

Northeast Washington @ The Idaho Panhandle

HAYDEN, NEWMAN, PEND O'REILLE & PRIEST LAKES



The Cast & Blast



Chum & Bob on the Century



The Clark House Country Inn



Hayden Lake Haven



The Lake Cabin

HAYDEN LAKE, IDAHO

1. *The Cast @ Blast ~ 1998*

This rustic log shop located in the town of Hayden Lake used to be THE spot for bait, lures, rods, shells - and every possible gift item for the outdoor sports enthusiast. I painted my sisters, Peggy, Marilee and myself in full fly-fishing gear - from vests to boots - in front of the "Cast & Blast." We were ready to take on Lake Hayden! Sadly for all its customers, a short time after I painted this piece, this picturesque store closed for business. Its owners retired to enjoy all of the fun outdoor sports that their mercantile had supported for years. Rumor has it that they're fly-fishing as we speak at some pristine setting in North Idaho!

2. *Chum @ Bob on the Century ~ 1987*

This handsome wood boat was my father's pride and joy for years at our cabin on Hayden Lake, Idaho. Built of mahogany with an interior of crimson red, this inboard "Resorter" knew how to move! Waving from the steering wheel with his pal, Chum, is my youngest brother, Bob. Not only did he love driving as much as my dad did, he spent countless hours slalom skiing behind her. This painting was completed as a college graduation gift for Bob, who has it hanging in this home.

3. *The Clark House Country Inn ~ 1994*

This is an early portrait I painted of the beloved mansion overlooking Hayden Lake. Its history is shrouded in mystery, as little is known about her original owners except that the Clarks were wealthy and designed their magnificent home at the turn of the century. Clark disappeared under rather sinister circumstances in San Francisco, leaving his wife ill-prepared to deal with life without her husband. The Clark House was bought and sold a number of times, abused and saved over the decades. Happily for her in the 1990s, she was restored to the stately setting you see here. When I painted this, she was called "The Clark House Country Inn." My brother Bill, wife Jorja, my mother Sally and I are pictured on the lawn, about to enjoy lunch.

5. *Hayden Lake Haven ~ 2000*

August often brings an overflow of friends and family to the cabin shared by my mother and youngest brother's family, so Doug and I decided to rent from Linda and Clark Richards who own this cabin a few lots down Sunset Beach. I painted this piece for the Richards' family as a special thank you gift after our stay. It pictures us with friends on the cabin's deck as it looked in 2000 before the Richards remodeled it. They are shown lounging on their beach.

6. *The Lake Cabin ~ 1978*

This was my first attempt at painting what seemed like my "real" home - our family cabin on Sunset Beach. My mother, Sally Simpson, owns the original painting, and it was hung for years in her bedroom at the cabin. My parents bought this property in 1956. Our family spent 1957 and 1958 camping in a huge army tent with a cooking lean-to located directly in the teeth of the wind (my mother was "trooper"). It had wooden floor - complete with several skunks that liked to hide beneath it. The cabin was finally completed in 1958, and became my parent's ongoing "summer project" for years. My mother commandeered us kids, and together we built a beautiful lake-rock retaining wall around the cabin. It's still doing its job decades later!

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The Pierson Place



Summertime at Sunset Beach



The Lake (Newman Lake)



Aunt Mare's House with the Yellow Door



Rich's Lakeside Lodge

6. *The Pierson Place ~ 1996*

Summer means family reunions! This painting pictures the extended family and friends of Hazel and Bill Pierson, shown together on their front porch of their cozy Avondale home near Hayden Lake, Idaho. 1996 marked their 65th wedding anniversary - quite a milestone event - and this piece honors the celebration. It was commissioned by their son, Richard (playing with his dogs on the front lawn) as a very special memento for his parents.

7. *Summertime at Sunset Beach ~ 1986*

This is my second attempt at painting our family cabin. The first captured the natural feel - this one captures the FUN! To this day, none of us wear anything other than bathing suits when we visit, unless the weather is nasty (which rarely happens)! Usually it's sunny and hot. The cabin was always magnet for all of us Simpsons, including our eight nieces, nephews - and friends - who descend on the place with beach toys, sail boards, water skis, boogie boards and innertubes. On July 4th, the dock looks like very much like a marina. With well-greased bodies covering the dock and the top of the boathouse, and "G & Ts" on ice, it was always the perfect vacation spot!

NEWMAN LAKE, NORTHEAST WASHINGTON

8. *The Lake (Newman Lake) ~ 2007*

This tranquil spot is a portrait that I painted for Jean Burton, depicting her family's cabin on Newman Lake. This pretty setting is located a short drive north of Spokane in a lovely, woodsy area. In 1945, Effie and Dick McKay built the original place on the lake. Later it was remodeled and upgraded by Nancy and Paul Burton. Beloved by the family, this cabin has been home to three generations of summer fun for them. Jean commissioned this original painting as a special gift for her mother.

PEND O'REILLE LAKE, IDAHO

9. *Aunt Mare's House with the Yellow Door ~ 2007*

The Feldmeier's Aunt Mare Berdan purchased a summer house next door to Dean, Kelly, Rachel, Max and Maggie Feldmeier - much to their delight! Nephew Dean created a path, connecting the homes for easy access. When Auntie Mare had her "new" house painted, the front door shone with her favorite "signature" yellow. Ever the perfect neighbor, she was the "Flag Girl" on the Feldmeier boat; always had a 5:00 p.m. Chardonnay on the deck for Kelly and fresh strawberries from the Farmer's Market for Max. Her home was a magnet for Rachel and Max both inside out - they loved to visit and she loved to watch them at play. Sandpoint was a special spot for the Feldmeier family, but even more so with much loved Auntie Mare right next door.

PRIEST LAKE, IDAHO

10. *Rich's Lakeside Lodge ~ 1998*

My mother, Sally, lived next door for decades to a friendly teacher named Rich. Upon retirement from the Spokane school system, he sold his condominium and retired to Priest Lake with his longtime love, Linda. Together they built a large new log home to replace the small one-room cabin that had served as a summer home on the lake shore. Rich took pictures of the lovely old place before it was torn down - inspiration for this painting which he commissioned.

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