

COLOR! WHAT A DEEP AND MYSTERIOUS LANGUAGE; THE LANGUAGE OF
DREAMS PAUL GAUGUIN

I am a self-taught painter and have been painting regularly since 1978. Before 1978 I would work for two or three weeks a year in colored pencils.

I enrolled in a painting class taught by artist Sandra Jones Campbell. She said I could paint anything I want anyway I want to paint it. That has been imprinted in my mind for over 40 years. It was the best advice I was ever given.

I paint in a way similar to Cloisonism, a style of post-impressionist paint which is painted in bold and flat forms that are outlined. It began in the late 1880's by Emile Bernard and perfected by Paul Gauguin.

I paint lots of lines, dots, patterns with pure bold colors or colors mixed with white. The paint is put on with flat paint, no shadows and very little shading or no shading. I do not pre-plan my painting, ideas come as I work, and I see where it leads me. I spend more time sitting in front of the paint studying it than I do painting it. It takes me a week or more to finish a large painting.

1979-1st place drawing-colored pencils-Pendleton Arts Festival

1997-1st place painting-acrylic-Pendleton Arts Festival

2002-2004-On committee that chose artists for shows-Pendleton Center for the Arts. I also helped with hanging some shows.

2003-Best of show-Regional show-Pendleton Center for the Arts. Over the years I also had a couple of Honorable Mentions.

2003-Solo show in the Lorenzen Board Room.

2013-Solo show at the Pendleton Center for the Arts.

2015-Interviewed by April Baer on OPB.

2016-2016 Portland Biennial

2016-Solo show at the Pendleton Center for the Arts.

2016-2017-Represented by the Good Luck Gallery in Los Angeles.

2016-2018-Represented by the New Zone Gallery in Eugene.

2016 to the present I have been the painting instructor at the Pendleton center for the Arts.

Over the years at The Umatilla County Fair-my paintings have been awarded Best of Show, Judges Choice, People's Choice and several Grand Champions.

My paintings are in St. Thomas, VI, New York State,