

Artist Gail Descoeurs

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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 is rapidly gaining 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.

ARTIST STATEMENT

"My soul is deeply astounded by nature's simple beauty and the way it speaks to me emotionally and spiritually. Whether I am in the forest, on a mountain, in a middle of an open field, by a lake or an ocean nature offers me solace, regeneration and inspiration. The emotions felt lives inside of me which becomes a force that drives me to paint which in turn nurtures my soul.

I am on a journey beyond myself and through this journey my work keeps expanding and evolving naturally with its own rhythm as painting really is a culmination of one's life experiences....the painter becomes the painting- all is one....

May my paintings carry the observer's heart to that beautiful timeless place of quietude of where I was held motionless in awe and wonder. "

REPRESENTED BY

Gallery Iris in Charlevoix Quebec (www.galerieiris.com)
Westmount Gallery in Toronto (www.westmountgallery.com)
Le Balcon d'Art in St-Lambert Quebec (www.balcondart.com)

AWARDS

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

MEDIA

Hard covered Books:

Arabella Canadian Art, Architecture and Design Tribute hardcover book:
- Featured in "For the Love of Flowers", 2016

American Artist Hardcover book published by North Light Books:
- Featured in the "Inside the Art Studio", 2014

Magazines:

Magazin' Art:
- Featured in the Winter Issue #114, 2017

Arabella Canadian Art, Architecture and Design Magazine:
- Spring Issue 2013
- Featured as "Artist to Collect" in the Winter Issue 2015

American Artist Magazine:
- Featured in September 2009

The International Artist Magazine:
– February/March 2009 Issue #65
– Featured in the October/November 2011 Issue #81

Newspapers:

The Montreal Gazette Newspaper

- September 25, 2008
- August 2009

The Hudson Gazette Newspaper

- November 4, 1997
- May 12, 2004
- October 13, 2004
- September 12, 2007
- September 17, 2008
- October 22, 2008
- February 25, 2009
- September 2, 2009

The Premiere Edition Newspaper

- September 26, 2008
- August 8, 2009

L'Etoile Newspaper

- October 13, 2004

The Local Journal Newspaper

- March 25, 2004
- January 14, 2016

The Suburban Newspaper

- April 2007

The News and Chronicle Newspaper

- August 13, 2009

SOLO AND SEMI SOLO SHOWS

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| 2016 | Galerie d'Art 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

Reves d'Automne Festival in Baie St-Paul, Charlevoix Québec (2014, 15, 16, 2017)

Expo Plein Air with the Lakeshore Artist Association in Pointe-Claire, Québec (2002, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 2017)

Lakeshore Artist Association Exhibition in Baie D'Urfe, Québec (2002, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 2018)

Hudson and Region Studio Tour in Hudson, Québec (2008, 9, 12, 13, 2017)

Avenue Art Gallery Brush off Competition in Montreal, Quebec (2010, 2014)

ACL Contest – Arabella Design (2014)

Hudson Artist Association Exhibition in Hudson, Quebec (2002, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 2012)

Galerie Espace 127 Winter Theme Exhibition in Vaudreuil-Dorion, Québec (2010)

Galerie Ouest March Blues Exhibition in Sainte-Anne-De-Bellevue, Québec (2010)

Galerie Espace 127 Romantic Light Landscape Exhibition in Vaudreuil-Dorion, Québec (2010)

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A Temps Perdu Exhibition in Hudson, Québec (2009)

Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser Exhibition in Laval, Québec (2008)

Art Expo Maison Trestler in Vaudreuil-Dorion, Québec (2008)

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Art Expo in Merrickville, Ontario (2007)

Art Expo Gallery Harwood in Hudson, Québec (2006)

Kaleidoscope Art Gallery Exhibition in Pointe-Claire, Québec (2004)

Expo Lake Of Two Mountains in Hudson, Québec (1995, 96, 97, 98, 99, 2000, 2001)

Expo Permanent for the Artistes Peintre et Sculpteur du Québec – Galerie d'Art du Cercle In Laval, Québec (1999)

Art Expo Plein Air Jardin d`Henriette in St-Lazare, Québec (1999)

Art Expo Place Ville Marie Chamber of Commerce in Montreal, Québec (1999)

Hudson Art Gallery Exhibition in Hudson, Québec (1997)

Art Expo Arkadia in Pointe-Claire, Québec (1997)

Art Expo in Alexandria, Ontario (1990)