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GRETA GUZEK

Greta embraces and captures the spirit of the West Coast. Her intricate designs and vivid colours have become a distinctly joyful feature of her artwork, which has gained wide appeal throughout Canada. She grew up in South Africa and moved, in 1980 to Vancouver, working as a designer and illustrator. Since 1990, Greta has lived and worked as a painter from her studio on the Sunshine Coast, BC.

"Having lived on the west coast for thirty years, I feel integration with its character, and it has become a vehicle for my artistic expression. Through the familiar sketches of life, I create a bond with viewers, which allows me to converse with them on an aesthetic level. I paint in a way to express my involvement with the subject; I simplify and distort the forms, enhance the expressive value of colour and create a rhythm that animates the scene. In this way I develop a visual language that conveys my sense of wonder and materializes the spirit of joy that I feel." – Greta Guzek

Education

Bachelor of Fine Arts University of Pretoria (1978)

Selected Exhibitions

2013	"Tide Line" Westwind Gallery, Gibsons, BC
2012	"Coastal Allure" Westwind Gallery, Victoria, BC
	"Power of Paint" Seaside Centre, Sechelt, BC
2011	"Trails of Discovery" Westwind Gallery, Gibsons, BC
2010	"Beach Roaming" West End Gallery, Victoria, BC
2009	"Four Elements" Westwind Gallery, Gibsons, BC
	"Sky Above, Earth Below" West End Gallery, Victoria, BC
2008	"Pacific Point of View" West End Gallery Victoria, BC

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2007	"New Paintings" Shayne Gallery, Montréal, QC
2006	"Islands in the Sun" West End, Victoria, BC
	"New Works" Westwind Gallery, Gibsons, BC
2004	"Coastal Narratives" West End Gallery, Victoria, BC
	"New Works" Westwind Gallery, Gibsons, BC
2003	Duel Show, Carousel Theatre, Granville Island, Vancouver, BC
	"Colour Soulstice" Ferry Building Gallery, North Vancouver, BC
2002	"Tides of Summer" Downstairs Gallery, North Vancouver, BC
2000	"New Works" Downstairs Gallery North Vancouver, BC

Publications

Coast Reporter, June 2003 Galleries West Magazine, Spring 2012 Just Business Magazine, December 2007