

Nature & Nurture: October 27 through November 21, 2020



Works by Gabriel Gely, **Gayle Halliwell**, Greg McKenzie, Marilyn McNish

Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better.
- Albert Einstein

We invite you to enter and explore the theme of Nature & Nurture at the Gwen Fox Gallery in Selkirk, Manitoba.

Nature and Nurture--two concepts at play in the complex system linking the building blocks of the world to human behaviour, learning, and our environment.

These four artistic souls, influenced by elements essential to life--earth, wind, fire and water--pull you into this intricate relationship between Nature and Nurture through creative works in oil, clay, water media and photography.

A must see!

Admission free; pandemic precautions in effect.

Gwen Fox Gallery, 250 Manitoba Avenue at Main in Selkirk, MB
gwenfoxyallery.com

Gabriel Gely



Arriving from France in 1952, Gabriel was inspired to experience the Canadian Arctic by an Inuit artifact display. Determined, he landed in Baffin Island working as a weather station cook--and did so for the next two years traveling to other arctic locations. Photos taken since 1953 became subject material for his oil paintings, pastels and charcoal drawings. He served as Arts and Crafts Advisor to the Federal and Territorial Governments in the high arctic communities from 1960s through the 80s. Gabe described this period *"as years of learning from a people who shared their food and their laughter, their homes and their philosophy...They were my teachers par excellence. This way of life has been very good to me."*

Time spent with Inuit observing and sharing their lifestyle, surrounded by the awesome beauty of the land, greatly influenced his art. Gabriel's stunning photo collection from the north is now with the University of Manitoba Archives. His last oil paintings of the Arctic, done in 2015, were shown at a solo show at the Gwen Fox Gallery in 2016.

Gayle Halliwell

A visual artist with lake water in her veins that flows out from her brush onto canvas and paper at Studio 410, her creative space in an Interlake beach community.

Award-winning lake, sky, and landscapes attest to Gayle's love affair with Lake Winnipeg. She draws on decades as a summertime live-aboard boater and a lifetime of playing on shore. Her works are energetic, confident and take a straightforward approach. Acrylic, watercolour, and clay vie for Gayle's attention as she splashes and squishes her way through the day.

Gayle is an active member of Gwen Fox and cre8ery Galleries, Gimli Art Club, Creative Manitoba, and The WAVE Artists' Studio Tour. Her studio, also on the Interlake Barn Quilt Trail, is open year-round for events and by appointment, see www.gaylehalliwell.com



Greg McKenzie



As a 14-year-old Greg was captivated by the lens. Born in Selkirk, a sense of place gives Greg a focus on the region's wildlife, open flat lands and beaches. The historical significance and unique beauty of the Interlake is documented in the waterways, lakes, and shores in his works. Self-taught in the art of photography, Greg's passion is to capture and reveal through new eyes the stories of our towns, lands, and people.

Greg's eight years experience as a professional photographer has sharpened and concentrated his exceptional attention to creating stunning compositions. Award winning photographs, media attention, and private purchases celebrate his works.

Greg is an active member of the Gwen Fox Gallery, and has exhibited in various galleries in the Interlake region.

Marilyn McNish

When Marilyn moved to the small village of Manigotagan, she was surrounded by a spectacular river location. The colours, beauty, and people inspired her to pursue her artwork with passion and motivation.

Now in her 8th year immersed in the life and environment of this unique community, Marilyn is a professional realistic fine artist. She divides her time between creating, teaching art classes, volunteering at art galleries, and exhibiting her works at various events.

Her artwork is vibrant, colorful, and intends to invoke a thoughtful connection. Marilyn's work is collected by art-market enthusiasts and she has been commissioned by corporations, businesses, and private individuals.



Marilyn's artwork is located at these internet sites: <http://marilyn-mcnish.artistwebsites.com>, on LinkedIn at [linkedin.com/in/Marilyn-mcnish61675698/](https://www.linkedin.com/in/Marilyn-mcnish61675698/), and on Instagram at [Instagram.com/marilynmcnishfineart](https://www.instagram.com/marilynmcnishfineart).