



Elaine Penner

Elaine Penner was born in Teulon, Manitoba in 1970. After earning a Health Care Aide Diploma and a Hotel and Restaurant Administration Diploma at Red River Community College, she lived and worked in Banff for a few years. Not surprisingly, her first watercolours and acrylics on paper feature landscapes. Art became a healing process for her when she was diagnosed with mental illness. Elaine took part in the Artbeat Studio residency program in 2012. During this time she explored many mediums, including painting and pottery. Elaine claims the local art scene as a central influence in shaping her style of art. Most recently Elaine has focused on porcelain flower sculptures. She has taken courses in watercolour technique. She names Monet as an artistic model, and says she has learned a lot from Artbeat colleagues. Elaine says, "I get inspiration from what others see in my paintings, which is sometimes different from what I've seen. But anything art-related works for me, leaves me calm and confident, and lets me express myself."