

Diana Chabros - Biography

A visual artist, consultant, Yoga educator and arts coordinator, Diana is deeply moved by the power of the land – its energy, palette, geology, and sentience as a living entity. As a means to honour this path and her maternal roots, Diana relocated from Regina to southwest Saskatchewan in 2012. Whether working from her studio, or working in situ, she is inspired by the area's rich mixture of cultures, history, land, and skylines as well as its resident beings.

Explorations of energy in its physical, psychic and industrial forms enter her work. Ranging from highly representational landscapes to intuitive images which reference nature and real or imagined moments in time, her current research is inspired by the trajectory of terrain which extends from west central Alberta through southern Saskatchewan, Montana and South Dakota. She holds in high regard a large range of historical and contemporary painters, writers, and performing artists, a few of whom include James Henderson, Wynona Mulcaster, Art MacKay, George Glenn, Marsha Kennedy, Gilah Yelin Hirsch, Edward Burtynsky, Joseph Naytowhow, Candace Savage, and Barbara Klar.

Diana attained her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the University of Regina in 1987, and a Masters degree in Education, Curriculum and Instruction with an Arts Education focus, in 2001. Over the years, Diana has managed outreach for and curated a provincial art collection, operated her own arts consulting practice, and coordinated multiple arts projects and cultural events. Despite multiple demands upon her time, voluntarism, (especially the environment, community based arts and cultural development, animal rescue, and elder care), remains an integral component of her lifestyle.

As well as maintaining her painting practice, Diana currently manages bookings, contracts and marketing for her life partner, Joseph Naytowhow, a Plains/Woodland Nehiyó/Cree interdisciplinary artist, speaker, and knowledge keeper from Sturgeon Lake First Nation/Saskatoon. Diana's most recent adventures include the development of her business, *Sky Story Bed and Breakfast* www.skystory.ca, and the completion of a rigorous traditional teacher training course with Brenda Feuerstein of Traditional Yoga Studies. She continues her studies in Yoga, teaches, and offers retreats and workshops in art and Yoga.

Diana's art can be found in both private and public art collections including the Saskatchewan Arts Board, and the Village of Val Marie. Visit her at www.dianachabros.com