

Snohomish, Washington

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OF REMARKABLE HISTORIC HOMES, BED & BREAKFASTS,
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Blue Birdhouse B&B



Brick Bungalow Beauty



Crimson Castle School



Cozy Cabbage Patch



Fresh Flowers at the Wershing House

1. Blue Birdhouse B&B ~ 2003

When I was doing research for my Snohomish Collection and walking the historic district, I came upon this lovely three-story home located at 430 Avenue B. Even though I did not see a plaque designating it as "historic," I was captivated by its expansive wrap-around porch and charming gingerbread detailing. I created the fictitious name "Blue Birdhouse B&B," and surrounded the place with pretty flower gardens and whimsical bird houses - thus the name. My husband Doug and I are pictured on the front porch, enjoying the lazy, summer day.

2. Brick Bungalow Beauty ~ 2010

This sweet buttery yellow bungalow was part of the 2009 Holiday Parlor Tour that Snohomish hosts annually at Christmastime. Located in the historic district in the midst of Victorians and foursquares, the craftsman-style residence provides a tidy departure for the neighborhood. The home is embellished with a multi-colored brick fireplace and front porch columns. Handsome period windows round out the charming presentation. I gave this setting a springtime theme and filled the gardens with blue hyacinths and dozens of red and yellow tulips - which I'm selling in this piece!

3. Crimson Castle School ~ 2008

This community is one of Western Washington's favorite destinations for antique lovers. Besides its enticing shops, you'll find charming B&Bs and eateries of all kinds. Snohomish's shining jewels, however, are the dozens of beautifully restored Victorian homes that dot the town. This three-story salt-box, painted with an autumn theme, features an unusual wood railing framing its huge front porch. When I painted the house, it housed the Madeline A. Renkens law practice. This home made me think of large old country schools, so I gave this piece a back-to-school theme and painted our granddaughter, Addison Lee, and family who were living in Snohomish when I finished this piece.

4. Cozy Cabbage Patch ~ 2010

For decades - and as long as I can remember - a trip to Snohomish with my girlfriends to hunt for antiques was something to look forward to! These outings usually included sharing a meal at the "Cabbage Patch Restaurant" - and bragging to each other about all of the bargains we found. Lunch was often the highlight of our visit, and gave us all a chance to unwind and enjoy a marvelous meal in lovely, charming surroundings. This pretty red and white two-story Victorian is located a block off the community's main street in the "antiques" district. The happy shoppers are sis Marilee, gal pal Marie and me!

5. Fresh Flowers at the Wershing House ~ 2009

314 Union Street is the address of this simple, but very charming Dutch Colonial home. The clapboard and shingle Wershing House is one of a very few barn roof-style residences that I found in Snohomish. It's a particular favorite architectural style of mine as I grew up in this style of home. The theme here is the fresh new season of "spring." I've painted dozens of tulips, and daffodils in the surrounding gardens and pots that line the front walkway of this pretty house. My sisters and I are the happy gardeners.

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Fine Fall Foursquare (Iverson House)



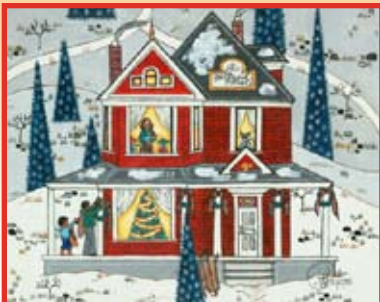
The Handsome Hansen House



The Happy Holiday House (Harmon House)



Hippy Hoppin' at the Hill House



Holidays with the Holland Family (Harmon House)

6. Fine Fall Foursquare (Iverson House) ~ 2010

This is a portrait of the historic Iverson House, which was built in 1908 at 312 Avenue D. The three-story shingle construction home is a perfect, classic example of foursquare architectural styling. It's beautifully detailed with leaded glass windows and handsome brick chimneys and columns flanking the front porch steps. Framing the setting is a charming wrought iron fence with brick columns to match those on the steps. This is a truly striking residence, clearly much loved by the owners. The Iverson House's brilliant rust shrubbery in the front gardens made an autumn theme here a "must."

7. The Handsome Hansen House ~ 2009

This three-story residence with the charming half-timbered top floor gable and front porch is one of the most striking homes in the community of Snohomish. Beautifully enhanced with river-rock stonework at its entrance, the owners have imaginatively landscaped this large frame house with decorative urns filled with fall foliage. The expansive lawn is framed by multi-colored shrubbery in front of the home. Built on a slight hill in 1906 at 1314 Fourth Street, the N.P. Hansen house does true justice to this town's picturesque historic district. I painted Doug and me arriving to celebrate Thanksgiving dinner.

8. The Happy Holiday House (Harmon House) ~ 2003

When I first painted this home in the 1980s, it was a deep forest green, surrounded by a crisp picket fence in scallop styling. Today, the historic 1890 Harmon House at 322 Avenue C has a charming ornamental wrought iron fence and arbor, and has been repainted a two-tone yellow and caramel with white and crimson trim. In December 2007, this artwork was featured in the *425 Magazine* as part of the "12 Artists of Christmas" article. I've pictured the entire extended Simpson family of six children - parents, siblings, significant others - all gathered together to enjoy the Christmas holidays. Another rendition of this home, painted in 1986, is featured below, "Holidays with the Holland Family."

9. Hippy Hoppin' at the Hill House ~ 2009

You can find this pretty, single-story cottage on Avenue A in the historic district of Snohomish, Washington. When I painted it, it was the prettiest shade of buttery yellow, the perfect color for welcoming in spring - thus the proliferation of tulips and hyacinths. Dressed in our best Easter frocks and feeding carrots to the half dozen rabbits who are peppered throughout the scene, are my nieces, Isabell Simpson, Brooklynn Barton, and me. Kittiewinks, Andy and Sophie, in the front window, yearn to join us outside on this lovely, sunny day.

10. Holidays with the Holland Family (Harmon House) ~ 1986

This is another painting of the Harmon House above completed as Christmas card art for my friend, Penny Carleton-Holland. I changed the color of the home from green to crimson, and featured Penny's family members enjoying the beauty of the deep snowfall - and decorating for the holiday season.

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Independence Inn (Matt Albert House)



Merrymaking at Saint Michael's



Making Snowmen at the Marks House



Pretty Parsonage in May



Pretty Purple Palace (Allen House)

11. Independence Inn (Matt Albert House) ~ 2008

This two-story Dutch Colonial-style home was built in 1900, and is located on 304 Avenue A in the heart of the historic district in Snohomish, Washington, just a short drive north of Seattle. Snohomish is a favorite with visitors as it's filled with charming B&Bs, cafes, restored Victorian beauties and a great collection of antique shops. When I visited here in the late 1980s, this home was featured on their Tour of Historic Snohomish Homes. I created the fictional name "Independence Inn" for this patriotic piece. The artwork pictures son Matt, his wife Heidi, and me watching Grandpa Doug ("GW") playing with our grandchild, Addison Lee.

12. Merrymaking at Saint Michael's ~ 2010

This towering structure in the center of Snohomish's historic district was once Saint Michael's Roman Catholic Church. The building was built in the late 1800s under Pastor Michael McCauley, and although the original Snohomish mission was called Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, when McCauley left the area in 1890, the church was then known as Saint Michael's. Today it serves the creative, community-minded couple who own it as a combination residence/studio/gallery. Located at on Avenue C, it can be seen for blocks. I thought that it would be the perfect setting for a holiday-themed painting and added holly garlands, evergreens, a dusting of snow and Christmas carolers to the festive scene.

13. Making Snowmen at the Marks House ~ 2009

It seems like in the past couple of years, we've had more snow than ever in the normally mild Pacific Northwest - thus the snowman theme for this artwork. When I saw this unique frame and basaltic rock cottage, it made me think of the cozy home of "Little Women" author, Louisa May Alcott, in Concord, Massachusetts. Notions of thick quilts, cups of hot cocoa by the fire, and sleeping kitties on the hearth came to mind, as I worked on this. Located at 304 Avenue D, this home is a departure from the other colorful Victorians with its dark siding and stonework. The Tom Marks House, built in 1894, has Arts & Crafts touches like the stain glass window.

14. Pretty Parsonage in May ~ 2009

A visit to Snohomish, Washington is a treat! It's easy to walk around the historic district for hours, shooting one photo after another of the dozens of charming Victorians there. When I painted this beautifully detailed three-story, it was open as the "Pillows and Platters" Bed & Breakfast. Notice its unusual windows with squares of tinted glass. Located at 502 Avenue C, this house was built in 1892, and was the community's original Methodist Parsonage. I gave the painting a friendly "May flowers" theme and pictured my husband and me with a red wagon full of friendly flowers to deliver.

15. Pretty Purple Palace (Allen House) ~ 2009

The remarkable Allen House, located at 224 Avenue A in Snohomish, is a delightful study in intricate detail. Built in 1856, this is one of the earlier Victorians that I found in the neighborhood. Embellished with ornamental wrought iron marching across its roofline and second story balcony, the home features an imaginative color scheme of lush purple and ceylon green with touches of cream. A pretty brick and masonry wall frames the garden, which is filled with flowering pots. I'm shown here with my girlfriends, Robin, Holly and Marcia, decorating the house with hearts for Valentine's Day.

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Pussycats & Pumpkins (Jordan House)



Snohomish Silver Lining Inn (Old Methodist Parsonage)



Stars & Stripes in Snohomish



Sunflowers in Snohomish (Blackman House)

16. Pussycats @ Pumpkins (Jordan House) ~ 2009

On a walk one early November day in 2008, when I was shooting photos of prospective subjects for my Snohomish Collection, I met the owner of this pristine shingled two-story. He was busy sprucing up the yard in the front of his home, which his wife had embellished with a collection of bright orange pumpkins and other delightful seasonal decorations. He shared that, like so many other folks who make this picturesque community their home, they were true lovers of vintage architecture, and had relished the hours of careful work they had put into this property. The Jordan House was built in 1890 at 326 Avenue C. I pictured myself arriving by the back gate with a piping hot pumpkin pie.

17. Snohomish Silver Lining Inn (Old Methodist Parsonage) ~ 2003

A visit to historic Snohomish, Washington is always a treat! It's easy to walk for hours shooting one photograph after another of the dozens of charming Victorians there. I was attracted to this "buttercup beauty" and painted her with an April showers theme - one of a very few of my paintings featuring gray skies. "Snohomish Silver Lining Inn" is a fictitious name for the original Methodist Parsonage which was built in 1892 and is located at 502 Avenue C.

18. Stars @ Stripes in Snohomish

In 2007, when my stepson and daughter-in-law moved to Snohomish, I decided to expand my Snohomish collection and create a calendar highlighting its beautiful homes. I spent several weekends walking the historic district, snapping photos of every setting that "spoke" to me. This green and white clapboard home at 314 Union Street with its crisp white picket fence caught my eye. Even though the month was October, the home was decorated with dozens of little waving American flags. It inspired this artwork, which carries through the theme of celebrating Independence Day with an old-fashioned picnic. We're bringing the cherry pie!

19. Sunflowers in Snohomish (Blackman House) ~ 2008

The pretty Blackman House is blessed with not one, but two cupolas and a large, hospitable porch - perfect for enjoying a warm summer evening. The two-story residence features a pleasing combination of shingles and siding, set off by double pillars on the first floor. It was built at 330 Avenue D in 1898, and is located in the historic district. This community is much loved as one of Washington State's most charming, tourist destinations. Antique shoppers abound on weekends, as this quaint community is just a short 30-minute drive north of Seattle. This artwork pictures my husband and me amid lots of friendly sunflowers.

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