

# Linda Sorensen

## Visual Artist

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*Linda Sorensen was one of the most talented and dedicated students I had the pleasure to teach and know in my 20 years of teaching.*

*Her work was and is strong and bold, starting with nature and her own experiences and putting her distinctive creative stamp on it. Art begins where nature ends. Linda's art was always clearly "Sorensen". The clear stamp of original character is always the sign of a true artist and Linda Sorensen has it.*

*Robert Bateman*

### Background

Linda Sorensen was born in London England in 1953. The family moved to Canada, and settled in Burlington in 1957. Linda has always been creative and gifted and at an early age her talents were recognized. In 1971 at Lord Elgin High School, Linda studied drawing, painting and art history under Robert Bateman, the now renowned international wildlife artist. She went on to study at the Ontario College of Art in Toronto in 1972, before laying down roots in Renfrew County. She was a part of the original back to the land movement that inspired a generation of people who were seeking a simpler way of life away from their complex urban roots. Motherhood, subsistence farming and a rural community nestled in a natural environment fulfilled her creative spirit until she returned to her art some twenty-five years later.

### Artist Statement

For almost 40 years my life in the wilderness has shaped my destiny as an artist. My bold, wild, inspired paintings reflect my passionate respect for the natural world.

Immersed in nature, painting on site infuses each piece with the timelessness of the wilderness, the colour and light of the day. Its all about being there... 25 years of hiking, camping and canoe experiences breathes the spirit of adventure that ignites an even greater connection, for me, to each painting and to the earth.

I work in the mediums of oil, acrylic. Photographs and sketches are taken for future reference for larger studio pieces.

### Private Collections

Linda's work is represented in private collections across Canada and the USA, Innuvik, New Zealand, Saudi Arabia, Japan and Germany.

### Awards

Fall 2009

Don Maddocks Award (for *Rock Lake Autumn*)  
East Central Ontario Artists Association

2006

3rd Place, "Landscapes of the Madawaska Valley", South of 60 Arts Centre

### Upcoming Events

October 2011

Madawaska Valley Studio Tour

**Exhibitions****Solo Exhibits**

- 2004 - 2010 House Artist, Red Canoe Café and Gallery, Wilno, Ont.  
June 4 – 23, 2008 Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden, Ont.  
“Wild Women – Painters of the Wilderness”  
April 2003 Bancroft Art Gallery, Bancroft, Ont.  
“All of Me”  
May 2001 Wagner Rosenbaum Gallery, Toronto, Ont.  
“Vintage Passages”

**Two Artist Exhibits**

- June 2005 Algonquin Room, Algonquin Park Visitors Centre  
“Wild Solitudes”  
July 2002 Algonquin Room, Algonquin Park Visitor Centre  
“Mystic Wilderness”

**Group Shows**

- 2008 – 2010 East Central Ontario Artists Association Annual Juried Exhibition,  
Visitors Center, Algonquin Park  
2001 – 2010 South of 60 Arts Centre, Barry’s Bay Ont.  
❖ “Nocturne” November 2010  
❖ “Can Art Save Us?” August 2010  
❖ “A Show of Miniatures” December 2008  
❖ “A Show of Miniatures” December 2007  
❖ "Process" May 2007  
❖ "Landscapes of the Madawaska Valley" July 2006 (3<sup>rd</sup> place award)  
❖ “A Show of Miniatures” December 2006  
❖ “A Show of Miniatures” December 2005  
❖ “Essence: An Exhibition Of Portraiture” June 2005  
❖ “Inukshuk” June 2003  
❖ “An Expression of Faith” December 2002  
❖ “Still Life and the Art of the Kitchen” Nov. 2002  
❖ “A Show of Miniatures” August 2002  
❖ “The Celebration of the Human Form” Sept. 2001  
❖ “Spring into Summer” June 2001  
❖ “Living History” May 2001  
1999 – 2010 Madawaska Valley Studio Tour  
2008 East Central Ontario Artists Association, Visitors Center, Algonquin Park  
“Mystery of the Park 2008” – exhibition participant  
December 2007, 2008 MVAC Group Show  
South of 60 Arts Centre, Barrys Bay ON  
September 2007 “Wild Women – Painters of the Wilderness”  
Red Canoe Café and Gallery, Wilno Ont.  
Oct. – Nov. 2006 “Wild Women – Painters of the Wilderness” Three Woman Show  
Eclipse Gallery, Huntsville, Ont.  
1998 - 2006 Barry’s Bay Railway Station  
Summer Outdoor Show  
Nov. 2004 - April 2005 Madawaska Valley Artists Ass. “Changes and Constants”  
Algonquin Room, Algonquin Park Visitors Centre  
2003 - 2005 Signatures, London, Toronto, Ottawa  
2002 - 2003 Art of the Automobile Competition Finalist  
Canadian International Car Show, Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver

**Magazine and Film Credits**

2010	Feature story, Eganville Leader, Eganville ON Feature story, Barry's Bay This Week, Barry's Bay ON
2007 – 2010	Published Paintings Our Town - Ottawa Citizen
2009	Cover art featured painting Country Connection Magazine
2008	Feature Article Country Connection Magazine Summer 2008 Issue
2008	Cover art featured painting Maple Lanes, Guide for travellers Tourist publication, Lanark Era
2007	Cover art featured painting Ottawa Valley Tourism travel guide
2007	Feature Story/ Wild Women Painters of the Wilderness Country Connection Magazine
2007	Ottawa Valley Travel Guide, Published Paintings
2006	Barry's Bay This Week, "Wild Women – Painters of the Wilderness"
2004	Regional Contact, CJOH, Ottawa "Artist of the Wilderness"

**Workshop Leader**

2003	South of 60 Arts Centre, Barry's Bay, Ont. Watercolor Painting - introductory 6 week course
1980 - 1995	organized local life drawing class, focusing on portraiture and nudes
1980 - 1990	face painting and clowning in local schools
1985 - 1987	conducted life drawing, grades 7-8, local schools

**Organizations**

2008 - 2010	Member of the East Central Ontario Artists Association
2007 - 2010	Member of the Madawaska Valley Arts Council

**Other Points of Interest**

2000 - 2010	Design and manufacture original fabric handbags
2003 - 2005	Freelance Wedding Photographer
1998	Jim Heineman Quartet "Silent Night" Photo published on CD cover
1996 - 1998	Puppeteer for Alex Sztasko, Artist, Rockingham Raven Theatre, Rockingham, Ont. in "On The Road Again" Wayne Rostad
1995 - 1999	Ramona Antaya Pottery, Wilno, Ont. Worked as pottery, apprentice
1985 - 2000	Stephano's Bakery, Killaloe, Ont. Graphic Artist, Designed labels for entire product line, distribution Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal
1985 - 1997	MUPOPA Performance Artists - Music and clowns for local fairs

**Represented at**

Wilno Craft Gallery, Wilno, ON  
Wilno Hills Studio Gallery