

South End @ Kitsap County

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The Bay House



The House in the Park



Happy Holidays at the State Capitol



Stan's House at Seahurst



The Shiny New Toy

SOUTH END - NISQUALLY

1. *The Bay House ~ 1997*

One of the realtors who worked with my husband, Doug, was asked by an older couple to sell their seaside home built on a spectacular piece of Puget Sound waterfront property near Nisqually, Washington. In their 70s, their six children had grown up, married, and moved to other destinations all over the U.S. Needless to say, for everyone - the couple, children and grandchildren - this little spot held many memories. As a gift, the realtor commissioned this painting featuring all of the family members celebrating the 4th of July - a favorite tradition. In honor of "The Bay House," the family wrote this poem:

The gatherings started in '45. Friends and family brought the land alive.
Till '47 the way in was by boat; the pond and the bay made a natural moat.
The house was added in '62; the gatherings expanded as the family grew.
This painting is to commemorate the very special 2005 date.

NORMANDY PARK

2. *The House in the Park ~ 2006*

This lovely home, bordered by flower beds and shrubbery in full bloom, is located in Normandy Park, a pretty neighborhood just south of Seattle on Puget Sound. The setting is the childhood home of Merri Berg, who commissioned this painting because this house holds so many memories for her. She is pictured in the foreground at age 10 with her dog, Skipper, who is receiving a quick nuzzle before she heads off to school.

OLYMPIA

3. *Happy Holidays at the State Capitol ~ 1997*

This is a portrait of Washington State's Legislative Building in Olympia. My friend, Jeff Ryken, and I are pictured in front of the festively decorated building with carolers from many different ethnic backgrounds - all celebrating the joys of the season! This piece was completed just in time for Christmas 1997. I gave a print of this artwork to Lt. Governor Brad Owen and his wife Linda to thank them for all of their generous support in promoting local Washington artists.

SEAHURST

4. *Stan's House at Seahurst ~ 1993*

Overlooking shimmering Puget Sound, this striking home belonged to my friends, Stan and Suzanne Foreman, and their little black cat, Squeak. This house was an easy, friendly place to visit and relax in - just like the owners. This painting was completed as a special birthday gift for Stan, who owns the original.

5. *The Shiny New Toy ~ 1995*

This is a portrait of my friend, Gary Coy's finished automotive "work of art" - a 1958 Mercedes Benz which he built from the "frame up." The proud owner and "creator" of the car is dressed to the nines in this piece - and ready to head out on the town with me to celebrate his accomplishment. This painting was completed as a special gift for Gary's 50th birthday.

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Gary and Charlie's Wedding

TACOMA

6. Gary and Charlie's Wedding ~ 1995

The big day at last (Sunday, July 23rd, 1995) - the wedding of Charlie and Gary Aleshire at "The Pagoda," Point Defiance Park. The groom was the E.M.S. Fire Chief for the Lakewood Fire Department, and his bride, Charlie, a nurse for "Airlift Northwest." The couple's home, located in University Place, was all dressed up for this occasion with blossoming rose bushes and hanging flower baskets. Featured (left to right) are me, Gary's son Ryan in the doorway, Charlie and Gary with best man and matron of honor, Howard and Jenny Kepnor.



Bill, Jorja and the Duchess at Christmastime

BREMERTON

7. Bill, Jorja and the Duchess at Christmastime ~ 1987

This cozy house was the first home that my brother Bill and his wife Jorja purchased when they got married. It was located in Bremerton on a lot that was big enough to hold three houses of its size. Jorja's tiger-striped kitty, Mitten (renamed by me as "Duchess" because she was so regal), is pictured keeping the happy couple company. Bill's big dog, Sheeba, is keeping an eye on things from the front window. This painting was completed as a Christmas gift for the couple in 1987.



Bill & Jorja's Christmas Cat

8. Bill & Jorja's Christmas Cat ~ 2010

This is a portrait of the lovely brick two-story Tudor owned by my brother Bill and wife Jorja near the community college in Bremerton. Sitting on a corner lot that boasts a huge cherry tree that blooms with frothy pink blossoms every spring. Their Christmas tree sparkles in the living room window while Mitten, their tiger cat, keeps an eye out for Santa. Our family has just arrived to share in Bill and Jorja's Christmas festivities. I reworked this original artwork in 2009 and gave it to Bill in honor of his 50th birthday.

PORT ORCHARD

9. The Church House ~ 1998

This uniquely designed house is located in Port Orchard near Bremerton. Known by some of its neighbors as "The Church House," it is the home to my oldest brother John and his children, Stephanie and Thomas. The kids are the "welcoming committee," waving from the front lawn in this fun painting celebrating summer days and sunshine.



The Church House

10. John's Place in Port Orchard ~ 1978

This is a painting of my oldest brother John's first home - purchased when he began his career as an engineer at the Bremerton Shipyards. I finished this piece as a special Christmas gift for him in 1987.



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