
Pat Service



Canadian artist Pat Service has been creating expressive, intensely colourful acrylic paintings for several decades. Born in the small coastal town of Port Alberni on Vancouver Island, the beautiful, rugged shoreline, mountain vistas and ancient forests influenced both the subject and style of her work. She is known for her ability to capture the subtleties of light as they appear in the sky and water. Her brushstrokes also emulate the textures she observes in nature. Her use of thinned out paint allows for more transparency in colours and is a feature of her work. Service's subjects are landscapes, florals, animals and still lifes.

Service attended the University of British Columbia where she acquired her Bachelor of Arts degree. Her husband's career took her to Scotland where she attended classes at the Glasgow School of Art. Her early influences were the Scottish artists whose brushwork and colour choices were reminiscent of the popular Post-Impressionist French painters. Service also lived in Eastern Canada and Venezuela but in 1972, the family moved back to Vancouver, B.C.

She continued to paint and attended several artist's workshops in the U.S. and Canada. Following numerous experiences at the renowned Emma Lake Professional Artist Workshops in Saskatchewan, (where she met a community of abstract painters including Milly Ristvedt), Service began to change her approach to her work. Traditional landscapes gave way to a more liberated, abstract style in colour and form.

Education

1959-1963 Bachelor of Arts Degree, University of B. C.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2022 "OH YES- Pat Service" Oeno Gallery, Ontario, Canada
2020 "Pat Service: A Larger Silence", Newzones Gallery, Calgary
2018 "Pat Service: A Road Trip", South Main Gallery, Vancouver
2016 "Totems", Scott Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
2016 "Abstract Landscapes", Nikola Rukaj Gallery, Toronto, Ontario

2016 "LESS & MORE", The Gallery/art placement, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

2015 "Round About Midnight: New Paintings from Pat Service", Newzones Gallery of Contemporary Art, Calgary, Alberta

2014 "Pat Service: Painting This Place, 3 Decades", Art Gallery at Evergreen, Coquitlam, B. C.

2013 "Colour Tree Painting", Michael Gibson Gallery, London, Ontario

2011 "Connections and Variations", Art Placement, Saskatoon

2010 "Regard" and Other New Paintings, Scott Gallery, Edmonton

2010 Pat Service: Vivid, Diane Farris Gallery, Vancouver, B. C.

2009 In My View, Grand Forks Art Gallery, B. C.

2008 Valleys, Diane Farris Gallery, Vancouver

2008 Lake Series, Gallery One, Toronto

2005 Lakeside, The Gallery/art placement inc., Saskatoon

2005 City Scenes, Atelier Gallery, Vancouver

2005 Summer Lake Series, Newzones Gallery, Calgary

2004 Valley Views, Gallery One, Toronto

2004 Alberta Summer, Scott Gallery, Edmonton

2002 My Favourite Vancouver, Buschlen-Mowatt Annex, Vancouver

2002 My British Columbia, Buschlen-Mowatt Gallery, Vancouver

2001 Land and Water, The Scott Gallery, Edmonton

2001 New Paintings, Gallery One, Toronto

2001 Sun Coast, Newzones Gallery of Contemporary Art, Calgary

2000 Crossroads, Buschlen-Mowatt Gallery, Vancouver

1999 Fields of Gold, The Scott Gallery, Edmonton

1998 New Work, Gallery One, Toronto

1998 PatServiceLandScapes, Buschlen-Mowatt Gallery, Vancouver

1997 PAT SERVICE Out of the Ordinary: Paintings, Monoprints and Watercolours 1986-1996, The Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon

1996 Buschlen-Mowatt Gallery, Vancouver

1996 Kathleen Lavery Gallery, Edmonton

1995 Gallery One, Toronto

1995 Wallack Galleries, Ottawa

1994 Buschlen-Mowatt Gallery, Vancouver

1994 Kathleen Lavery Gallery, Edmonton

1992 Buschlen-Mowatt Gallery, Vancouver

1991 Gallery One, Toronto

1991 Canadian Art Galleries, Calgary

1991 Buschlen-Mowatt Gallery, Vancouver

1990 Miriam Shiell Fine Art, Toronto

1990	Buschlen-Mowatt Gallery, Vancouver
1989	Wade Gallery, Los Angeles
1988	Wade Gallery, Vancouver
1988	Wade Gallery, Los Angeles
1987	Waddington and Shiell Galleries, Toronto
1987	The Gallery/art placement, Saskatoon

Selected Group Exhibitions

2023	SURFACES: Real & Imagined, Oeno Gallery, Bloomfield, ON
2023	20 th Anniversary Celebration: Summer Group Show, Oeno Gallery, Bloomfield, ON
2023	"Spring Fever", Oeno Gallery in The Royal Annex, Picton, ON
2023	"Go Your Own Way, Oeno Gallery in The Royal Annex, Picton, ON
2022	"Nothing is What it Seems, Oeno Gallery in The Royal Annex, Picton, ON
2019	"End of Summer Exhibition", August, Art Placement, Saskatoon
2018	"Gestural Hands", November, Nikola Rukaj Gallery, Toronto
2018	"40 th Anniversary Show, Art Placement, Saskatoon
2018	"Fields of Colour-Recent Paintings", Arbitration Place, Toronto
2017	"The Human Face", The Scott Gallery, Edmonton
2017	Gallery Artists, The G ALLERY/art placement, Saskatoon
2016	"Something Old, Something New", The Gallery/Art Placement, Saskatoon
2016	'astrolabe', The Scott Gallery, Edmonton
2015	"LandscapeX7", Newzones Gallery, Calgary
2015	"Winter Group Show", The Gallery/Art Placement, Saskatoon
2013	"Nests and Trees", 2 ARTIST SHOW, The Reach Gallery Museum, Abbotsford
2013	"The Drawing Show", The Gallery/Art Placement, Saskatoon
2013	"Paint", Nikola Rukaj Gallery, Toronto
2013	"By the Water's Edge", The Gallery/Art Placement, Saskatoon
2013	"New Beginnings", The Gallery/Art Placement, Saskatoon
2010	"The Primary Mark", Diane Farris Gallery, Vancouver Drawing Festival
2010	"The Drawing Show", Art Placement, Saskatoon
2010	"Signs of Spring", Art Placement, Saskatoon
2007	"Artists of Emma Lake", Art Placement, Saskatoon
2007	Triangle DUMBO Art Festival Exhibition 25, New York
2007	"A Prairie Companion", Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, Halifax
2006	Anniversary Exhibition, Scott Gallery, Edmonton

2006 "Colour Paintings", Art Placement, Saskatoon

2004 "Climate Controlled", Kenderdine Art Gallery, Saskatoon, Sask.

2004 "20 Years Down the Road", Grand Forks Art Gallery, Grand Forks, B. C.

2004 "Sunscreen", Newzones Gallery of Contemporary Art, Calgary

2004 Art Chicago (Newzones Gallery), Chicago

2004 "Western Perspectives", Buschlen-Mowatt, Vancouver

2004 "Form & Figure: Transitions", Buschlen-Mowatt, Vancouver

2004 "Recent Acquisitions", The Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon

2003 "Conduit", Gallery One, Toronto, The Water Project, Ontario Society of Artists

2002 "The Canadian Collection at Kananaskis - the G8 Summit", Calgary

2001 "Ballachey, McAvity and Service", Art Placement, Saskatoon

2001 "Clement Greenberg A Critic's Collection", Portland Art Museum, Oregon

2001 "Reunion", Gallery 1248, Victoria

2001 "Landscape x 9", Newzones Gallery, Calgary

2000 "West to East", Gallery on the Bay, Hamilton, Ontario

1998 "The Manitoba Workshop", Wasagaming Arts Centre, Manitoba

1997 The Canadian Collection at APEC '97, Vancouver

1997 Jonathan Forrest & Pat Service, The Gallery/Art Placement, Saskatoon

1996 "Rediscovering the Landscape of the Americas", Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Travelling to: The Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi; The Western Gallery, Western Washington University, Bellingham; The Memorial Art Gallery, University of Rochester, N.Y.; The Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, South Carolina

1996 "Painters on Site", The Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon

1996 "Inner Landscapes: Sixteen by One", Gallery One, Toronto

1996 "A Perspective on Drawing", Triangle Gallery of The Visual Arts, Calgary

1995 Lineart (Buschlen-Mowatt), Ghent, Belgium

1994 Art Asia (Buschlen-Mowatt), Hong Kong

1994 Tresors D'Art (Buschlen-Mowatt), Singapore

1994 "Reflecting Paradise", Selections from the Collection of the University of Lethbridge, Calgary

1994 "Recent Acquisitions", The Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon

1994 "New Trends", Art Hong Kong (Buschlen-Mowatt), Hong Kong

1993 "The Triangle Artists' Workshop Benefit Show", Lorraine Kessler Gallery, Poughkeepsie, New York

1993 Art Asia (Buschlen-Mowatt), Hong Kong

1993 Tresors D'Art (Buschlen-Mowatt), Singapore

- 1993 Exhibition selected by the Prime Minister's Office for the Yeltsin-Clinton Summit Conference, Vancouver
- 1993 T.I.A.F. (Buschlen-Mowatt), Tokyo
- 1992 Art Asia (Buschlen-Mowatt), Hong Kong
- 1992 T.I.A.F. (Buschlen-Mowatt), Tokyo
- 1990 Chicago International Art Exposition (Miriam Shiell), Chicago
- 1990 "Still Life: More than Still", Transamerica Galleries, Los Angeles
- 1990 "North of the Border: Contemporary Vancouver Art", Whatcom Museum of History and Art, Bellingham
- 1988 "Zoo Zone", Grand Forks Art Gallery, B. C.
- 1987 Chicago International Art Exposition (Waddington and Shiell), Chicago
- 1987 "Works on Paper", Wade Gallery, Los Angeles
- 1986 "Works by Contemporary Canadian Artists", Wade Gallery, L.A
- 1983 "Contemporary Canadian Art: The Current Generation",
The Edmonton Art Gallery, Edmonton

Special Professional

- 2013 Presenter in David Wisdom Slide Show, Vancouver Art Gallery
- 2003 Something About Landscapes, a limited edition book written and illustrated by Pat Service, published by Seldom Editions, Vancouver
- 2003 Pat Service, An Artist's Narrative, Interactive CD-Rom produced by Blue Armour Design, Vancouver
- 2000 S.I.A.W., Saskatchewan
- 1996 Invited Participant in Landscape 96, Visual Arts Festival in Saskatoon
- 1996 Cover Painting for "No Better Land" by Roberta L. Bagshaw
- 1995 Attended Sheffield Lake Workshop, Tamworth, Ontario
- 1993, 1983 Attended Triangle Artists' Workshop for painters and sculptors, upstate New York
- 1991-1980 During these years, attended various Emma Lake Workshops, Saskatchewan

Awards

- 1993 The Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of Confederation

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Collections

Air Canada, Montreal
 American Express, Toronto
 Art Robe Limited, Tokyo
 Art Gallery of Nova Scotia
 Bauman & Freedman, Toronto
 Baycrest Hospital Centre, Toronto
 Campney and Murphy, Vancouver
 Canpotex, Saskatoon
 Canada Council, Art Bank
 Canada Trust, Toronto
 Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Vancouver
 Crown Life/Crownx Collection, Toronto
 Dannon Yogurt, New York
 Deloitte, Haskins, Sells; Toronto
 Dept. of External Affairs, Ottawa
 Dominion Management, Vancouver
 Edmonton Art Gallery, Alberta
 Endeavour Financial, Vancouver
 Ernst & Whinney, Vancouver
 External Affairs, Ottawa
 Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, U.B.C.
 Fairley Erker, Edmonton
 Fairmont Hotels
 Fairwater Capital, Toronto
 Financial Post, Toronto
 First City Trust, Vancouver
 First Marathon Securities, Halifax
 Gornitzki, Thompson, Little; Toronto
 The Granite Club, Toronto
 Harper, Grey, Easton; Vancouver
 Joe Fortes Restaurant, Vancouver

Kenderdine Art Gallery, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon
Ladner Downs, Vancouver
Law Reform Office, University of Alberta
Lawrence and Shaw, Vancouver
Lawson Lundell, Vancouver
Lehigh Valley Hospital Centre, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Leighton Foundation, Calgary
Lindsay Kenney, Vancouver
MacKimmie Matthews, Calgary
Marsh & McLennan, Toronto
Marsh & McLennan, Vancouver
Melcor Developments, Edmonton
The Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon
McLean Hunter, Toronto
Monsanto, Toronto
Neuman Thompson, Edmonton
Nissho Iwai, Vancouver
Panevino Restaurant, New Jersey
Philip and Muriel Berman Museum, Ursinus College, Pennsylvania
Phillips, Hager and North, Vancouver
Portland Art Museum, Oregon Clement Greenberg Collection
Reed Stenhouse, Vancouver
Royal Canadian Mint, Ottawa
Royal Trust, Toronto & Vancouver
Seaboard Life Insurance, Vancouver
Sharecom Industries, Alberta
St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver
Sun Life Center, Toronto
Sunnybrook Health Centre, Toronto
Surreal Holdings, Toronto
Tanton Mitchell, Vancouver
Texaco Canada Resources, Calgary
Telus, Edmonton & Vancouver
Thorsteinssons, Toronto & Vancouver
The Toronto Sun, Toronto
Touche Ross, Los Angeles & Vancouver
Triangle Trust, New York
University of Lethbridge, Alberta
Vancouver General Hospital Foundation
Waterfront Centre Hotel, Vancouver
West Coast Transmission, Vancouver
Westburne Corporation, Montreal
Xerox Canada, Toronto

