



Subscriber profile

Janine Fijal

Janine Fijal was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba. In 2012, after retiring from teaching at the *University of Manitoba*, she moved with her husband to White Rock, B.C.

Her love of art began at an early age after being introduced to drawing and painting by two of her aunts who were portrait artists. They taught Janine the basics of charcoal sketching and oil painting. Their passion for the arts and their encouragement inspired her.

After moving to White Rock, Janine had the opportunity to take art lessons from Canadian artist *Chris MacClure*, a Romantic Realist Fine Art Painter. Here she learned about brush patterns, styles, and colour theory, as well as techniques for landscape painting.

Janine is an active member of the *South Surrey White Rock Art Society (SSWRAS)* and served on the board of directors from 2016-2019. She appreciates the connection to other member artists who share their experiences. She has taken advantage of the painting workshops as well as attending the monthly demos by professional artists.

Janine enjoys painting abstracts and vibrantly coloured street scenes and cityscapes. Acrylic is her preferred medium. In addition to doing commission work, her art has been displayed and sold at the SSWRAS annual *Spring and Fall Art Shows*.



To see more of Janine's artwork, follow her on Instagram or e-mail her at fijaljanine@hotmail.com