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# Pamela Holl Hunt

**P**amela Holl Hunt was born in Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, in 1945. A classically trained contemporary artist, she received most of her training in Europe in the 1960s and 70s.

While in Paris she studied life drawing at *The Académie Julian* with *M. MacAvoy*. After one year she moved on to *The Atelier 17* and was taught etching and print making by the master print maker *Stanley William Hayter*. In 1964 she went to London to study at *Hornsey College of Art*. A few years later she moved to Brussels, Belgium and studied oil painting at the *Beaux Arts* and art history at the *Musée Cinquantenaire*.

In more recent years Pamela studied Symphonic Composition and Applied Colour Theory at the *Vancouver Academy of Art* with *Michael Britton* (1999).

Working in oil, using mostly palette knife, her earlier work was a series of sensitive, illuminating abstracts. Later she embarked on a popular series of large canvas portraits of international celebrities.

In 2000, working in oils, she launched into a spiritual and creative search which emanated in an extensive series of bold, colour-filled tree paintings.

In 2019, while pursuing her spiritual journey in the United States, a cardiologist gave Pamela the frightening news that she had only five months to live. Not long after, she was in Victoria undergoing open heart surgery to correct the valve defect she was born with. While healing, she thought a lot about painting and honed into what

she really wanted to express (her message) and how she wanted to create it (her technique or style).

Today she says, “A good painting makes me feel uplifted out of the physical body and into that space where our passions float free, a space where we can all dream of better worlds.”

Pamela has returned to her abstract roots and produces some of her career’s most powerful and exciting work. She signs her work ‘Holl Hunt’ or ‘HH.’

Pamela currently lives and creates in Port Alberni, BC.

**Interested in lessons or need a specific commission? E-mail Pam at [pamholl@gmail.com](mailto:pamholl@gmail.com)**

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