

## Media Release for the week of September 1 - 5, 2014

Once again Judi Pedder is opening her Comox gallery/studio to the public on September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. "Public" means owners of Judi's work, friends, their friends, students and anyone else interested in seeing **what's new** since last year.

2014 and has been busy, with a solo show at The Old School House in Qualicum Beach, where Judi presented 45 images, half of which were new for this show - many of them local landscapes. This was quickly followed by another solo show at The Comox Valley Art Gallery, which has retained some of Judi's flower portraits and cards in the gift shop. Visitors to this show commented "Such a fabulous technique - wonderful colours", "Wow!" and a visitor from Trois Rivieres wrote "Marveilleux". Judi's work can also be found in The Blue Fish Gallery in Port Alberni where her "silks" have been 'discovered'.

It is Judi's belief that nobody has all they need in their head for painting, and, like most other subjects, painting requires study and learning. Instruction can be found in books, videos, workshops and visiting galleries, and of course on you tube.

Herself always learning and experimenting, Judi took a silk workshop with Karen Sistik, in her home in Port Angeles. Planning to increase her current skills, instead Judi learned a whole different approach to this medium, from a Master of Silk painting. "Master" (mistress doesn't sound right!) describes this cheerful, feminine and very strict instructor, with sprinkles of fun and humour. We five students worked hard under Karen's guidance from 8:30 am to after 6:00 pm each day, with just 30 minutes for a lunch break. The meals were presented by the man of the house, who also made framed canvases for our 'masterpiece' and took our money!

So what was the 'different approach'? You'll need to visit Judi's studio to find the answer!

And not only that ..... Judi is planning to add to her weekly watercolour classes with some demonstrations on painting with dye on silk. This series will show you all you need to know about three ways of painting your own silk scarf in your home. For the committed artist Judi is also offering three more demos showing how to set up a piece of silk for a painting, and including all the requirements of steaming and presenting your finished piece.

Details and registration will be available at the September Open House.

For newcomers to this area, Judi's original work is based on watercolour and dye on silk. Don't imagine 'wishy-washy' describes any of them. Judi uses a variety of supports for her work, and you will see landscapes and flowers painted with watercolour direct on canvas, on traditional paper, masa paper, and yupo (synthetic paper). She uses plenty of strong, rich colours for all her work, bringing vibrancy and joy onto her pieces. Some images are traditionally framed. Others with no frame at all - variety abounds! And then there's the silk!

**Open House: September 6 and 7**  
**Noon - 4:30 317 Torrence Road, Comox**  
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