

Artist Statement - Janice P. Van Dijk

Creativity is an important part of my life. It is a big part of who I am.

Colour, texture, light and shadow are what catch my eye. Watermedia, fibre art and photography or a combination of these media are the most effective for me as a vehicle of translating what I see and how I feel about the beauty of the world around us.

Photography enables me to be out and about looking and seeing and experiencing. Watercolour painting allows me to reflect on a scene that caught my attention while I was out and about, perhaps while photographing. Painting is a contemplative activity for me...it makes me slow down. Fibre art and/or mixed media that incorporate fibre art are a merging of everything...different media, subject, different activity levels...quiet, active...but mostly crazy wild creativity.