

# Islands in the Puget Sound

VASHON ISLAND & THE SAN JUANS INCLUDING  
THE ROCHE HARBOR COLLECTION



Fairy Tales for Trick or Treats



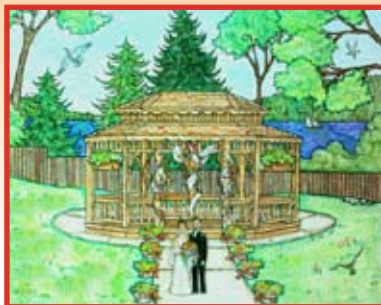
Flying Kites at Lopez Island



Springtime at Lopez Island



Today, Two Morrow and Always



Scott's Dream Day at Deer Harbor

## VASHON ISLAND

### 1. *Fairy Tales for Trick or Treats ~ 1994*

Halloween - a day when reality succumbs to fantasy! Celebrating with a fairy tale theme is the hostess of the house, Donna, as "Rapunzel," pictured with her daughter, Katherine, as "Alice in Wonderland." Trick or treaters (L-R) are my sister, Marilee's God-daughter, Aubrey, as "Snow White," Marilee as "Sleeping Beauty," and me as "Cinderella." Donna's log-style home is part of a compound with a fully functioning garage for her husband (who loves tinkering with vintage cars), offices for the couple, and a gazebo for al-fresco dining. The main house overlooks Puget Sound and the Seattle skyline from its perch on Vashon.

## LOPEZ ISLAND IN THE SAN JUANS

### 2. *Flying Kites at Lopez Island ~ 1994*

This pristine grey frame building, Lopez Island's Edenwild Inn, overlooks the harbor and offers lovely accommodations and wonderful cuisine in its gourmet restaurant. A favorite with visitors, this inn was once owned by popular actor, Tom Skerritt ("Top Gun," "Steel Magnolias" and "A River Runs Through It").

### 3. *Springtime at Lopez Island ~ 1994*

This lovely setting in Puget Sound belongs to my friends, Daryl and Judy Jensen, and their extended family. This vacation spot has been the setting for countless gathering and parties. Enjoying the spring day with me are Daryl, Judy and their Aunt Mabel who owned a home just behind this one. This family shared their home with me Memorial Day weekend in 1994 - which inspired this painting.

### 4. *Today, Two Mornings and Always ~ 2002*

This painting was completed as a commission piece for the Morrrows who planned their wedding at a lovely lakeside setting on Lopez Island in the San Juans. This painting was used as cover artwork for their wedding invitations, which provided a beautiful record and memento for their guests.

## ORCAS ISLAND IN THE SAN JUANS

### 5. *Scott's Dream Day at Deer Harbor ~ 2008*

This lovely, natural setting at Deer Harbor in the San Juan Islands hosted Brian and Christine Scott's wedding, May 19, 2001 - their dream day! Ribbons, blossoms and delicate vines thread the whimsical gazebo and pots of pansies flank the walkway - beautifully framing this happy couple.

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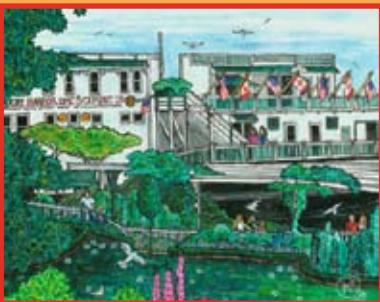
Afternoon at Afterglow Vista



Dallying on the Deck at Roche



Hotel de Haro



Morning Walk at Roche



The Old Schoolhouse at Roche

## THE ROCHE HARBOR COLLECTION IN THE SAN JUANS

### *6. Afternoon at Afterglow Vista ~ 2004*

John McMillin, who founded the seaside village of Roche Harbor which once housed his lime quarries factories and workers, built this memorial to his family in the woods above the harbor in the early 1930s. The pillared mausoleum, with one column intentionally gapped, was designed using elements of the Masonic Order, the Bible, the Sigma Phi fraternity and McMillin's personal views on family. It was to be his family's final resting place, but a rift between McMillin and his son, Paul, prevented that from coming to conclusion. The chairs (crypts) contain only the remains of John McMillin, his wife and eldest son, Fred. This setting is a beautiful walk for visitors to Roche.

### *7. Dallying on the Deck at Roche ~ 2001*

This painting is a view of the deck of the beautiful Madrona Grill, the focal point of picturesque Roche Harbor Resort. It provides its guests with a truly spectacular view of the harbor and beyond, especially on Independence Day when the water is crowded with hundreds of vessels.

### *8. Hotel de Haro ~ 2000*

This painting is a view of the deck of the beautiful Madrona Restaurant, focal point of picturesque Roche Harbor Resort & Marina on San Juan Island in Puget Sound. It gives its guests a truly spectacular view of the harbor and beyond, especially on the Fourth of July when the harbor is crowded with hundreds of yachts. The artwork below, "Roche Harbor Reverie" shows more of the building which houses this popular restaurant.

### *9. Morning Walk at Roche ~ 2000*

Mornings are the perfect time for a quiet stroll on the docks, boardwalk, and especially through the sunken gardens at this lovely setting. The retired kiln factory building, shown in the background, is the current home of the local green grocer and a cafe which serves hearty breakfasts daily.

### *10. The Old Schoolhouse at Roche ~ 2004*

In the early 1900s, Roche Harbor was a "company" town in the truest sense of the word. John S. McMillin's Roche Harbor Lime and Cement Company was located on remote San Juan Island in Puget Sound, so he built bunk houses for his single workers and one- and two-story cottages for the married ones, so that they could raise their families there - and live close to the factories and mines. He also erected a church, general store and post office, and installed power, water and telephone systems. This pretty red schoolhouse overlooked the harbor's beach at the top of a grassy hill dotted with the little family cabins, welcoming the worker's children with the promise of a decent education. Today the few remaining cabins, as well as this schoolhouse, are available to visitors for resort lodging.

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Our Lady of Good Voyage



Paul's Place at Roche



Roaring Fire at Roche



Roche Harbor Reverie



Rollicking Fun at Roche

## 11. *Our Lady of Good Voyage ~ 2000*

This beautiful little church, which is tucked into the hillside overlooking Roche Harbor in the San Juan Islands, is a favorite setting for weddings. Our Lady of Good Voyage was built as a place of worship in the early 1900s by the Roche Harbor's founder and lime baron, John S. McMillin, and was for decades the only privately owned Catholic chapel in the United States. Although not married here, I pictured Doug and my wedding party in this scene.

## 12. *Paul's Place at Roche ~ 2006*

This Roche Harbor garden scene features the home where John McMillin's son Paul lived with his family during his tenure as manager of his father's business, The Roche Harbor Lime & Cement Company. In 1930, John decided to move the home from its location adjacent to the garden up the hill to take advantage of the view. This was accomplished painstakingly, inch by inch, by using cribs and jacks to get it where it stands today. Today, lucky guests get to enjoy this same breathtaking view when they stay at Paul's House, which has been divided into the resort's luxurious "McMillin Suites."

## 13. *Roaring Fire At Roche ~ 2007*

It's Christmastime at Roche Harbor - and we carollers are toasting our backsides in front of the roaring fire while we "sing in" the festive season. Two huge stone fireplaces were built by Roche Harbor founder, John S. McMillin, in what was once the banquet court adjacent to his Hotel de Haro. Frequently the setting for his sumptuous barbecues and banquets, he had the fireplaces inscribed with "Friendships fires are always burning." The walkway leading from the hotel to the Roche Harbor pier bid his visitors adieu with the Scottish phrase, "God be wi' ye till we meet again" - a fitting holiday greeting!

## 14. *Roche Harbor Reverie ~ 2000*

This is the first painting that I completed for my Roche Harbor Collection. The focal point of Roche Harbor Resort and Marina, this once private residence of the village's founder, John S. McMillin, is now the Madrona Restaurant. See "Dallying on the Deck at Roche" above. During the summer holiday of Independence Day, visitors crowd its deck and dining room to enjoy the magnificent harbor view and to feast on tasty dishes and libations.

## 15. *Rollicking Fun at Roche ~ 2003*

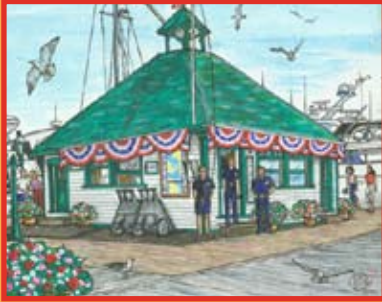
It's Independence Day in the quaint seaside resort of Roche Harbor, but the otherwise quiet morning is broken by wild squeals and screams of laughter. Kids of all ages are joining in the annual game fest - egg-tossing, flour sack-racing, tug-of-war - and more. This artwork was inspired by a visit to the San Juan Islands in Puget Sound. Roche Harbor is a mecca for friends and families - but especially on the fourth of July where merry-makers give it their all in the quest of having fun.

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U.S. Customs House on the Dock

## 16. U.S. Customs House on the Dock ~ 2004

Every year on the 4th of July, hundreds of vessels, large and small, crowd the docks and the waterfront of the little resort town of Roche Harbor. San Juan Island is just a few miles from the Canadian border, so for many vacationers, their visit begins here at this quaint one-room clapboard building at the end of the docks - the home of U.S. Customs. The agents have festooned the office with colorful red, white and blue bunting, and are shown enjoying a break in the sunshine while visitors roam the docks in search of vessels with the most creative patriotic decorations.

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