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**digest**

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## Get to know local artists in BC: Vancouver Island Edition

British Columbia is home to so many incredibly talented artists.  
Here are some of Vancouver Island's artists to know!



### ***MONK Art***

MONK is a West Coast Canadian Artist with a Gallery in Parksville, Vancouver Island, and a beach studio in spectacular Rath Trevor Beach, Vancouver Island, British Columbia. Monk's art is primarily from the endless ocean views, idyllic beach scenes, beautiful Gulf Island coastlines, spectacular old-growth forests, serene gardens, and ancient totem poles.

Monk's energy, creativity, joy, and reverence for all of the creation shine



### ***Heather Soos***

Inspired by nature, Heather creates original fine art paintings and scratchboards depicting wildlife. She enjoys working in a realistic and detailed style, while also aiming to create something unique with the medium she is working in.

Primarily self-taught, Heather began painting birds in gouache in her early twenties after taking some post-secondary art courses. She later discovered the versatility of acrylic paint and began painting with acrylic

through the exquisite use of colour, detail, and depth.

MONK's gallery boasts West Coast original art. MONK'S paintings and limited edition gicleés (prints) and is host to many excellent artisans and the renowned photography of Vancouver Island's Craig Carmichael...a must-see!

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## ***Don Bastian***

Unique live edge tables, doors, furniture, master carvings and sculptures all created by hand, one at a time.

Hailing from Pincher Creek, Alberta, Don Bastian spent childhood summers on the West Coast, where he became captivated by its' beauty and dreamed of relocating to its' shores.

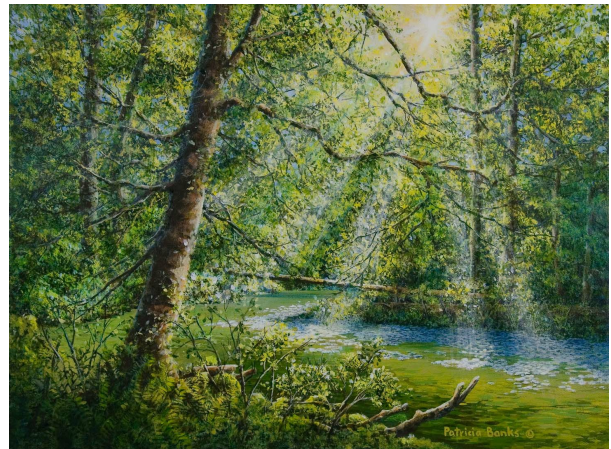
For Don, the West Coast had it all, the mystic of his beloved mountains, the ever changing coast lines, driftwood treasures delivered daily from the sea and the largest trees in the world to inspire his love of art and woodworking.

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on hardboard. This quickly became her favorite medium. She has worked with acrylic for over 30 years, while trying other mediums. Heather has also completed artwork featuring subjects other than wildlife. Among these are two major aviation paintings.

In the last few years, Heather has added oil paint and scratchboard to her repertoire of art mediums. Working with scratchboard – an ink-coated clay board – involves using sharp tools to scratch black ink away to reveal the white clay beneath, creating a highly detailed black and white image. Colour is then added to the image by brushing on coloured inks.

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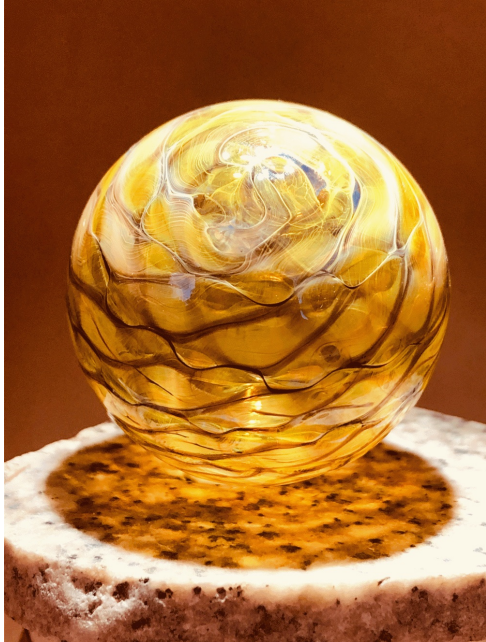


## ***Patricia Banks***

Patricia Banks BScN, AFC is a Canadian Landscape and Wildlife painter best known for her detailed oil and acrylic paintings and her use of colour.

Patricia has exhibited across Canada and in the USA, and she has won several awards for her work. She has been an invited workshop presenter for the BC Art Teachers' Association and enjoys teaching drawing and painting classes and workshops.

Patricia has written numerous art related articles, and she currently writes a monthly column called Art Adventures for Nanaimo Magazine.



## ***Diane Brinton***

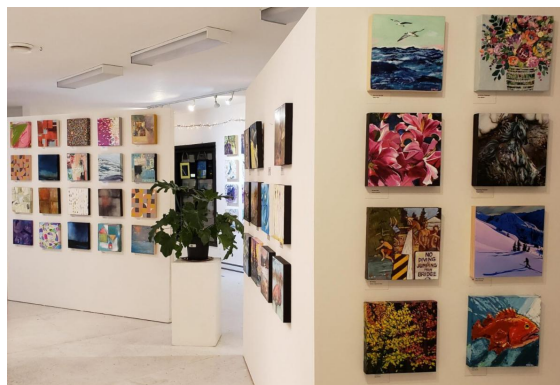
In her studio, Flow Studio Designs, located in Nanaimo BC, Diane creates delicate art pieces and jewellery, mostly using glass.

Using a torch mixing oxygen with gas to produce intense heat that melts glass onto a steel rod, “mandrel”, for flame sculpting or onto an Italian hollow steel pipe, “canello”, for blowing.

Diane hopes to evoke through her art – a rush of water, a quiet forest, or the beauty of the night sky.

She is a graduate of the University of Victoria, in Victoria, BC, is a signature member of Artists for Conservation, and is an active member of Oil Painters of America.

“I am intrigued by the fleeting balance between strength and fragility in nature. Inspired by the natural environment, I share this positive energy with viewers so that they may also pause and reflect, and feel as if they are there, in the moment.”



## ***Artwrx Gallery***

ARTWRX Studio/Gallery, formerly known as Art Alchemy Studio, is a shared studio space in downtown Courtenay where artists support each other to promote growth and professionalism as artists.

A visit to the ARTWRX Studio offers you an opportunity to view the work of 10 individual artists with very unique styles. The goal is that each artist has fun creating in an open, supportive environment. Artwrx encourages dialogue with visitors to share the art and to give them a glimpse of the creative process.

ARTWRX Studio places a high priority on recognizing and supporting the greater community of artists by hosting the Square Foot Show each year, in November.

Artwrx studio provides a place for interaction with other artists and the public. The space is centrally located



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