

About Marie Findlay



National award winning artist Marie Findlay, born Marie Rondeau in 1931 during the Great Depression, overcame several personal and family tragedies and continued her distinctive versatility and creativity through her artwork done primarily in oils, watercolors, acrylics, and mixed media. Other media include pen and ink, graphite (pencil) and charcoal, chalk, and sculpture. Her work has been described as vibrant, unique, eye catching, uplifting, versatile, and full of perspective.

Marie's perspectives come to life in the genres of impressionistic, contemporary, expressionistic, and abstract art. Her natural sense of lighting, balance, focal points, vivid hues, and rich texture is evident throughout her work. Her watercolors often exude the aura of oil paintings. Marie's multiple talents and interests are accentuated by her artistic versatility and diversity of chosen subject matter.

A multi-media artist, Marie's creations come straight from the heart — all with her unique style and technique. Growing up in the northern woods of Wisconsin, she was surrounded by the natural beauty of flora, fauna, and water. Life's many wonders and nature's beauty serve as creative inspiration for her art. At a very early age, she painted, cut out, and drew in wall paper sample books provided by her Uncle Tom Rondeau's General Store. Marie initially taught herself how to do watercolor by painting from a tattered copy of the Audubon Bird Book; later studying in college.

"As a child, my family was poor and could barely afford shoes. An automobile accident left me severely injured in my twenties. In my thirties, my young family was devastated by the early death of my husband at age 36. My only daughter, still in grade school, died a couple of years later. A life threatening bout with Guillian-Barre' Syndrome left me completely paralyzed for months in my forties.

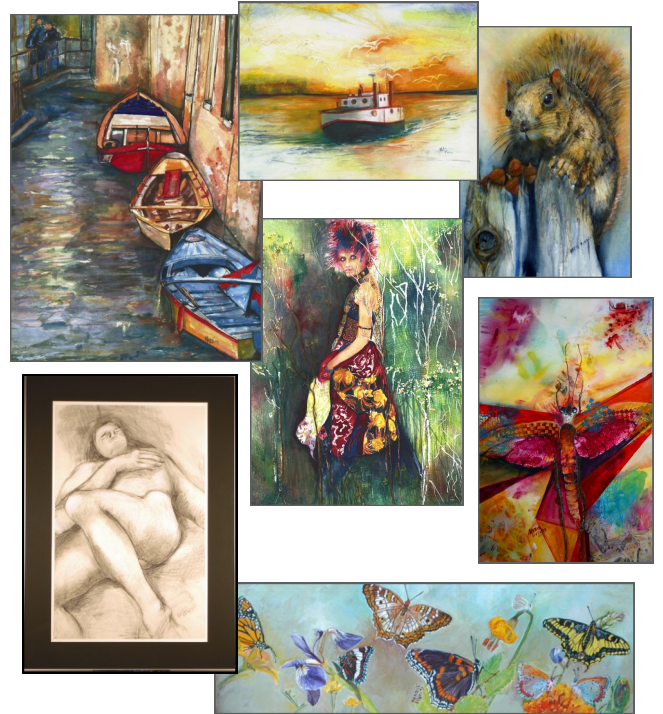
With these trials and tribulations, there has also been some success and progress that came from perseverance, love, and hard work."

Active in many organizations and a champion for numerous causes at the community and state levels, Marie has been a member and ardent supporter of the Chequamegon Bay Arts Council. She has shown her work in a one-artist show, "Six Decades of Fine Art: Marie Findlay's Journey In the Life of An Artist," at the Washburn Cultural Arts Center and other venues.

"It is my goal to keep painting despite being diagnosed with onset Alzheimer's. There are times when I can't paint fast enough to express what I see and feel and I have so little time left in my creative life."

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Six Decades of Fine Art



Fine Artist Marie Findlay ...

National Award Winning Artist

Distinctive, Vibrant Interpretations of Her World
Diverse Subject Matter and Multiple Media Artist
Original Artwork and Highest Quality Giclee Prints
Signed, Numbered Prints with Certificate of Authenticity
Compelling Artist Story as Art Overcomes Life's Hardships



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Journey

Marie Findlay's Six Decades of Fine Art

Born 1931 as Marie Jane Rondeau in Cable, WI to Charles and Bernice (Kliszcz) Rondeau. Family: Territorial Pioneers.



1940's & 50's

- Commercial Design & Realism
- Watercolor, Pen & Ink, Pencil
- Des Moines Technical Institute
- Interior Design, Iowa State University
- U.S. Air Force, Sergeant
- Injured severely in auto accident
- Married Harold (Jim) Oosten



1960's

- Realism and Impressionism
- Oil Paintings
- Recognized Chicago artist
- Commissioned murals and portraits
- Children: Dierck, Charlise, Dustin
- Area art league board of directors
- Husband, Jim Oosten, dies at age 36



1970's

- Impressionism and Expressionism
- Pen & Ink, Conte' Chalk, Charcoal, Bronze, Plaster, Clay, Wood
- Fine Arts, University of WI, Eau Claire
- Interior Design, University of Minnesota (selected by jury)
- Grade school daughter, Charlise, dies
- Marries Jack Findlay; son, John, born
- Paralyzed by Guillain Barre' Syndrome



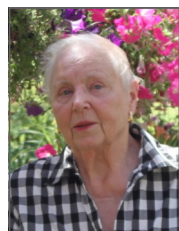
1980's

- Advertising Media
- Sold stocks and bonds
- Opened successful real estate brokerages in Minnesota and Wisconsin
- Moves to Bark Point, WI on Lake Superior



1990's

- Impressionism and Realism
- Watercolors, Mixed Media, Oils
- Selected to numerous local and state boards and committees in Wisconsin
- Retired from real estate business
- Opened Findlay Art and Design Studio



2000's

- Impressionism, Realism, Abstracts
- Watercolor, Mixed Media, Oils, Acrylics
- Opened Bark Point Gallery
- Wins national awards for various artwork
- Diagnosed with onset Alzheimer's Disease
- Passes away 9/3/2011 from bacterial infection after a valiant battle for health and life

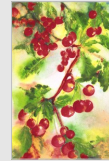
Distinctive & Vibrant Perspectives in Fine Art

Fine Art Subject Series

Abstract



Floral



Living



Animal



Scenery



Drawing



Marie's creations depict a uniquely versatile artist appreciative of diversity and skilled in a variety of media and subject matter. Whether at home or business, her art will enliven your walls and create attention and conversation.

"There are many forms of art, all beautiful in their way. Some artists have developed a "recipe." I create based upon what moves me."

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Marie Findlay's "Journey in the Life of an Artist"

"Looking back over the decades, my life truly has been a journey; one of joy, sorrow, hope and fulfillment ..."



Artist Marie Findlay

Now, in the twilight of my life, I very much appreciate life, people, creativity, and expression. Artist, student, teacher, business-woman, auctioneer, designer, candidate, veteran, volunteer, parent – all of these experiences have helped me live, learn, and create."

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Dimensions

Marie Findlay's
Six Decades of Fine Art

Minnesota Territorial Pioneer

Marie is a registered Member of the Minnesota Territorial Pioneers. Born Marie Rondeau, the Rondeau's were French Canadians who helped settle northern Wisconsin and St. Paul, Minnesota in the 1840's and 1850's. Marie's uncle, Felix F. Rondeau, played a major role in the consolidation of five cooperative insurance companies in the 1940's. The new entity became the well known Mutual Service Insurance Companies (MSI). Mr. Rondeau served as the company's first president from 1951 until 1970.



Territorial Pioneer

There are roads and a lake named after the Rondeaus in the St. Paul / Minneapolis area.

Entrepreneur

Besides being an artist, Marie has been a successful businessperson who started real estate brokerages in Minnesota and Wisconsin. She has been a member of chamber of commerces in the St. Paul / Minneapolis metropolitan area and Wisconsin. Additionally, she operated a licensed professional auctioneering business.



Marie has been active in several professional organizations relating to both art and business since she lived in Chicago in the early 1960's. Marie's ability to communicate and negotiate contributed to her achieving objectives throughout her career.

Civic Leader

Marie has always cared about people and her community. She has been appointed or elected to several local and state boards, committees, and public offices in Minnesota and Wisconsin over the years. From Town Chairman to PTA to the American Legion and the Wisconsin Conservation Corps, Marie has given back to the community and region at every availability.



A lifetime learner, Marie's has been an ardent supporter of the arts and humanities, charities, and various civic causes through active involvement and contributions of time, money, and art.

Profession & Community Service



Professional Experience

- Principal, Marie Findlay Art & Design
- Proprietor/Artist, Bark Point Studio and Gallery
- Marie Findlay & Associates, Real Estate Brokerage (Broker/ Owner licensed in Minnesota and Wisconsin)
- CRB -- Certified Real Estate Brokerage Manager
- GRI -- Graduate, Realtors Institute
- CREA -- Certified Real Estate Appraiser
- Wisconsin Registered Auctioneer
- Instructor, WITC, Ashland, Wisconsin
- Advertising -- 23 Years of Experience Covering All Media
- Licensed Life and Health Insurance Agent, Minnesota
- Registered Financial Services Representative (Securities and investments)
- Registered Lobbyist, State of Minnesota
- Gifted Student Programs and Fund Raising
- U.S. Air Force Sergeant, Radio Technician



Service Organization Experience

- Chair, Town of Clover Land Use Planning Committee
- President, Herbster Business Association
- President, Herbster Community Club
- Member, Chequamegon Bay Arts Council
- Member, Bayfield County Economic Development Committee
- Member, Bayfield County Ad Hoc Shoreline Zoning Committee
- Past Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Wisconsin Conservation Corp (Governor Appointment to the WCC)
- Northern Great Lakes Regional Visitor's Center Board
- Apostle Islands Visitor's Bureau Board
- Bayfield Chamber of Commerce
- Bayfield County Board Member
- Town Chairman, Town of Clover, Wisconsin
- Candidate, Wisconsin State Assembly
- Greater Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce
- Board Member, Aurora Art League (Chicago Area)
- Member, American Legion
- Member, Lions Club
- President, Local PTA
- Disabled American Veteran (DAV)



Memberships

- Minnesota Territorial Pioneers (Rondeau)
- National Association of Realtors
- Wisconsin Realtors Association
- Wisconsin Auctioneers Association
- National Auctioneers Association
- Real Estate Brokerage Manager's Council
- Nation Association of Real Estate Appraisers



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