

# Gail Descoeurs



## **BIOGRAPHY**

Artist Gail Descoeurs was born in Montreal in 1962 and was introduced to painting by her father at the age of 17. Gail is predominately self-taught and throughout her early career as an artist she supported herself by pursuing a career in mechanical drafting.

Gail derives inspiration from the power of nature and she is moved by the different feelings that nature evokes. Her depiction of the natural world is at once bold and precise, yet serene and contemplative. Utilising realist qualities she reveals the perfect stillness in nature as timeless and ever powerful. Evoking memories, dreams and imagination her paintings create an ambience of profound peace in the magnificent detail of our natural environment.

Gail has been painting as a professional since 2006 and has rapidly gained recognition for her timeless artwork that borders on the mystical. She resides in the countryside to stay close to nature where she feels at peace and inspired every day.

*"My soul is deeply astounded by nature's simple beauty with its ever-changing light and mood. As much as I love being in the forests, I am more drawn to wide open spaces where the earth meets the sky. These boundless, expanding horizons are most liberating for my spirit and creative imagination. I am also known for chasing into oncoming storms to feel their power while standing in awe and wonder. There is this brief moment, of a deep stillness right before the clouds furiously unleash themselves, that I love to feel. It's so strong you can almost hold that silence in your palms. The colors are rich while there is still light shining through a slight opening in the sky. Once that light disappears, I start running!*

*I am touched when my viewers tell me they can feel my paintings. That awareness is my reward. May my paintings carry the observer's heart to that beautiful timeless place of quietude where I was held motionless in awe and wonder."*

## **REPRESENTED BY**

Galerie d'Art Iris, Charlevoix, Quebec ([www.galerieiris.com](http://www.galerieiris.com) )  
REHS Contemporary Art Gallery, New York City, New York ([www.rehs.com](http://www.rehs.com))

## **ART EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Pre-dominantly self taught.

## **AWARDS**

- 2014 1<sup>st</sup> Prize "Best of Show" – for painting of "Soul Mates" in the Avenue Art Gallery Brush Off Competition in Montreal Québec.
- 2010 1<sup>st</sup> Prize "Best of Show" – for painting of "Approaching Storm in Tuscany" in the Avenue Art Gallery Brush Off Competition in Montreal Québec.
- 2009 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award in the International Artist Magazine Landscape Competition for "Still Before Fury".
- 2004 1<sup>st</sup> Place People's Choice Award in the Hudson Artist Exhibition for painting of "PEI".
- 2004 3<sup>rd</sup> Place People's Choice Award in the Hudson Artist Exhibition for the painting of "The Pear".

## **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- 2023/24 Featured in the "International Artist Magazine" Issue #154 Dec/Jan Winter issue
- 2023 Featured in the "American Art Collector Magazine" Issue #216 October
- 2017 Featured in the "Magazin' Art" #114 Winter issue
- 2016 Featured in the Arabella Canadian Art, Architecture and Design Magazine Tribute hardcover book "For the Love of Flowers"
- 2015 Featured as "Artist to Collect" in the Arabella Canadian Art, Architecture and Design Magazine Winter Issue
- 2014 Featured in the "Inside the Art Studio" - Hardcover book published by North Light Books
- 2013 Arabella Canadian Art, Architecture and Design Magazine Design Magazine - Spring Issue
- 2011 Featured in the "International Artist Magazine" October/November 2011 Issue #81
- 2009 Featured in the "American Artist Magazine" – September

## **SOLO AND SEMI SOLO SHOWS**

- 2019 Galerie D'art Iris –A solo celebration of my 40<sup>th</sup> year of painting show called "Timeless places of Quietude" in Baie St-Paul, Charlevoix Québec.
- 2016 Galerie Iris – Featured Artist in Charlevoix, Québec
- 2014 Galerie du Plateau with artist Valerie Harper in Montreal, Québec.
- 2009 Galerie Ouest Solo Show celebrating 30 years of painting in Saint-Anne-De Bellevue, Québec.
- 2004 Dou - Show with artist Bill Saunders in Kirkland, Québec.

## **GROUP SHOWS**

- 2023 Rehs Contemporary Gallery – The Seasons Exploring Nature’s Palette show in Manhattan New York City, New York, USA.
- 2018 Galerie Iris - Group Show (Red Night) in Baie St-Paul, Charlevoix Québec.  
Le Balcon d’Art Gallery – Symposium in St-Lambert, Québec.
- 2017 Hudson and Region Studio Tour in Hudson, Québec.  
Expo Plein Air with the Lakeshore Artist Association in Pointe-Claire, Québec.  
Lakeshore Artist Association Exhibition in Baie D’Urfe, Québec.
- 2016 Reves d’Automne Festival in Baie St-Paul, Charlevoix Québec.
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Lakeshore Artist Association Exhibition in Baie D’Urfe, Québec.
- 2014 Avenue Art Gallery Brush off Competition in Montreal, Quebec.  
Reves d’Automne Festival in Baie St-Paul, Charlevoix Québec.  
Expo Plein Air with the Lakeshore Artist Association in Pointe-Claire, Québec.  
Lakeshore Artist Association Exhibition in Baie D’Urfe, Québec.  
ACL Contest – Arabella Design
- 2013 Hudson and Region Studio Tour in Hudson, Québec.  
Expo Plein Air with the Lakeshore Artist Association in Pointe-Claire, Québec.  
Lakeshore Artist Association in Baie D’Urfe, Québec.
- 2012 Hudson Artist Association Exhibition in Hudson, Quebec  
Hudson and Region Studio Tour in Hudson, Québec.  
Expo Plein Air with the Lakeshore Artist Association in Pointe-Claire, Québec.  
Lakeshore Artist Association Exhibition in Baie D’Urfe, Québec.
- 2011 Expo Plein Air with the Lakeshore Artist Association in Pointe-Claire, Québec.  
Lakeshore Artist Association Exhibition in Baie D’Urfe, Québec.  
Hudson Artist Association Exhibition in Hudson, Québec

- 2010 Galerie Espace 127 Winter Theme Exhibition in Vaudreuil-Dorion, Québec  
Galerie Ouest March Blues Exhibition in Sainte-Anne-De-Bellevue, Québec  
Hudson Artist Association Exhibition in Hudson, Québec  
Expo Plein Air with the Lakeshore Artist Association in Pointe-Claire, Québec.  
Lakeshore Artist Association Exhibition in Baie D'Urfe, Québec.
- 2010 Avenue Art Gallery Brush Off Competition in Montreal, Québec  
Galerie Espace 127 Romantic Light Landscape Exhibition in Vaudreuil-Dorion, Québec
- 2009 Galerie Espace 127 Exhibition in Vaudreuil-Dorion, Québec  
Hudson and Region Studio Tour in Hudson, Québec.  
Expo Plein Air with the Lakeshore Artist Association in Pointe-Claire, Québec.  
Lakeshore Artist Association Exhibition in Baie D'Urfe, Québec.  
A Temps Perdu Exhibition in Hudson, Québec.
- 2008 Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser Exhibition in Laval, Québec.  
Hudson and Region Studio Tour in Hudson, Québec.  
Expo Plein Air with the Lakeshore Artist Association in Pointe-Claire, Québec.  
Lakeshore Artist Association Exhibition in Baie D'Urfe, Québec.  
Art Expo Maison Trestler in Vaudreuil-Dorion, Québec.
- 2007 Hudson Artist Association Exhibition in Hudson, Québec  
Expo Plein Air with the Lakeshore Artist Association in Pointe-Claire, Québec.  
Lakeshore Artist Association Exhibition in Baie D'Urfe, Québec.  
Art Expo Maison Trestler in Vaudreuil-Dorion, Québec.  
Art Expo in Merrickville, Ontario.
- 2006 Art Expo Gallery Harwood in Hudson, Québec.  
Hudson Artist Association Exhibition in Hudson, Québec  
Expo Plein Air with the Lakeshore Artist Association in Pointe-Claire, Québec.  
Lakeshore Artist Association Exhibition in Baie D'Urfe, Québec.

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 Lakeshore Artist Association Exhibition in Baie D'Urfe, Québec.  
 Art Expo Maison Trestler in Vaudreuil-Dorion, Québec.
- 2004 Hudson Artist Association Exhibition in Hudson, Québec  
 Expo Plein Air with the Lakeshore Artist Association in Pointe-Claire, Québec.  
 Lakeshore Artist Association Exhibition in Baie D'Urfe, Québec.  
 Art Expo Maison Trestler in Vaudreuil-Dorion, Québec.  
 Kaleidoscope Art Gallery Exhibition in Pointe-Claire, Québec.
- 2003 Hudson Artist Association Exhibition in Hudson, Québec  
 Expo Plein Air with the Lakeshore Artist Association in Pointe-Claire, Québec.
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 Expo Plein Air with the Lakeshore Artist Association in Pointe-Claire, Québec.  
 Lakeshore Artist Association Exhibition in Baie D'Urfe, Québec.
- 2001 Art Expo Lake Of Two Mountains in Hudson, Québec.
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- 1999 Art Expo Plein Air Jardin d`Henriette in St-Lazare, Québec.  
 Expo Permanent for the Artistes Peintre et Sculpteur du Québec – Galerie d'Art du Cercle In Laval, Québec.  
 Art Expo Place Ville Marie Chamber of Commerce in Montreal, Québec.  
 Art Expo Lake Of Two Mountains in Hudson, Québec.
- 1998 Art Expo Lake Of Two Mountains in Hudson, Québec.
- 1997 Hudson Art Gallery Exhibition in Hudson, Québec.  
 Art Expo Arkadia in Pointe-Claire, Québec.  
 Art Expo Lake Of Two Mountains in Hudson, Québec.
- 1996 Art Expo Lake Of Two Mountains in Hudson, Québec.
- 1995 Art Expo Lake Of Two Mountains in Hudson, Québec.
- 1990 Art Expo in Alexandria, Ontario

## **MEDIA**

- 2016 The Local Journal Newspaper – January 14, 2016
- 2009 The Hudson Gazette Newspaper - September 2, 2009  
The News and Chronicle Newspaper- August 13, 2009  
The Montreal Gazette Newspaper – August 2009  
The Premiere Edition Newspaper – August 8, 2009  
The International Artist Magazine – February/March 2009  
The Hudson Gazette Newspaper – February 25, 2009
- 2008 The Hudson Gazette Newspaper – October 22, 2008  
The Premiere Edition Newspaper – September 26, 2008  
The Montreal Gazette Newspaper – September 25, 2008  
The Hudson Gazette Newspaper – September 17, 2008
- 2007 The Hudson Gazette Newspaper – September 12, 2007  
The Suburban Newspaper – April 2007
- 2004 The Local Journal Newspaper – March 25, 2004  
The Hudson Gazette Newspaper – October 13, 2004  
L’Etoile Newspaper – October 13, 2004  
The Hudson Gazette Newspaper – May 12, 2004
- 1997 The Hudson Gazette Newspaper- November 4, 1997