

Clients' Corner

During her travels, Karen meets lots of interesting people from across Canada and beyond.

In 2006, while camping in the Yukon, she met a young family from the Northwest Territories. They were intrigued by a painting she was working on at the time and after that kept in touch by email.

Last fall they decided to commission Karen to make a painting of fireweed, which is the territorial flower of the Yukon, as a memento of their holiday. Karen emailed them several photos of fireweed that she had taken while touring in the Yukon and they selected their favourite for Karen to use as inspiration for a painting.



When 'Fire on the Rocks' (9 x 13"), shown above, was shipped to their home in Hay River, NT, they emailed Karen to say, "Thank you so very much. We came home yesterday with the painting here in great shape and it is beautiful! We are so very pleased."



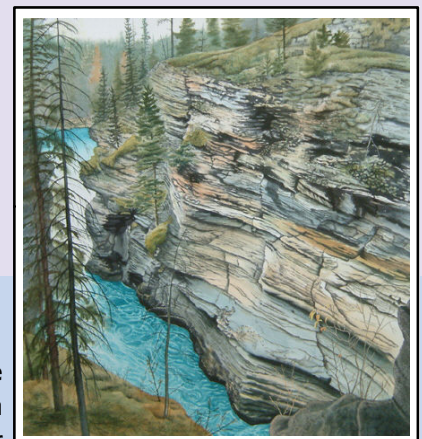
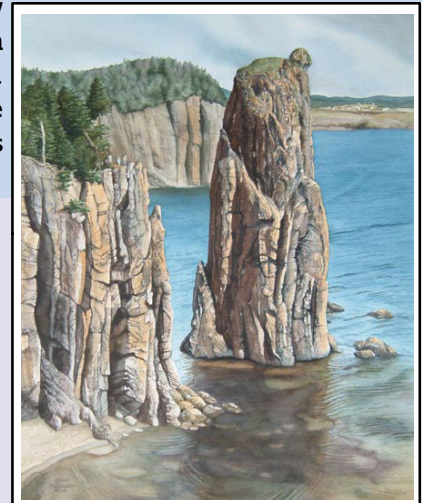
Mountains in Saskatchewan?



Karen spent several weeks touring the prairie provinces this past spring with her husband John. They explored many historic and truly delightful prairie towns on foot or by motorcycle, but the holiday highlight was a week of camping and hiking in Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park in southwestern Saskatchewan. These beautiful and unique uplands, pictured above in a photograph taken by Karen, are the highest point in Canada between the Rockies and Newfoundland. They rise above the surrounding prairie and the panoramic vistas are as lovely as they are unexpected.

'Canada Rocks!' Series

Karen has always been fascinated by powerful, rocky landscapes, but her recent travels to more remote areas of Canada such as the Yukon and Newfoundland have inspired a new collection which she began painting this year. The series, aptly named 'Canada Rocks!' (pun intended), deals with many manifestations of stone, from the exquisite details of a pebble beach to massive formations carved by Canada's major rivers and oceans. Pictured right, are two large paintings in this series, 'Carved by the Atlantic' (17 x 22") and 'Carved by Athabasca' (22 x 24").



Brush For Hire

In the past year, eight clients have commissioned Karen to create custom watercolours, either for themselves, or

to be given as gifts. The painting subjects included three private homes, a cottage, a commercial building, a floral scene, a winter scene and two summer scenes.

Pictured left, 'Bark Cottage' (14 x 10") was commissioned by a school as a surprise retirement gift for a teacher.

For an explanation of Karen's commission process, including samples, frequently asked questions, scheduling, pricing and testimonials, visit www.karenrichardson.ca.

Karen is now accepting commissions for Christmas and beyond.

Artist Opens Her Studio for Watercolour Lessons & Workshops

If you wish to receive timely email notices about my winter and spring watercolour classes please email karen.richardson@sympatico.ca and I will add you to my new 'Watercolour Folk' email group. See you in class! ~Karen



For the first time, Karen will teach semi-private watercolour lessons this fall in her home gallery. Classes are limited to 4 students and are ideal for those who want enhanced coaching in watercolour techniques. Call Karen to register at 905-985-7418.

'A Rural Perspective' Weekend Workshop on Oct 18 and 19, 9 am to 4 pm. Learn architectural perspective drawing and add watercolour to paint a farmhouse, barns and hayfields. Workshop fee: \$195.

'Canada Rocks!' Weekend Workshop on Nov 15 and 16, 9 am to 4 pm. Paint rocks of all shapes, sizes, textures, patterns and colours. Workshop fee: \$195.

'Close to Nature' Thursday Lessons 1 to 5 pm on Oct 9 to 30 OR or Nov 6 to 27 (total of 16 hrs). Paint flowers, leaves, birch trees, snow or other natural subjects. Course fee: \$250.

Visit www.karenrichardson.ca for full class details and student testimonials.

Karen's Fall Classes 'Get Real With Watercolour' at Meta4 Gallery, Port Perry

Tuesday Afternoons 1 - 4 pm Oct 7 to Nov 4

or Wednesday Afternoons 1 - 4 pm Oct 8 to Nov 5

or Wednesday Evenings 6:30 - 9:30 pm Oct 8 to Nov 5

To register, contact Meta4 Gallery, 200 Queen St., 905-985-1534. www.meta4gallery.ca. Classes are limited to 9 students per 15 hour session and students should have some watercolour experience.

This popular, information-packed course will help intermediate and advanced level students hone their skills to produce dramatic, realistic watercolour paintings. Create a collection of small paintings with subject matter chosen from landscape, floral and architectural photos provided by Karen. Course fee: \$130. plus GST, plus a \$5 materials fee payable to Karen. Classes are filling up quickly so call now to avoid disappointment.



Pictured above are seven of Karen's happy students in her Winter 2008 classes at Meta4, with their completed 'Rocky Beach' paintings.

Upcoming Exhibitions: Showcase of the Arts, Nov. 1 & 2



You won't want to miss this 4th annual juried exhibition and sale of visual art and fine craft, held in the Scugog Recreation Centre hall, 1655 Reach St., Port Perry on Nov. 1 and 2, from 10 am to 5 pm. Twenty-five talented artisans will display a wide variety of superb artistic creations, including paintings, photography, sculpture in wood and clay, jewellery, glass, fibre and more. Exhibitors will be on site to demonstrate their

techniques or discuss their creative processes. Enjoy a light lunch in the tea room, in support of Port Perry's hospital auxiliary. Proceeds from ticket sales are used to fund cultural initiatives in the local community. Pictured above, visitors view Karen's paintings at Showcase of the Arts 2007.

Karen's web site has more images and information than ever! Have a look at www.karenrichardson.ca