

About the Artist: **Rozanne Leystra**

Rozanne Leystra is a local artist, having been a Sarnia resident all her life. She has had her education attending the Lambton College in the art fundamentals program, many on going art workshops and seminars, throughout her early years and of course, hours of trial and error painting, honing her technique and skills.

While dabbling in a variety of media in those early years she chose watercolor, and has stuck with it. "I chose watercolor as one of my mediums because of its flexibility from looseness to realism, with the unexpected surprises that unfold on your paper. It can be a bit nerve wracking but always a delight when it works in your favor."

She paints mostly subjects she loves birds and animals, and the environments they live in. specializing in north American birds. A lot of photography and observation has allowed her to get to know this beautiful creation of God and represent it in its true form.

Throughout the years Rozanne has had many showings of her work throughout her area. She has also entered many juried show winning several awards; honorable mention at the Wolf awards hosted by the Sarnia Artist Workshop . Crossmans award" best watercolor" at the Paint Ontario, "best watercolor" two years in a row at the open art show at the Petrolia play house. She is also a member of the 6 plus 1 art group which come together weekly to paint, socialize and show and share their work opportunities and ideas and is now an assistant teacher part time for a budding art group.

Art will continue to be an important part of who she is as well as what she does, growing in her gift, that she believes is God given, trying new techniques and occasionally a new medium but always original ideas and divinely inspired.

"Art is a collaboration between God and artist and the less the artist does the better." - Andre Gide

