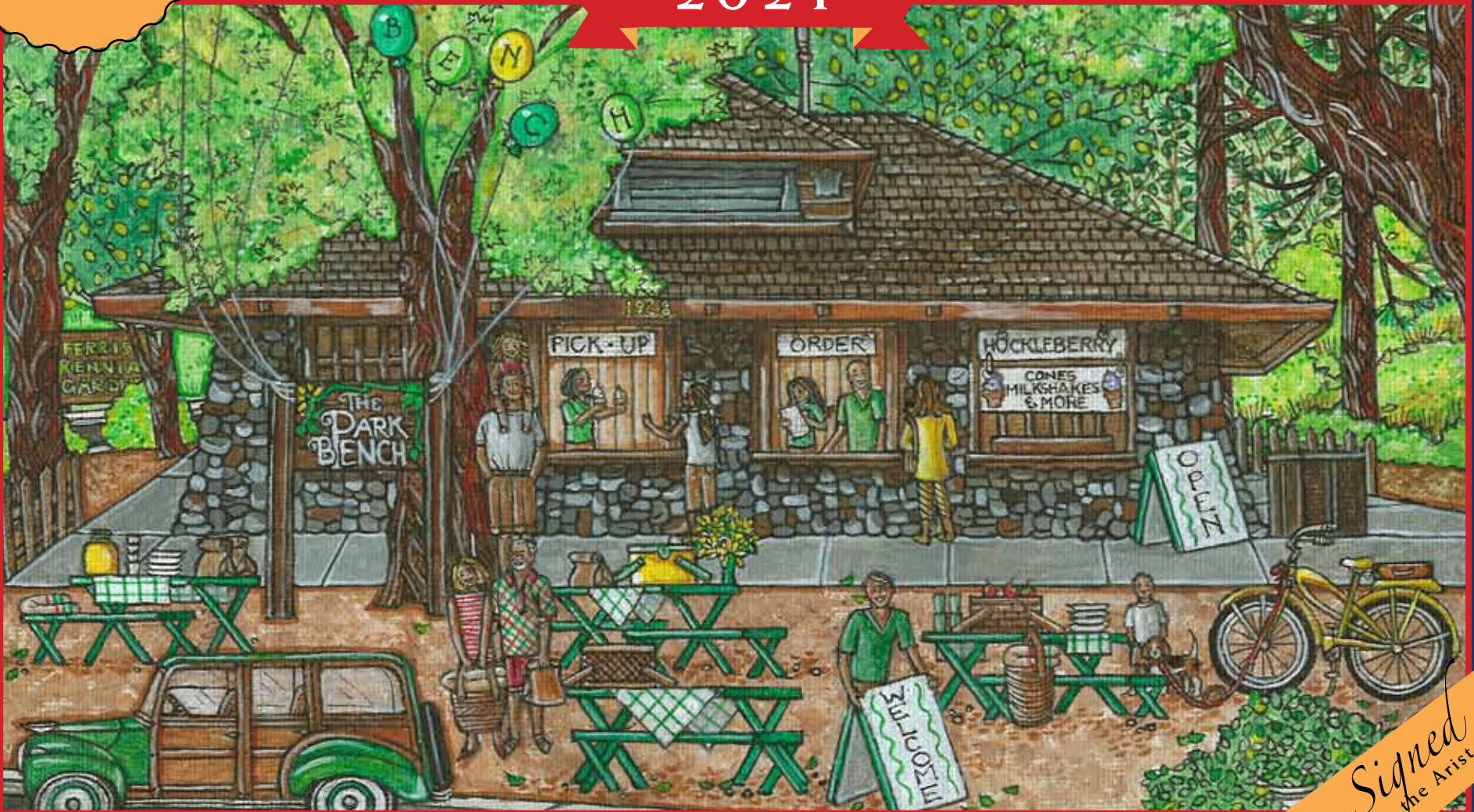


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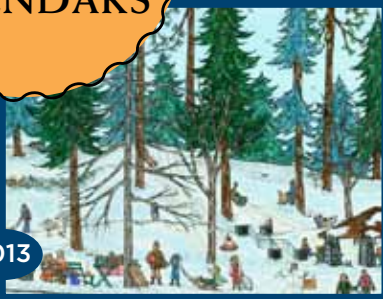


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2013

**JANUARY** Sledding on the South Hill  
Coasting down the slick hillside near Grand Boulevard



2020

IN-THE-WORKS

**FEBRUARY** Snowfall at the Basaltic Rock Bridge  
*NEW!* Walking in the freshly fallen snow by the Manito bridge



2018

**MARCH** Blooms & Bicycles on 16th Avenue  
Portrait of what is thought to be a Manito Park worker's cottage



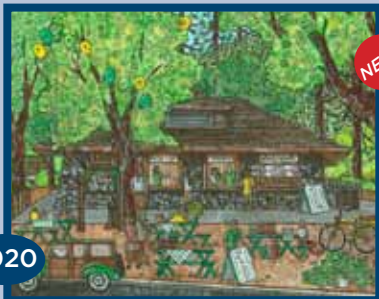
1997

**APRIL** Swans at Mirror Lake • Manito Duck Pond  
The signature swans and weeping willows at Mirror Lake



2015

**MAY** The Davenport Fountain at Duncan Garden  
Stunning fountain in the center of the John W. Duncan Garden



2020

**JUNE** Picnicking at the Park Bench Café  
*NEW!* Enjoying an "al fresco meal" at the beloved eatery



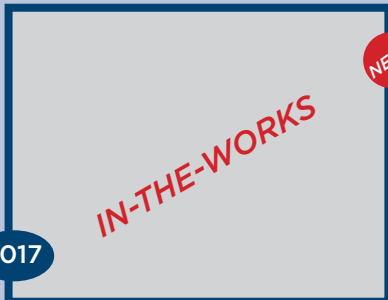
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**JULY** Romantic Rose Hill • Erna Bert Nelson Pergola  
Patti, Doug, her sisters and their sweethearts on Rose Hill



2020

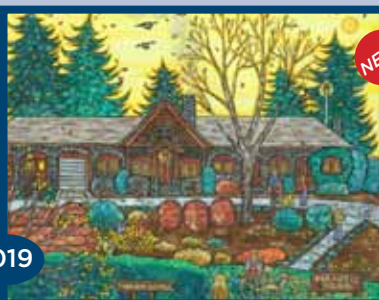
**AUGUST** The Splash Pad in Summer  
*NEW!* Patti and Doug's niece Addison playing at the Splash Pad



2017

IN-THE-WORKS

**SEPTEMBER** Autumn Splendor at the Japanese Garden  
*NEW!* Beautiful Japanese Garden with seasonal Autumn colors



2019

**OCTOBER** Afternoon at the Admin. Building  
*NEW!* Family at the Joel E. Ferris Perennial Garden by the Headhouse



2006

**NOVEMBER** Fun & Frolic at the Manito Fireplace  
Skaters relaxing and warming up by the historic fireplace



2019

**DECEMBER** Light A-Glow at the Gaiser Conservatory  
*NEW!* Snow falling on folks lining up for a tour of the "Holiday Lights"

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## Magical Memories of Historic Manito Park Established 1904



**JANUARY** Sledding on the South Hill  
MANITO PARK, SPOKANE, WA • PAINTED OCTOBER 2013

This showed the sledding hill near Grand Boulevard as it looked in the 1950s. Patti painted friends and family enjoying the day after a snowfall - something folks have done since 1904. Her parents gave her an aluminum "flying saucer" for Christmas. Most kids had Flexible Flyers, but these metal discs were the latest thing - quite a thrill. There were two sides of the hill, a smaller one for youngsters and a larger one that big kids poured water on to speed up the ride - guaranteeing bumps and bruises for many!



**FEBRUARY** Snowfall at the Basaltic Rock Bridge  
*NEW!* MANITO PARK, SPOKANE, WA • PAINTED JUNE 2020

One of the most unique things about 90-acre Manito Park was the prolific use of basaltic rock on structures throughout its grounds. This included rest-rooms shelters, Headhouse (the administration building on the north side of the Gaiser Conservatory), the Park Bench Cafe, storage buildings and the bridge by Rose Hill, south of the Lilac Gardens. Patti painted a scene highlighting this setting, especially beautiful after a fresh snowfall. Patti and husband Doug couldn't resist an afternoon stroll through this winter wonderland.



**MARCH** Blooms & Bicycles on 16th (Worker's Cottage)  
NEAR MANITO PARK, SPOKANE, WA • PAINTED FEBRUARY 2018

This pretty two-story by Grand Blvd. was reputed to be the last cottage of its kind - perhaps once housing for a Manito Park (1904) worker's family at the turn of the last century. Patti recently toured it with her friend Carol Mulholland before it went up for sale. Although built with a lovely covered porch and leaded glass windows, its interior and flooring were extremely plain, similar to the Campbell House servants' rooms - clues that point to validation of a former longtime owner's "worker's cottage" story.



**APRIL** The Swans at Mirror Lake (Manito Duck Pond)  
MANITO PARK, SPOKANE, WA • PAINTED MAY 1997

Manito's duck pond (again known as Mirror Lake) has gone through quite a few changes over the years. Once much larger, it offered a welcome home to ducks and swans during warmer months. Sadly, some cruel teenagers killed the family of swans in a malicious prank in the 1990s. Another casualty was the loss of several weeping willow trees due to the 1996 ice storm and the freak snowfall in October 2019. However, improvements like the paved path around the pond still make it a lovely destination.



**MAY** Davenport Fountain at Duncan Garden  
MANITO PARK, SPOKANE, WA • PAINTED JULY 2015

In 1956, this fountain was donated by the family in memory of hotel owner Louis M. Davenport. It has been the focal point of the European Renaissance-style "Sunken Garden," renamed "Duncan" to honor the second beloved park superintendent. The first, E. Charles Balzer found rich soil when he found his son playing in the undeveloped area there. To raise funds for Manito, he began selling the loamy soil to other parks and neighbors, creating the "sunken" effect.



**JUNE** Picnicking at the Park Bench Café  
*NEW!* MANITO PARK, SPOKANE, WA • PAINTED MARCH 2020

When Manito opened, it had a zoo from 1905-1932 with bears, elk, buffalo and more. There was a small pond with ducks, swans and a small hut in its center. In 1923, the hut was demolished and the pond filled in so the Park Bench café could be built. In addition to picnic fare, at one point it rented bicycles and skates. Music was always an important part of the setting. Concerts are still offered at no charge. When Patti painted this, the café was serving from Memorial Day to Labor Day.



**JULY** Romantic Rose Garden (Erna Bert Nelson Pergola)  
MANITO PARK, SPOKANE, WA • PAINTED MARCH 2018

Park Superintendent John W. Duncan drew up plans for Rose Hill in 1941 with additional suggestions in 1948. Ground was broken in 1950 and it became one of the most beloved, colorful, fragrant places at Manito Park. With her death in 1993, well-known portrait photographer Erna Bert Nelson left a bequest of \$700,000 to Manito for creation of her "Rose Arbor" - a pergola with 14 columns of board, brick and steel - a stunning addition to Rose Hill.



**AUGUST** The Splash Pad in Summer  
*NEW!* MANITO PARK, SPOKANE, WA • PAINTED MARCH 2020

The upper Manito area has always been a playground. In 1910, there were two swings made of power poles by Superintendent Balzer as there was no money for play equipment. In 1913, Superintendent John Duncan planted lawn. Later, a wading pool (now demolished), more swings, slides and parallel bars were added. In 2009, a plan for a Splash Pad unfolded - a challenge because of the all of the basaltic rock - but build it they did, to the delight of neighborhood families!



**SEPTEMBER** Autumn Splendor at the Japanese Garden  
*NEW!* MANITO PARK, SPOKANE, WA • PAINTED MAY 2020

In 1974, the Nishinomiya Tsutakawa Japanese Garden opened, honoring its sister city of Nishinomiya, Japan. Acclaimed landscape architect Nagao Sakurai was asked to design it in 1967. He began on the waterfall and pond in 1970, but in 1973, he suffered a stroke, so Shosuke Nagai and Hirohiko Kawai came from Japan to finish the project. Ed Tsutakawa founded the Spokane Nishinomiya Sister City relationship and was very involved with garden's design. After he passed away in 2006, it was re-named for him in April 2008.



**OCTOBER** Afternoon at the Administration Building  
*NEW!* MANITO PARK, SPOKANE, WA • PAINTED JULY 2019

The focal point of Spokane's South Hill, Manito Park was deeded to the city in 1904. The shingle/basaltic rock Administration Building or "Headhouse" as it was also known, was built in 1912 on the north side of the Gaiser Conservatory to house the offices for the horticultural staff and The Friends of Manito, a non-profit service group whose purpose it was to help preserve, promote and improve the park. Patti pictured herself, husband Doug and their five grandchildren enjoying a crisp Autumn day.



**NOVEMBER** Fun & Frolic at the Manito Fireplace  
MANITO PARK, SPOKANE, WA • PAINTED NOVEMBER 2006

At the west end of the Manito Park's Mirror Lake, a huge basaltic rock fireplace was built in 1955 as a memorial to Lt. Lawrence Rist, an Air Force officer who was killed in the Korean War. For decades growing up in Spokane, Patti's folks took their kids ice-skating on Manito Pond. In the 1950s, the city and local fire department took pains to keep the surface smoothly groomed for skaters. There was nearly always a fire blazing for anyone who was chilled and in need of warming up and a hot cup of cocoa.



**DECEMBER** Lights A-Glow at the Manito Conservatory  
*NEW!* MANITO PARK, SPOKANE, WA • PAINTED OCTOBER 2019

In 2011, after moving back to Spokane, Patti and Doug bought a home near beautiful Manito Park - a place filled with old memories for Patti. A favorite new one has been "Holiday Lights," a display of thousands of colored lights hung by the Friends of Manito on plants inside the Gaiser Conservatory. When Patti painted this, the setting had been opening annually in December for all to enjoy - at no charge. Patti pictured her mother, brothers, sisters and their sweethearts ready to enjoy an evening tour just as snow was starting to fall.

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*Family Life in the NW @ Beyond*

**Early Years** ■ "Patti loves artwork of all kinds," noted first grade teacher Sister Rita Mae Fischer on her report card (they are still in touch). It's been her passion for 50+ years. Born in Spokane, WA, she was educated in the parochial school system with high school at Holy Names Academy and art classes and workshops at Fort Wright College. She is the oldest of six and credits her mother Sally (pictured left) with being her most compelling lifelong inspiration.

In 1974, Patti designed an All-American-themed ad campaign (National Syndicate Agency) for local car dealerships. When she moved to Seattle, she was thrilled to see one of her ads on a billboard above a highway. In December 2011 after decades spent in Seattle, Patti and husband Doug returned to Spokane.

**Art Influences Spawn a Prolific Collection** ■ Influenced by the "Americana" fine art of Grandma Moses and Charles Wysocki, Patti fell in love with this intricate, colorful style. She has created over 500 works of Northwest settings (and beyond) that are filled with family, friends and pets she loves.

**Awards & Credentials** ■ In the 2000s, Lt. Gov. Brad Owen invited Patti to exhibit three times at the State Capitol. In 2005, she won 2nd Place for her "Bill Brown Building" in an art event sponsored by the Redmond Historical Society and the Eastside Council for Fine Arts. In 2009, "Meeting at the Redmond Market" won 1st Place and was used to promote its 35th season. She also designed banners for Redmond's 100th Birthday. Patti been active all over the state - co-chairing the 2010 Sammamish Art Fair, the 2016 Art for (CDA) The Park and 2017-2018 Art in Blooms benefitting the Moore-Turner Heritage Gardens and Corbin Art Center. She's done many First Friday Art Walks - and Barrister's Greg Lipsker shared, "People were just blown away at the detail of your pieces. People feel so connected and absolutely love your work!" Other venues include Arbor Crest Cellars (she headlined 2019's Holiday ArtFest), Kendall Yards, William Grant Gallery, Manito and Hayden Lake Country Clubs - and more.

**Giving Back** ■ Patti believes in "giving back" financially - plus she donates art to charity auctions. In 2014, She volunteered to be art director for Friends of CDA Park and in 2016, Friends of Moore-Turner Heritage Gardens. Family health issues caused her to retire from both, but in 2017, she volunteered to design "Update," SPA's (Spokane Preservation Advocates) quarterly newsletter - a project she loves!

**2021 Calendars** ■ 2021 marks her 27th year creating fine art calendars. She designs several editions annually - including two-plus decades of special MAC editions. **NEW** 2021 editions include:

"Fun 'Landmarks' We Love," "Magical Memories of Manito Park" and "Historic Schools & Churches."

**The Press & Publicity** ■ Patti has been published in print and on the web - including "425 Magazine," John Richard's recent "Life & Times of Patsy Clark" biography and more. Her art has been used to promote three Arbor Crest Cellars Summer and Holiday ArtFests, Kendall Yards Art Fairs and more.

**Personal** ■ Patti's maker her home/creative base in the Northwest with husband Doug. Their three children Matt, Kevin and Leah (all nearby in the Seattle area) have given them six beautiful grandkids.



2019

Let It Snow! Let it Snow!

SNOWMAN ART • LEFT (L-R) Nathan and Connor Davies (Leah and Sean's sons); Patti with husband Doug Ward; Piper and Austin Ward (Kevin and Taryn's kids with a new baby not yet added to this piece); and Addison Ward (Matt and Heidi's daughter).



2019

Lights A-Glow at the Manito Park Conservatory (Detail)

FAMILY PORTRAIT • RIGHT (L-R) Jan and Bob Simpson; husband Doug and Patti Ward; Ron Lackey and Marilee Simpson; Peggy and Jeff Barton; Bill Simpson, "Sally Mom" Simpson and John Simpson.

Other Beloved Inland NW Parks



1997

The Golden Looff Carousel  
Once a focal point of Nat Park, now at Riverfront Park  
THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT, SPOKANE, WA



2012

Riverfront Park Reverie • The Clock Tower  
The huge Radio Flyer Wagon and iconic clock tower  
THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT, SPOKANE, WA



2015

Summer Fun at Comstock in the 1950s  
The beloved Comstock Pool filled with summer revelers  
THE SOUTH HILL, SPOKANE, WA



2014

Picnic Baskets at the Bowl & Pitcher  
Picnickers celebrating summertime on the Spokane River  
RIVERSIDE STATE PARK, SPOKANE, WA



2015

Vintage View of Coeur d'Alene Park  
First park in the oldest neighborhood, Browne's Addition  
BROWNE'S ADDITION, SPOKANE, WA



NEW!

2019

The Ice Ribbon at Riverfront Park  
**NEW!** Folks of all ages at the Ice Ribbon on a crisp afternoon  
THE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT, SPOKANE, WA



2009

Cavorting at Cannon Hill Pond  
Cannon Hill Pond with Saint Augustine's in the background  
THE SOUTH HILL, SPOKANE, WA



2010

Vista House View  
Stone cottage at Mount Spokane with young S.S.R.A. ski team  
MOUNT SPOKANE STATE PARK, WA