

# Cindy Bouwers

## artist's bio

Alberta born, Cindy Bouwers is an artist and designer. After obtaining her BFA in Visual Communication Design and building a career as an accomplished graphic designer, as well as teaching several design classes at the Alberta University of the Arts, she decided to explore a long buried desire to paint and pursue her own artwork. This has led her along a new creative path and resulted in a rich body of work informed by her design background.

Cindy has been juried into a number of group shows in Calgary, Edmonton and Toronto and her most recent award was the Duggan Landscape Award presented by the Society of Canadian Artists. Cindy is an active member of the Calgary Artist's Society and the Riverview Artists Group and also shows her work with three Alberta Galleries. She presented a solo show titled BEYOND SIGHT in 2017 at the Ambrose University Gallery in Calgary, and WANDERING WAYS at the After Hours Gallery in Edmonton in 2019. In 2020 she collaborated with Jean Pederson to present OF A CERTAIN AGE, at the Leighton Art Centre.

**Inspiration** for a painting often comes from moments of quiet reflection, in watching the play of light, translating the shapes and patterns created in its path.

*I would like to bring the viewer into a shared experience, a moment of pleasure, a recognition of beauty, a sense of hope. I enjoy using strong value patterns to add visual excitement and to create a compelling structure to the compositions.*

*Themes of hope and contentment enter into my work as I glean subject matter from nature and everyday experiences and express them with an emotive combination of colour, shape and texture.*

