



JACK KEEFE

Jack was born in the small northern Ontario town of South Porcupine, and grew up in Sarnia. He was an employee of Polysar/Lanxess for 39 years, before retiring in 1999. He has been married to Toni since 1965, and together they raised three sons in Sarnia and Corunna.

Jack was a founding member of the 6+1 Art Group, in the year 2000, and he continues to meet weekly with his fellow artists in this group to share critique, encouragement, and instruction with each other.

Jack has had work at numerous juried art shows and exhibits. He is a member of the Lawrence House Centre for the Arts, Gallery in the Grove, and Sarnia Artist's Workshop (SAW), and has studied oil painting, acrylics, and water colours at Lambton College: David Korff (oil painting), Gary Nixon (water colour basics), Mary Abma (water colours 1-4) and Ariel Lyons (water colours 4), and has taken courses with Joyce Orsby C.S.P.W.C, Anthony Batten C.S.P.W.C. S.F.C.A. S.C.A, Jane Hunter, and Ariel Lyons (colour application, water colours). In November of 2006 Jack won the Mayor's Award at the Lawrence House Centre for the Arts in Sarnia with his painting "One Winter's Day" (the Coast Guard Cutter, the Griffon making its way through the ice on Lake Huron), which remains on permanent display at the Lawrence House. In November of 2009 he won the Honourable Mention Award at the Lawrence House for his painting of "Cottage Memories", and in June of 2013 he won the Wolff Award Honourable Mention from Sarnia Artists' Workshop for his painting, "Down by the Barn". In June of 2014 he won the 2D Poersch (People's Choice) Award at SAW's annual Awards Night for his painting "Spring Rush". He was selected to paint the cover for the Grey/Bruce B&B Association for the years 2008-'09 and 2009-'10. Since 2003, Jack has consistently been juried into the open competition for Ontario artists at the Paint Ontario Show in Grand Bend. In 2016, his painting of Roadside Falls won the "Best of Show" award at the "Celebrate Art" juried art show at the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia, and in March of 2017 his Creekside painting won the best watercolour award at the Paint Ontario Show at the Lambton Heritage Museum in Grand Bend. In October 2017 his painting of "Jasper" won Best Watercolour award at the "Celebrating Canada's 150th Anniversary" show at the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia.