

North Puget Sound

THE PICTURESQUE COMMUNITIES OF ANACORTES, BOTHELL, EDMONDS, EVERETT, LA CONNER, LAKE ROESIGNER, LAKE STEVENS, MONROE AND MOUNT VERNON



Autumn Afternoon at Anacortes

ANACORTES

1. *Autumn Afternoon at Anacortes ~ 1994*

This lovely home caught my eye as I was en route to a weekend of boating in the San Juan Islands with my friends, Dick and Gail Klein. The marina is located near a neighborhood filled with charming Victorian houses - and this one was particularly lovely. I decorated my Thanksgiving-themed painting with lots of friends and family members celebrating this wonderful, heartfelt holiday.

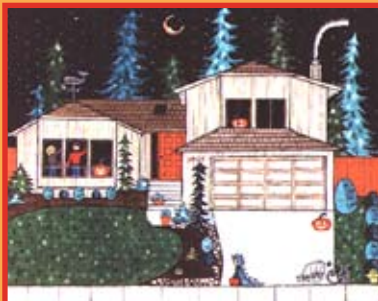


Autumn at the Artistree Gallery

BOTHELL

2. *Autumn at the Artistree Gallery ~ 1999*

The Artistree Gallery in Country Village in Bothell, was where I had an ongoing show of my artwork during the 1990s. It's part of a charming network of gift and garden shops, restaurants and antique stores which really springs to life during the autumn months and the holiday season. Operated by Robin and Wendy James with lots of help from their father, Bob, all three are talented artists. Robin illustrated a series of nationally famous children's books while Wendy created whimsical jewelry and other craft items. Bob was the genius behind the Bon Marche's holiday trim for decades. My husband and I are shown visiting with the James family on the sidewalk in front of the gallery.



The Westbrooks with their Delightful Dinosaur

EDMONDS

3. *The Westbrooks @ their Delightful Dinosaur ~ 1984*

This suburban jewel belonged to my friend, Robin Westbrook, her husband, Kent, and daughter, Sarah. Sarah was the cute costumed Dinosaur pictured here gathering treats on Halloween night. This home is located in Edmonds near the waterfront. The painting was completed as a birthday gift for Robin who owns the original artwork.

EVERETT

4. *Taking White Bear Out for a Sail ~ 1995*

Strolling around the docks in the summertime is a fun pastime in picturesque Puget Sound. The boats come in every size, shape and color. But, even more fun is taking a ride! This merry group is preparing to board "White Bear" for an al fresco picnic on the water hosted by a friend of mine who lived on her for several years while she was moored at the Everett Marina. What could be better on a sunny afternoon? This was painted as a special 50th birthday gift for the skipper, Lynn Wildblood.



Taking White Bear Out for a Sail

LA CONNER

5. *Cruising La Conner in Justatug ~ 2009*

This is a portrait of the summer "residence" of Bill and Jamie Fowler. The couple enjoys immensely cruising on Puget Sound in this vessel during the warm months. This painting features their beloved "Justatug," with the picturesque town of La Conner (famous for its boating community- and tulips) in the background



Cruising La Connor in Justatug

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Fun in the Sun at Jeff and Di's



Star Creek Ranch



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LAKE ROESIGNER

6. *Lollygaggin' at Lake Roesigner ~ 1994*

This hospitable lake home was the result of many hours of work on the part of my friends, Jeff and Diane Lane. Not far from Monroe, this home was creatively remodeled - inside and out. Its focal point was a huge river rock fireplace in the living room. Pictured are the Lanes and my sister, Marilee, and me. This special home was sold to Lynn Wildblood when Jeff and Di began construction on their lodge-style home in North Bend (see the Eastside Collection).

LAKE STEVENS

7. *Star Creek Ranch ~ 1993*

My friends, John Tanaka and Mary Anne Schmidt, moved from Seattle to this cozy ranch-style house located just north of Lake Stevens. John bought several acres with three ponds, forest land, and a couple of streams - thus the name "Star Creek Ranch." The couple is pictured in the front of the home. To the right is their huge Clydesdale horse, Knight.

MONROE

8. *Making Merry in Monroe ~ 2005*

This pretty two-story gabled house, located just east of the picturesque little town of Monroe, Washington, is home to Heidi, Ray, Alivia, Oliver (the dog) and Chloe (the kitty) Bressler. It was a beautiful summer day, and Ray was tossing Alivia into the air, while Heidi stood in the doorway, arms laden with a tea tray for her guests - friends from boutique days at Maggie Rhodes. Lounging on the lawn were: (L-R) Katie, Dawn, me, Kathy, Judith, Sarah, Molly and Lindsay. I painted this artwork as a birthday gift for Heidi, and gave prints to all the staff members to honor our time together at the shop which had just closed.

9. *Heidi's Happy House/Ray's Roost ~ 2005*

This is a revision of "Making Merry in Monroe." The buttery yellow two-story gabled house, located just east of the picturesque little town of Monroe, Washington, was home to Heidi, Ray, Alivia, Oliver (the dog) and Chloe (the kitty) Bressler. The scene was a beautiful summer day, and Ray was tossing Alivia into the air, while Heidi stood in the doorway, arms carrying tray of refreshments. I painted this artwork as a birthday gift for Heidi.

MOUNT VERNON

10. *Touring the Tulip Fields ~ 2002*

Roozengaarde's is **the** destination for blossom-lovers in the Pacific Northwest during the annual spring Tulip Festival in La Connor and Mount Vernon, Washington. Located between these two picturesque towns, the Roozengaarde family bulb gardens are an artist's and photographer's dream. Not only are the fields spectacularly beautiful, but the walking garden surrounding the windmill pictured here are not to be missed. Nearly every variety of bulb is in bloom during the weeks surrounding the festival. This family-owned business, Washington Bulb Company, does an extensive mail-order bulb business internationally. My mother, Sally, best buddy, Robin, and I are pictured in front of this whimsical windmill. (Image used courtesy of Washington Bulb Co., Inc., Roozengaarde.)

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