Lyn Thomas has been painting for many years in watercolor and thought she would never change mediums.

Taking a drawing class with a friend heralded a change. The drawings were charcoal and she was told using pastel would be similar. Not really wanting to get her hands messy, Lyn resisted change until she decided to take a pastel class. From that time, she became interested in this medium – completely new to her. Her very first pastel without any instruction was accepted into a juried show at the gallery. That provided the necessary encouragement for her to continue with pastels.

Lyn has been painting more since turning to pastels. Although she credits Roberta Combs and Farida Coates with significant assistance, she is now finding a style of her own. From the dreamy, soft shades of watercolors, she now likes using the vibrant colors more associated with pastel.

Lyn's pastel paintings have won awards in the Garibaldi Art Club of Maple Ridge Juried shows in 2013 and 2014. Her successes have broadened her horizons to a more National Level with the Pastel Artists Canada. In the 2015 Purely Pastel International Open Exhibition Lyn exhibited three paintings in the Federation Gallery in Vancouver. She was one of only two artists to have the maximum number of
Since arriving in Maple Ridge 28 years ago, Lyn Thomas has been an active member of the art community and instrumental in the development and promotion of art and artists in the Fraser Valley. She has been president of the Garibaldi Art Club of Maple Ridge and a contributing member for these 28 years.

She also originated Art in the Park where local artists and artisans were able to showcase and sell their work for an eagerly anticipated weekend. Lyn organized and hosted this major Maple Ridge event for thirteen years. She originally started this annual art event in her beautiful two acre garden in Maple Ridge. It became very popular with artists and art collectors in the local community and beyond.
Lyn continues to operate her well established home-based picture framing business **Lynton Studio** that she has been running for 25 years. Her business and her love of art will guarantee Lyn’s active involvement in the Maple Ridge art community for many years to come.