

# Greater Inland NW & North Idaho

19 FINE ART "AMERICANA" PRETTY PUBLIC PLACES AND SMALL BUSINESSES • PLUS "HOME SWEET HOMES" AND VACATION COTTAGES BY RIVERS AND LAKES

EASTERN WASHINGTON SETTING • WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY SORORITY

## *Friend's Forever at the Delta Delta Delta House ~ 9.2002*

The National Chapter of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority began at Boston University, Massachusetts on the eve of Thanksgiving in 1888. On December 14th, 1918, Delta Delta Delta opened its doors at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington to become one of the prettiest, most popular houses in the Greek system at that university. Allison Orrico, a student there in 2002 (and daughter of good friends Mark and Janis Orrico), suggested the handsome three-story Colonial mansion as a subject to honor with a portrait. The result was this painting celebrating Spring, sisterhood, lifelong friendships and graduation from W.S.U. *Highlight* - The painting I completed pictured many of Allison's sorority sisters in the foreground in front of their beautiful Delta Delta Delta House, honoring their four years of sisterhood together.

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## *Lovely Newman Lake ~ 3.2007*

This piece was a portrait commissioned for her mother's birthday by Jean Burton to honor decades of family memories created at Newman Lake. Jean was a favorite colleague during my ten-plus years as art director/senior graphic designer at the Eddie Bauer Headquarters in Bellevue, WA. I learned Jean had spent Summer months growing up at the family lake cabin on Newman. This piece honored the breathtaking setting just as dawn was breaking at the setting. Note the doe grazing on the hillside, the squirrels scampering on the beach and seagulls circling the shoreline, about to do some early morning fishing. In 1945, Effie and Dick McKay built the original cottage which was much more rustic - a true "lake cabin." Later Nancy and Paul Burton remodeled and updated the home into the handsome hospitable vacation getaway depicted here. *Highlight* - Always a beloved destination for the entire family, this lakeside cabin served three generations with more to come!

## *NEW! Visiting the Cozy Cabin on Sun Vale (Pend Oreille River) ~ 4.2020*

When I was a toddler on Spokane's Lincoln Street, the first playmates I had were the Roberts' kids who moved to the Dutch Colonial on the corner lot next to ours on Lincoln Street - Tracy, Molly, Mac and Sue Anne. Molly was my favorite and we've been friends for decades. She married Cecil Hannan, and after years of living in San Diego, the couple moved back to Spokane's South Hill. One evening, Cecil asked Molly, "Where is 'The Lake'?" My friends are all going there this weekend;" Molly explained that "The Lake" was an umbrella term for dozens of lakes and rivers in the Inland Northwest within a couple hour's drive of Spokane. Many families in the area had Summer cottages. "Should we have one?" Cecil asked. Thus the birth of this pretty cabin overlooking the Pend Oreille River - one of Molly's favorite places on the planet and frequently filled with family and friends. *Highlight* - I finished the painting to honor a fun weekend Doug and I spent with Molly at her hideaway. A friendly moose was lurking around the property when we arrived and he's pictured on the right side of the cabin.

## *Maple Tree Farm ~ 12.2018*

The Arpin Family (L-R Lori and Greg with daughters Sarah and Megan) pictured in this home portrait, founded their beloved home in Hangman Valley in 1992. Architect McKie Wing Roth (Maine) and builder Gene Plett created this authentic reproduction of an 18th Century New England farm where the family lived for 28 years. Joining them was Golden Retriever Grace, kitties Milly and Lilly, and a flock of buff-colored hens ruled by rooster Bob Dylan. A farm indeed, the Arpins planted maple (thus the name), oak and spruce trees, a small crop of alfalfa, a vineyard, an apple orchard and a truly lovely enclosed garden of raised beds with a greenhouse in the center. Additionally, the farm had a little red barn, a swimming pool and pump house with special touches like a black school bell (Lori was a teacher at Cataldo Catholic School for decades), a cannon, weather vanes, birdhouses and toile curtains that dressed the windows of this remarkable home. With newlyweds Sarah and Megan married and starting their families - and retirement looming for the couple, it was time to downsize to a smaller cottage near Cannon Hill Park. *Highlight* - To honor their wonderful life in Hangman Valley, Lori commissioned this memory-filled portrait of their beloved Maple Tree Farm.

NORTH IDAHO PANHANDLE • PRETTY PUBLIC PLACES AND SMALL BUSINESSES

## *The Cast & Blast ~ 7.1999*

In the 1990s, this rustic split log store in the community of Hayden Lake was THE spot for bait, lures, rods, shells - and every possible gift item for outdoor sports enthusiasts. Charming and cozy with the shop's walls covered with vintage outdoor treasures, folks passing through Hayden on their way to Spokane or all points north, east and south usually left the area with a fine memento of their time spent in the North Idaho "Panhandle" - thanks to the Cast & Blast. I painted my sisters, Peggy, Marilee and myself in full fly-fishing gear - from vests to boots - in front of the shop. This was a bit of a stretch, as our Summers spent for decades at nearby Hayden Lake were more about sunbathing, water skiing, and cruising around the lake in one of the mahogany Century boats so prevalent there in the 1950s and 1960s. Sadly for all its customers, a short time after I finished this portrait, the unique shop locked its door for the last time. The owners retired to enjoy all of the activities their mercantile had supported for so many years - off to fly fish at some nearby pristine setting. *Highlight* - Time marched on and this became part of a new strip mall, but many "lake people" remember this tiny shop fondly.

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## Hayden Lake Country Club Pro Shop ~ 11.2003

(Also part of the "More Collection • Golf" Collection) Since 1956, Summer has always meant vacation, water sports and golf growing up on Hayden Lake! Since 1956, our family shared good times at our cabin on Hayden's Sunset Beach. The first thing my parents did upon purchasing their property was to join the Hayden Lake Country Club. Decades ago, its most famous member was Bing Crosby, who owned several homes on the lake from 1940s to 1970s. Bing hosted many tournaments with Bob Hope and other Hollywood cronies who came up to this pristine setting. The club's vintage timber Chalet-style pro shop echoed the HLCC clubhouse designed by Kirtland K. Cutter that served as the Bozanta Tavern in the early 1900s. The challenging 18-hole course has always been home to ancient Ponderosa pines and colorful flower beds - making it a pleasure to play. Junior golfers niece and nephew Kelly and Michael Barton were about to take a golf lesson when I painted this piece. **Highlight** - In early days, HLCC was reached by a branch line train that transported revelers back and forth from Spokane to this area known as Hayden's "Gold Coast."

## NEW! Historic Hayden Lake Country Club (Bozanta Tavern) ~ 8.2019

(Also part of the "More Collection • Golf" Collection) Spokane businessmen J.P. Graves, F. Lewis Clark, architect Kirtland Kelsey Cutter, landscape architects the Olmsted Bros. of Brookline, MA and others began developing the western shore of Hayden Lake into "Little Switzerland" at the turn of the last century. A branch line train connected the Idaho vacation area to Spokane, Washington. The resort included rustic cottages, an 18-hole golf course (the oldest in Idaho) and K.K. Cutter's large Bozanta Tavern chalet-style inn. Constructed in 1907, it became the country club's clubhouse in 1927. When I painted the historic structure, it was still serving as the clubhouse for beautiful Hayden Lake Country Club - and had just received a polishing. **Highlight** - Legendary actor and crooner Bing Crosby ("White Christmas"), who over the years owned a number of vacation homes on the lake, invited many of his Hollywood cronies like Bob Hope to play in his golf tournaments here in Summer.

## Lunch on the Clark House Lawn (Country Inn) ~ 3.2013

This piece portrayed the classically beautiful F. Lewis Clark House overlooking Hayden Lake. The Clarks owned "Undercliff," a Tudor-Revival mansion on Spokane's South Hill, but in 1910, F. Lewis Clark had this equally lavish residence built as a summer "cottage." It enjoyed a commanding view from a hilltop on the southwest side of the lake. Their huge parcel of property included a zoo of exotic animals, tennis courts, a two-story Cape Cod for their caretakers, a hunting lodge and an ice-house in a bay once used by the Coeur d'Alene Indians as their summer campground. Clark mysteriously died at the beginning in 1913, his hat found floating in San Francisco Bay (rumor had it he was dying of cancer and committed suicide). Soon out of funds as her husband had run up enormous debts, Mrs. Clark sold "Undercliff" in Spokane and then lost her Hayden Lake estate to tax foreclosure. During World War II, the still beautiful lake house and grounds served the armed services as a convalescence center for recovering soldiers. Decades later after years of neglect, it was restored and re-opened as an upscale country inn in the late 1900s. When I painted its portrait, the Clark House Country Inn was at the height of its popularity. This painting pictured friends and family enjoying a picnic on the front lawn. **Highlight** - In 2014, the structure was purchased from the owner/proprietor of the beloved inn, who was suffering from poor health. New owners closed the inn, gated the property and converted the historic Colonial back into a single-family dwelling.

## H.N.A. • Let's Celebrate 50 Years ~ 7.2009

I completed this fun little painting of the seven team member planning our Holy Names Academy 50th Class Reunion (1968 to 2018). Collaborating for six months on this event were (L to R) Kathy Moran Denenney, Kati (Karen Horning) Carl, Kathy Ryan Gould, Brenda Patterson Wild, Linda Wamstad Dean, me, and Carol Bosch Schoentrup. The original venue was planned to be a day (Tuesday, September 11) at our Simpson family beach cabin at Sunset Beach, Hayden Lake, ID. Then a fun evening "Welcome Party" was added on Monday, September 10, courtesy of Kathy Ryan Gould at their Anthony's Restaurant at Riverstone, Coeur d'Alene Idaho. The Saturday before at my niece's wedding, trying to navigate a steep damp hillside, I my foot found a rabbit hole and I crushed my ankle terribly. I had to withdraw from the reunion completely, and Kathy Moran stepped in to host what was supposed to be the lake event at her beautiful home for the dozens of classmates. **Highlight** - I created this art as a gift to the wonderful team who went above and beyond to make sure the reunion was as special as originally planned.

## September Celebration at Settler's Creek ~ 12.2018

I painted this portrait of the rural special event destination that my niece Kelly and her fiancé David chose for their early September wedding. Located a short drive west of downtown Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, the sprawling hillside farm had a picturesque hilltop gazebo, large barn and several other outbuildings including this charming little cottage surrounded by willow trees. The couple's ceremony took place beneath it. Hors d'oeuvres and wedding toasts looked out over the pastoral scene from a hilltop gazebo and a grassy plateau served as the dining area for their formal al-fresco dinner. Mother Nature cooperated beautifully for the celebration without one drop of rain! Pictured in this piece were newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. David Barker with beautiful bride Kelly's new step-daughters Danielle and Sophia - darling in their sweet periwinkle blue wedding frocks. **Highlight** - I completed this work as the couple's wedding gift.

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COEUR D'ALENE LAKE



## *Coeur d'Alene Lakeside Getaway ~ 1.2017*

Rockford Bay on Coeur d'Alene Lake was the setting for this lakeside portrait of family and friends at one of many 4th of July celebrations. Note the flag billowing from the deck and colorful pots of red geraniums. Purchased in the early 2000s, this beloved vacation home hosted years of fun times, creating unforgettable memories for the family who owned it and nearby friends. There was always something to do on the property - from "home improvement" cabin projects to puttering on the beach to sunny days on the dock and lake in the Supra. Pictured in the foreground was a friendly gang of good friends enjoying music by the beach fire while the golden retriever kept them company from the dock. *Highlight* - This piece was commissioned as a special gift for his folks by one of my brother Bob's very best buddies.

HAYDEN LAKE SETTINGS • BOTH ON AND NEAR THE LAKE



## *Chum and Bob on the Century ~ 12.1987*

This handsome wood mahogany runabout was my father's pride and joy from the moment he purchased his Resorter in 1958 until his death 30 years later. It was the "jewel" in the crown of what our family enjoyed as our Hayden lake place. The forested property had a beautiful natural beach that once served as the summer campground for the Coeur d'Alene Indians. The Resorter's interior was crimson - a "power" color as this inboard really knew how to move! I painted Bob waving from his perch on the motor mount with best pal golden retriever Chum. Not only did my three brothers love driving this boat as much as my dad did, they spent countless hours slalom skiing behind her. This was completed as a college graduation gift for Bob who has the original artwork hanging in this home. *Highlight* - In 1987 before my dad passed away, he asked that his ashes be sprinkled at Hayden. Our family honored his wish from his beloved Resorter.



## *Hayden Lake Haven ~ 8.2000*

During our dating days in the late 1990s and the first two years of our marriage, Doug and I rented this cabin from the Richard's family each August - vacationing with our two sons and sometimes other guests, as well. This cottage was about six lots west of our Simpson family cabin on Sunset Beach at Hayden Lake. Renting here was the perfect arrangement as it doubled the beach and dock space for all - as well as providing the opportunity for sneaking away for private down time in an activity packed week. As a thank you gift for giving letting us borrow their "oasis," I painted this artwork for the Richards family as a thank you gift, portraying it as it looked in 2000 before the family gave it a "head to toe" complete remodel. The art pictured Doug, me, pals Ric Metzger, Brad and Steph Heilman on the deck with the owners lounging on the beach. *Highlight* - When Doug and I moved back to Spokane, I saw a new dentist that first year - Dr. Kimberly Craven, Clark and Linda's Richards' daughter!



## *Little Hayden Lake Cabin ~ 7.1978*

This was a very early portrait that I completed of our family's lake property on Sunset Beach on Hayden Lake, Idaho. Owning a Summer cottage on this lake had always been my father's dream. The unexpected death of my mother's dad from an accident on his ranch provided the funds to make this dream a reality. The first two Summers, our family camped in an army surplus tent in a clearing where the cabin was later built in 1958. This portrait was a pretty faithful portrait of what the property looked like in 1987 when my father passed away. My youngest brother Bob purchased the property with the clause that my mother would always be welcome there. He added a new deck and pump house. Bob also had the 1956 dock completely renovated and installed protective terraces and retaining walls of huge boulders, which replaced the logs shown here. Bob (with help from Doug and me) gave the cabin a new color scheme, updating it with improvements that made low maintenance while keeping its cozy feel. *Highlight* - After the cabin was built, my mother commandeered us kids into action and together we built a beautiful lake-rock retaining wall around the west side and back of the cabin which lasted nearly sixty years.

## *The Pretty Pierson Place ~ 5.1996*

This friendly family portrait of a Summer picnic scene was commissioned by one of the sons of the couple who owned this little cottage, Richard Pierson. His parents Hazel and Bill were celebrating their milestone 65th wedding anniversary and their four sons, wives, significant others, numerous grandchildren and assorted dogs and cats all traveled from near and far to join them for this very special event. This setting was Hayden Village neighborhood, west of the lake near Avondale Golf Course (all four sons were golfers). Hazel was an accomplished cook and Bill an avid gardener as evidenced by the flower beds and vegetable gardens surrounding their home. I painted some of the family enjoying a very competitive game of croquet in the back yard while Richard played catch with his beloved pooches on the front lawn - cheered on by Bill and Hazel. *Highlight* - Richard's parents loved this memento of their milestone anniversary.

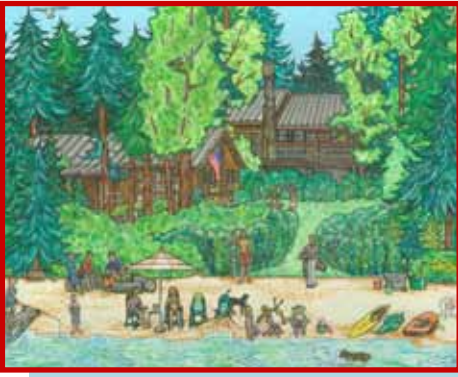


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## *Summer Day at Sunset Beach ~ 7.2015*

I pictured three generations of the Dix family who have owned this property for decades at Hayden Lake on beautiful Sunset Beach. This was how Kathleen Dix described a magical day there. "It often starts in the morning before breakfast when many of us go water skiing. Then the fun of building sand castles begins - digging, making decorations in the sand and pushing toy boats around in the water. Nothing's better than a cold drink and a good read on a comfy chair under the umbrella. It's great fishing right off the dock. Even a turtle or two can be caught nearby and released to see which one makes it back into the lake first. As the sun dips below the skyline seen from our wonderful beach, the fire is built for roasting hot dogs - and of course, s'mores. The orange, red and golden hues make us smile as one more day at Sunset Beach comes to a end." *Highlight* My family (the Simpsons) grew up on this beach during the summer months from 1956 on. My brother Bob and his family ended up the property that my folks purchased several years before the Dix family discovered this spot.



## *Summertime at Sunset Beach ~ 6.1986*

Over the years, I have completed three paintings of the cabin where our family spent summers from 1956 on. The first was part of a wedding gift "neighborhood" painting wedding gift for my sister Peggy in the early 1970s. The second was a simple rendition of just the cabin in 1978 as a Christmas gift for my parents. This third piece pictured my parents Joe and Sally with all six of us kids in 1985, two years before my dad passed away. On the steps behind the cabin were my brothers John and Bob with my sisters Marilee and Peggy pictured on the flight below. My folks were on the cabin's deck and my brother Bill and I were shown on the beach by the fire pit. The lake cabin held lots of wonderful memories for all of us. Having spent fun time in college on Hayden Lake's "Gold Coast" in the late 1930s, my dad had his heart set on having a Summer cottage somewhere on the lake. He and my mom chose Sunset Beach. *Highlight* - This painting said it all - decades of family fun at one of our favorite places on the planet!



## PEND OREILLE LAKE

## *Yellow Door Lake Cottage ~ 9.2007*

The Feldmeier's family's Aunt Mare purchased a vintage Summer cottage that was located right next door to their lake place on Pend O'Reille. They were delighted! The Feldmeier children created a pathway way between the two properties, connecting them for easy access back and forth. When Aunt Mare had her "new" vacation home painted, she chose a bright butter-yellow for the front door. Ever the perfect aunt and neighbor, she always had a glass of chardonnay and fresh strawberries ready for niece Kelly in the late afternoon. She was also the "flag girl" for skiers behind the Feldmeier speed-boat. Aunt Mare's cottage was a magnet for Feldmeier kids and their pals - both inside and out. The yellow door was always open. *Highlight* - Kelly Feldmeier commissioned this special portrait of her Aunt Mare's vacation cottage on Pend O'Reille Lake as a surprise gift.

## PRIEST LAKE

## *Rich & Linda's Lakeside Lodge ~ 9.1998*

When my parents downsized from their mid-century modern in the Spokane Valley suburbs, they chose a view condominium at Mountain View Estates above Millwood on Argonne Lane. Their next door neighbor was a friendly high school teacher named Rich who was approaching retirement from a Spokane Valley high school. When that day finally arrived, Rich sold his condominium and moved to a scenic spot on Priest Lake to share life with his longtime love Linda. They married and together built a large new log home to replace the small one-room cottage that had served as their Summer cottage on the lake's shoreline. Decades old and riddled with dry rot, the cabin had become uninhabitable and downright dangerous, so it was slated for demolition. To surprise his bride, Rich took several photos of the place before it was torn down and commissioned this portrait. I pictured the newlyweds on the front deck overlooking a brilliant Autumn scene dotted with wildlife.



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