INTERVIEW WITH ARTIST LORI FRANK

Lori's paintings often feature the North Saskatchewan River Valley!

NSWA would like to thank Lori for her inspiring paintings that share her love of our River Valley.

GETTING TO KNOW LORI

Lori grew up in Edmonton and her high school art classes inspired her to take Art History at the University of Alberta. She then travelled extensively through Europe. Following a traditional career path, about 11 years ago she was able to pursue her art interests full time.

"I have a passionate love for nature, specifically our river valley, the ocean, flowers and all living things. My art is intentionally created to uplift the observer or to evoke strong emotions of peace, joy, strength and serenity."

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE IN THE NORTH SASK WATERSHED AND WHY?

"My favorite place in the watershed is the Edmonton River Valley." Lori continues to explore and discover new places, new scenes to paint. She has dedicated the last 10+ years of her life to creating paintings that bring awareness to our land, our river and its beauty. She is excited to see new people using the trails and discovering for themselves what she has known for so long – that the River Valley is indeed a treasure.



TELL US A BIT MORE ABOUT YOUR ART

Lori says her paintings start with her daily walks in the River valley and photos taken of the viewpoints. Acrylics are her medium of choice to paint her favorite places.

Her art has been featured in displays at City Hall, the Muttart Conservatory, The Works Festival, and she has done many media interviews including Global, CTV, Edmonton Journal. She does do commissions for people.

These interviews and more information can be found on her website - <u>www.lorifrank.ca</u>

Rolling Down the River

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WHAT INSPIRES YOU AS AN ARTIST?

While on a visit to New York City, Lori had a 'connect the dot' discovery moment- that although Edmonton does not have a Central Park, we do have the River valley that is an inspiration to many with its energy, beauty, and serenity. Our River valley trail system is the largest urban parkland in North America. Her long walks in the River valley are the basis for her vibrant art.

"I live in the heart of the city and look outside and feel like I'm away from it all, on a holiday with this beautiful breathtaking view. All of my walks, bike rides and drives around my neighborhood and around our picturesque city have always held me captive to a yearning to be close, in, or to explore my true love here, our valley. "

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE PAINTING?

Lori says that "Every painting that you are creating at the time is your favorite. You paint until it becomes your favorite."

Lori's art has come full circle - one of her first paintings was of a stairway downtown at 114 Street and 99 Ave. The original of her latest painting, 'The Viewpoint', was a commission for the person that oversaw the design of the staircase on the East End Trails and is one painting in the 'Stairway to Heaven' series.



The Viewpoint - East End Trails

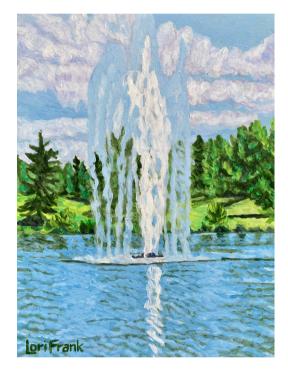
GALLERY - A FEW OF OUR FAVORITES!



Among the East Trails



An Autumn's Ascent - Laurier Park



The Fountain, Rundle Park

To discover more of Lori's paintings and to contact her for prints or commissions go to <u>lorifrank.ca</u> You can also contact Lori at 780-991-0717 or email her at lorifrank65@gmail.com