



PORTRAITS by Karen Nell McKean

Biography: Karen Nell McKean was born in Chicago in 1948 and currently lives in Oregon Wisconsin. She is a lifelong artist who was considered a child prodigy in the Chicago area winning many competitions and selling paintings at considerable prices before the age of 13. One of these early works is on permanent display in the Boy Scout Hall of Fame in Pennsylvania. She was an owner and founding member of the Ovens of Brittany restaurant group in Madison, WI. During her adult life she did not pursue art as a full time career, but kept her skills fresh by doing some professional paintings and works for friends and charity. Among these were 4 large mural size oil paintings that were on public display at the Ovens of Brittany restaurant on Monroe Street. In 2009 she completed a commission of three large oil paintings for Epic Systems Software in Verona. These can be viewed during the summer months in the Black Dragon Dining Room at Epic.

Artist Statement: My two dimensional medium is oil painting. The beauty of nature provides the inspiration for my paintings, thus my work tends to be representational. My interests, styles and abilities are rather wide ranging from impressionistic to almost photorealism. I like to paint interpretive landscapes often adding some figurative elements. I also enjoy painting horses, animals and portraits. My paintings feature qualities of brightness and light effects. I have often been called a colorist. I do believe that good art pays homage to beauty and expresses skill. I hope my art makes people smile, feel uplifted and inspired. For me, making art is an expression of my soul and a way of expressing admiration to the exquisiteness of the Creation.



Valentino: Oil on Canvas, 16x20

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