

## Sharon Kearns

### artist statement

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Painting is my key to secret treasures . . . my journey through the storm . . . my peaceful reflection.

Childhood drawing started it. From the beginning, the process of transforming an idea into a tangible image has struck me as magical. Over the years, that magical voyage has had its way with me—beckoning me from hobby, to professional graphics and fine art.

Painting fills me with a sense of accomplishment and humility. My work has proven to be a most amenable vessel for translating inner vision to outer reality, a catharsis to enable life's balance, and a channel for my emotions and creative drive.

I paint from the inside out. Though I work quite deliberately, consciously employing both traditional and innovative techniques, my unconscious becomes the undisputed compass. While allowing the uncertain nature of painting to free my hand, vision and waves of inspiration free my imagination and provide opportunities for amazement and grace that influence the finished product.

My greatest accomplishment is learning that my work has moved someone else in an extraordinary way; that somehow I have connected with and conveyed something powerful and deeply meaningful to another person.

Inspired and invigorated by awaiting adventures, stories untold, and undiscovered mysteries, I continue to explore new ways to compel and challenge my soul and continue the journey, and to share with others.

### representation

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Arts & Things, Morehead City, N.C.  
Frames & Art by Klutz, Concord, N.C.  
Gallery Hall, Lexington, N.C.  
Pea Island Art Gallery, Rodanthe, N.C.  
Seaworthy Gallery, Hatteras Island, N.C.  
Tidewater Gallery, Swansboro, N.C.  
The Yellow House Gallery, Nags Head, N.C.

### exhibits

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january 2011	Greenhill Center for N.C. Art, Greensboro, N.C. U.S. Figure Skating Poster Finalists Reception and Exhibition
january 2011	Greensboro Coliseum, Greensboro, N.C. U.S. Figure Skating Poster Finalists Exhibition
august 2010	Tidewater Gallery, Swansboro, N.C. Artist Opening Reception / Clyde Phillips Seafood Market Series
june 2010	Tidewater Gallery, Swansboro, N.C. Artist Reception / 2010 N.C. Seafood Festival Poster Artist
april 2010	Arts & Things, Morehead City, N.C. Artist Reception / 2010 N.C. Seafood Festival Poster Artist
april 2010	North Carolina Aquarium, Pine Knoll Shores, N.C. Artist Reception / 2010 N.C. Seafood Festival Poster Artist
september 2009	artSpark, Raleigh, NC
summer 2009	Star Art Gallery, Star, N.C.   Featured Artist
september 2008-09	The Arts & Grape Gathering, Lexington, N.C.
december 2008	Monty's Seafood Grille, Charlotte, NC   Featured Solo Artist

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june 2008  
march 2008  
february 2005-08  
2006-2007  
june 2006  
february 2006  
april 2006  
april 2002  
may 1999  
april 1999  
april 1999  
  
april 1996

Arts & Things, Morehead City, N.C. | Featured Artist  
High Point Country Club, High Point, N.C.  
Featured Solo Artist, (Commissioned watercolor of St. Mary's Episcopal Church)  
National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, Greensboro, N.C. | Featured Artist  
Frames & Art by Klutz, Arts Council Art Walk, Concord, N.C. | Featured Solo Artist  
Whalehead Club, Corolla, N.C. | "Under The Oaks"  
String & Splinter Club, High Point, N.C. | Featured Solo Artist  
"Spring into Arts Festival," Concord, N.C.  
Cannon School, Concord, N.C. | "One Enchanted Evening"  
MisterArt Competition, Atlanta, GA | "City Of Lights"  
Cannon School, Concord, N.C. | "Spring Garden" | Fox River Paper Bravo Award  
Cannon School, Concord, N.C.  
Presentation of "Cannon Upper School" lithograph, presented to former President,  
Jimmy Carter  
Junior Charity League, Concord, N.C.  
Featured Solo Artist (Artist's original illustrations of local homes/historic landmarks  
from book publication)

### selected collections/commissions

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Cannon School, Concord, N.C.  
Cannon Upper School, Concord, N.C.  
First United Methodist Church, Concord, N.C.  
Jimmy Carter Presidential Library, Atlanta, GA  
Junior Charity League, Concord, N.C.  
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Stanford, Lexington, S.C.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Comey, Westport, CT  
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stevens, Newport, N.C.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joey Bland, High Point, N.C.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Harmeling, Charlotte, N.C.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Concord, N.C.  
Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gehl, Concord, N.C.  
Mr. and Mrs. Mark Norcross, High Point, N.C.  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Snyder, Concord, N.C.  
Mr. and Mrs. Skipper Gates, High Point, N.C.  
Mr. Dean Wike, Concord, N.C.  
Mr. Phillip Winter, Swansboro, N.C.  
Mrs. Susan Tucker, London, England  
Ms. Emily Brown, Atlanta, GA  
St. Mary's Episcopal Church, High Point, N.C.  
Tomlinson Montessori School, High Point, N.C.  
Winston-Salem Fire Department, Winston-Salem, N.C.

### press

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september 2010  
september 2010  
june 2010  
may 2010  
may 2010  
april 2010  
april 2010  
june 2008

*News-Times*, Morehead City, N.C.  
*Tideland News*, Swansboro, N.C.  
*Carolina Coast*, Hampstead, N.C.  
*High Point Enterprise*, High Point, N.C.  
*Charlotte Observer*, Charlotte, N.C.  
WITN-TV, Washington, N.C.  
*News-Times*, Morehead City, N.C.  
*Arts Alive*, Morehead City, N.C.

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## freelance graphics

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Bank of North Carolina (proposed), High Point, N.C.  
Black Jeans, Charlotte, N.C.  
Brightleaf Tobacco Warehouse, Whiteville, N.C.  
Cannon School, Concord, N.C.  
Crown Hosiery Mills, High Point, N.C.  
D.G. Enterprises, High Point, N.C.  
Drive Technology Group, Charlotte, N.C.  
Glen Raven Mills, Burlington, N.C.  
Gofantalk.com, Charlotte, N.C.  
*Greater Charlotte Biz Magazine*, Charlotte, N.C.  
Heritage Lifestyles, Charlotte, N.C.  
Lifestyles Custom Homes, Concord, N.C.  
Mid-Atlantic Chapter, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Charlotte, N.C.  
Miss North Carolina Pageant  
Mountain Trails, Winchester, VA  
OutSearch Consultants, Charlotte, N.C.  
Peanut Processors, Dublin, N.C.  
Rocky Mount Family YMCA, Rocky Mount, N.C.  
Seneca Rocks Climbing School, Seneca Rocks, W.V.  
Spenzac, Charlotte, N.C.  
Steele Design, Charlotte, N.C.  
Steele Tree, Charlotte, N.C.  
The Gendarme, Seneca Rocks, W.V.  
The Mike Helsabeck Collection, Lexington, N.C.  
Tomlinson Montessori School, High Point, N.C.  
Worser Corporation – Aussie Hair care Products, New York, N.Y.

## publications

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may 2000 *Greater Charlotte Biz Magazine*, Charlotte, N.C.  
"In The Shadow of the Giants" Editorial Illustration  
april 2000 *Greater Charlotte Biz Magazine*, Charlotte, N.C.  
"Caught In the Middle" Editorial Illustration  
april 1996 Junior Charity League, Concord, N.C.  
*Into Our League* Book Illustrations  
1987-1995 *Bladen Daily Journal*, Bladenboro, N.C.  
Editorial Illustration

## awards

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january 2011 Greenhill Center for N.C. Art, Greensboro, N.C.  
2011 U.S. Figure Skating Poster Finalist Award  
april 2010 North Carolina Seafood Festival, Morehead City, N.C.  
2010 Poster Artist Award  
april 1999 "Spring Garden," Cannon School, Concord, N.C.  
Fox River Paper Co. Bravo Award

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## education

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1983 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C. | *Bachelor of Arts*  
1981 St. Mary's College, Raleigh, N.C. | *Associate of Arts*

## community

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2000-present National Multiple Sclerosis Society | Volunteer, Artistic Consultant for Marketing  
2005-present Arts Council of Cabarrus County - Member  
1999-01 Cannon School | Artistic Consultant  
1998-99 Cannon School | Art Appreciation Volunteer  
1987-92 Arts Council of Bladen County | Organizing Committee Co-Chair

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