

Diana Chabros - Biography

A visual artist, consultant, and Yoga and arts educator, 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 sky scapes 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 Wynona Mulcaster, Art MacKay, Marsha Kennedy, Gilah Yelin Hirsch, Edward Burtynsky <https://www.edwardburtynsky.com>, Madonna Hamel, Joseph Naytowhow www.josephnaytowhow.com, 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, & Instruction with an Arts Education focus, in 2001 and Yoga teacher training with Brenda and Georg Feuerstein in 2015. Over the years, Diana has managed outreach for and curated a provincial art collection, coordinated multiple arts projects and cultural events, and operates her own arts management business. Despite many demands upon her time, a robust meditation practice and voluntarism, (especially the environment, community based arts and cultural development, animal rescue, and elder care), remain an integral component of her lifestyle.

As well as maintaining her painting practice, Diana currently advises, manages and markets the practice of her life partner, Joseph Naytowhow, a gifted Plains/Woodland nêhiyaw/Cree interdisciplinary artist, speaker, and emerging elder from Treaty Six, Sturgeon Lake First Nation/Saskatoon. Diana honours the land, its first peoples, and her traditional indigenous and Buddhist teachings by way of immersive conversations with guests at her B & B, *Sky Story Bed and Breakfast* www.skystory.ca She currently 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, SaskPower, and the Village of Val Marie. Visit her at www.dianachabros.com