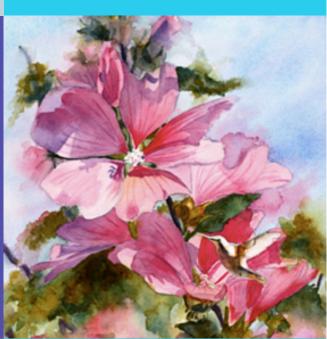


Kristin Krimmel, painter and art educator, is originally from Vancouver. She studied at UBC and at the Ecole de Beaux Arts de Reims, France; taught at Emily Carr College of Art and Design (1983-89) and has shown both locally and internationally. Kristin is widely travelled, has undertaken art residencies at home and abroad and has been twice selected for the Joan Miro Foundation's International Drawing Competition. Her series From Barn to Table recently exhibited at The ACT Arts Centre.

WENDY MOULD

Humming in the Hollyhocks, 16" x 12", watercolour on paper

Wendy Mould, AFCA, CDM, is a wildlife artist based in North Surrey. Inspired by the flora & fauna of the West Coast, she brings her art to life through watercolours and graphite. Capturing a cherished pet on paper is one of her specialities. When not in her studio, Wendy is searching for new inspiration, plein air painting or teaching others. She is currently teaching physically distanced Outdoor Sketching Classes, taking place in Surrey Parks over the summer. Visit her website for details.



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JANE APPLEBY

Summer Evening - Galiano, 8" x 10", oil on canvas board

Jane Appleby has been incredibly busy these past few months. While contemplating her artwork in the midst of this pandemic, she has also published her book *The Purposeful Brush* and exhibited work with other plein air artists at PoMo Arts. In addition to her current painting work, she has released a number of mask designs on Art-A-Porter, complementing her collection of wearable art pieces. Be sure to check out Jane's **YouTube** channel to see her plein air practice in motion.



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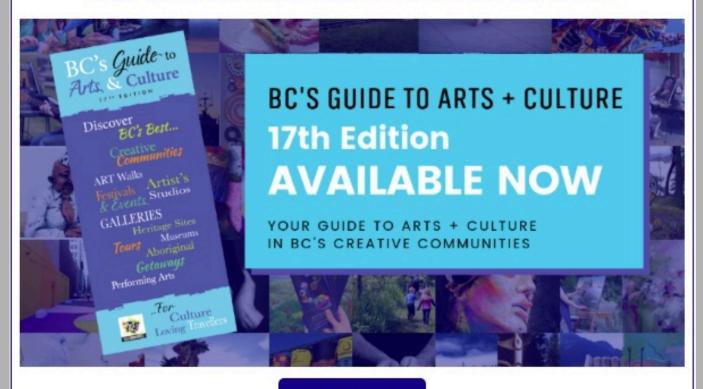
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