

Cynthia Son's Biography

I took a figurative oil painting class with live models with Dr. Gary Rosen at Cardinal Stritch College in the 1990's. We painted on 4 foot by 3 foot canvases. It was a three hour class, which lasted a year.

Dr. Charles Kaiser from Mt. Mary College had a three hour oil painting class that I attended once a week for a year. Dr. Kaiser took me aside one day, and asked me if I would like to be in his master painting class. He did not ask many people to be in his master painting class. I was not able to attend at the time, but I was very honored to be offered the opportunity.

I attended an art therapy class at Mount Mary College which I successfully completed. I painted a large oil painting of a girl with several birds in hand which was completed in the 1990's.

I took a women's oil painting class during my divorce in 2002 with Shelby Keefe in Saint Francis, Wisconsin.

I participated in an oil painting class given by the Art Escape Gallery in Thiensville, Wisconsin. The artist, Bill Suy's was instructing the class. We were painting portraits of live models.

I exhibited in the first Thiensville art show, which took place in the summer of 2004. I was in the Framers Workshop booth with the owner, Shelly Weston.

I am presently 2004-2008, taking printing work shops with Paul Yank at the Ozaukee Art Center in Cedarburg. These are limited work shops, but I am enjoying the learning process, as I have never done printing before.

In 2008 I was invited to join the Griffin Gallery in Oconomowoc. The gallery has a member show now in November and December 2008 that I am participating in, along with our 11 other members. Griffin Gallery will host a show titled "Mists and Mysteries" January 9th to the end of February 2009. Judith Reidy and Cynthia Son are the artists.

The new Equitable Bank in Delafield currently has my art work displayed at their bank.

I am also taking oil painting classes from Pat Smith in 2008. I will be traveling to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico with Pat to paint in 2009.

My great Uncle Karl Kae Knecht, was a world famous political cartoonist. He produced more than 18,000 cartoons. Some of them are in the collections of former presidents Teddy Roosevelt, Hoover, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower. He is listed in "Who's Who In America."

Cynthia Son's Artists Statement

Who doesn't love a great mystery? The creation of art itself is a mystery .It is an experience of divine creation when the art flows. I believe it is a spiritual or esoteric experience that can't really be described. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't, but the true artist always pushes on, not only in art, but in knowledge and understanding.

My "Iris" print was done in reference to its Latin name "small sword" which refers to the fleur-de-lis of France. There is evidence to suggest that the Merovingian monarchs of France name breaks down to "mer" and "vin" , Mary and the vine, or to the Davidic bloodline of Israel ,and was used as their emblem by the royal Merovingians in Europe. The Divine Feminine, the Knights Templar, the Mason's and Secret Societies. Who doesn't love a great mystery?