

Biography of Monika Dery, ASA



Monika was born in Germany and came to Canada as a child and grew up in Hinton, Alberta. Her art has progressed through many classes, much travel and a desire to do things differently. Lately, pure encaustic (wax) techniques and mixed media on polystyrene have come to the forefront.

Monika's art story began in earnest 11 years ago when she re-entered the arts scene after a 25 year hiatus. Her art involvement has given her an excellent multi-faceted background. Batik on rice paper has been her passion and this technique allows her to constantly present unique work. She teaches occasional Batik on Paper workshops as well as senior and children's workshops. Her latest passion involves fused glass; artwork and jewelry.

Dery has been involved with fine arts as past president of the Alberta Community Art Clubs Association, past president and current Hinton Art Club Publicity and Secretary, past Secretary Town of Hinton Arts Council, and co-ordinator of the Mountain Top Gallery in Hinton. She served on the Alberta Society of Artists board for 2 years. For many years she wrote a column on Travel, Arts and Culture and hosted a weekly cable television program. She also wrote a weekly column, newsletter and forum for BellaOnline.com in the US. In Hinton, she was voted Arts and Culture Volunteer of the Year, and most recently was awarded the Juror's Choice and Master's Award for the Northern Alberta regional competition of ACACA.

Monika's work sells in various galleries in Alberta: Hinton, Jasper, Edmonton, Calgary, and on many cyber galleries. Her paintings can be found in private and corporate collections around the globe.



Monika is currently in group exhibitions in Alberta and BC (Group: Centre d'Arts Visuels – Edmonton. Solo: GPRCollege and Coalspur – Hinton, Terracana Resort – Valemount, BC) and exhibits with "Wimmin in Wax" throughout the province (The University of Alberta encaustic show was very successful!) Monika's newest passion (after extensive professional classes in AZ) has resulted in ongoing gallery representation at the Art Gallery of St. Albert, CAVA in Edmonton and various locations in West Central Alberta. She was named featured Jewellery Artist at the French Gallery (Edmonton) exhibition which will continue into fall of 2013.

She is constantly involved in exhibitions across Canada and the United States, with group shows over the last several years in Toronto, New York City, Las Vegas, Chicago. Monika's studio in Phoenix, AZ is active during the winter months.

Check Monika's current and past work on her website at www.onceinabluemoon.ca, Facebook and Pinterest, or google.com for many links for other sites where a variety of her artwork can be seen.