

See the Vibrant Watercolors of Lois Mitchell on Display at the Tualatin Public Library

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Beginning in February and running through the end of May 2015, the Tualatin Public Library will have on display in the Living Room Gallery the artwork of Lois Mitchell. Lois's paintings glow with harmonious colors which capture and preserve the moment forever of beautiful living things. Her style is an effortless realism filled with happy details. Seeing one of her paintings is like experiencing a beautiful memory that you didn't know you shared until that moment.

Lois moved to the Portland area from Idaho after college where she earned a degree in Psychology. She has had a multi-faceted career with work time spent in the public and private sectors. She has also devoted many hundreds of hours volunteering in the schools and the community.

All her adult life she wanted to learn to paint with the modest goal of creating something good enough to hang up on her wall. Her artistic achievements are so good, her paintings are worthy of the most discriminating art shows. You may have seen some of her work celebrated in the Special Exhibit of the Lake Oswego Festival of Arts where she has also volunteered as Co-Chair of the Festival.



Treasure in the Desert

Lois won the coveted People's Choice Award at the Women of Watercolor (WOW) Art Show in 2013 and has been juried into the prestigious Rose Festival

Art Show at the Oregon Society of Artists (OSA) where she is also a member. She belongs to the Watercolor Society of Oregon in addition to OSA and WOW.



Plenty of Pears

At an earlier point in her life, Lois's piano teacher warned her, "Don't be so well rounded that you are not pointed in any direction!" She may have had a secret agenda to keep Lois playing only piano. Lois went on to prove

you can be well rounded and seriously accomplished with "direction" in a field.

If you are interested in learning more about opportunities at the Living Room Gallery, contact Angela Wrahtz, Art Show Coordinator at angela.wrahtz@comcast.net. This program is sponsored in part by the Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee.



French Market Purple Artichokes



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