

# BARBARA URSEL

## BIOGRAPHY

Barbara is an award-winning Canadian artist, living in Ottawa ON. She's an active member of the Federation of Canadian artists and her paintings are held in individual and corporate collections in Canada and internationally.

Barbara paints the light, and the shadows it casts, in everyday scenes to show the wonders she sees there. She invites viewers to enter into her canvases and muse about the people and places they see or, even better, let her paintings reconnect them with their own experiences.

Barbara paints in acrylics and alternates layers of opaque and transparent paint to build up values and complex colours on the canvas. She repeats this process dozens of times in a single painting to capture glowing light and intriguing shadows.

### Collections:

Public, corporate and individual collections in Canada and internationally. Public collections include the City of Ottawa Art Collection and the Baldwin Collection of Canadiana of the Toronto Public Library. Corporate collections include: La Maison Simons; Engel & Völkers Ottawa Central; and Proveras Commercial Realty Inc. \_

### Selected Awards and Recognition:

- 2023: Accessioned into the City of Ottawa Art Collection.
- 2022: First Place Award Winner: Federation of Canadian Artists 365 Online Exhibition and Calendar Project
- 2022: Selected for 2023 Federation of Canadian Artists calendar
- 2022: Accessioned into the Baldwin Collection of Canadiana held by the Toronto Public Library at the Toronto Reference Library
- 2021: Selected for 2022 Federation of Canadian Artists calendar
- 2020: Award Winner: Federation of Canadian Artists 365 Online Exhibition and Calendar Project
- 2020: Selected for 2021 Federation of Canadian Artists calendar
- 2019: Admitted to active membership in the Federation of Canadian Artists
- 2019: Honourable Mention: Federation of Canadian Artists Annual International Mail-In Exhibition

### Selected Presentations:

- \_2022: "Our Town" at the opening reception for my solo exhibition at Koyman Galleries
- 2019: "Beneath the Surface ... The Making of my Acrylic Paintings", Presentation to the Kanata Art Club

Education:

The institutions where I have studied include:

- Ottawa School of Art
- St. Lawrence College School of the Arts
- Big Arts, Sanibel, Florida

The artists I have studied with include:

- Brian M. Atyeo, CSPWC, OSA
- Mike Svob, SFCA
- Andrea Warren, Golden Working Artist
- Mary H. Klunk
- Anne Barkley, SCA
- the late Morton Baslaw, CSPWC, OSA

Selected Professional Affiliations:

Active Member of the Federation of Canadian Artists

- Affiliate Member of the Federation of Canadian Artists Toronto Chapter
- Arts Network Ottawa

Selected Exhibitions:

Solo Exhibitions:

2022: Koyman Galleries, "Our Town" Exhibition

2018: Galerie Old Chelsea, "Market Life" (guest artist)

Group Exhibitions:

2023: Art From The Vault, TD Gallery Exhibition of selected works from the Canadian Documentary Art Collection at the Toronto Reference Library

2022: Art & Parcel 2022: holiday art show and sale of the Ottawa Art Gallery

2022: Koyman Galleries, Holiday Exhibition of Smalls

2022: Federation of Canadian Artists: 365 Online Exhibition and Calendar Project First Place Award Winner and selected for 2023 Federation calendar

2022: Federation of Canadian Artists: 2022 Online Federation Showcase

2021: Koyman Galleries, Holiday Exhibition of Smalls

2021: Federation of Canadian Artists: Chapter Challenge Exhibition

2021: Federation of Canadian Artists: Limitless Open International Online Exhibition

2021: Federation of Canadian Artists: 365 Online Exhibition and Calendar Project selected for 2022 Federation calendar

- 2020: Federation of Canadian Artists: Limitless Open International Online Exhibition
- 2020: Federation of Canadian Artists: 365 Online Exhibition and Calendar Project Award Winner and selected for 2021 Federation calendar
- 2020: Federation of Canadian Artists: 2020 Postcard Competition and Online Exhibition
- 2019: Koyman Galleries: Holiday Exhibition of Smalls
- 2019: Art & Parcel 2019: holiday art show and sale of the Ottawa Art Gallery
- 2019: Federation of Canadian Artists: Limitless Open International Online Exhibition
- 2019: Federation of Canadian Artists: Annual International Mail-In Exhibition, at the Federation Gallery on Granville Island, Vancouver, BC – Honourable Mention
- 2018: Art & Parcel 2018: holiday art show and sale of the Ottawa Art Gallery
- 2018: Wall Candy: Sweetly Affordable Art Exhibit at the Horticultural Building of Lansdowne Park
- 2018: Selections 2018: annual show of the Arts Network Ottawa at the Trinity Art Gallery, Shenkman Arts Centre, Ottawa
- 2018: Federation of Canadian Artists: Limitless Open International Online Exhibition
- 2017: Selections 2017: annual show of the AOE Arts Council at the Trinity Art Gallery, Shenkman Arts Centre, Ottawa
- 2017: Society of Canadian Artists: 2017 Open International Online Exhibition
- 2016: Art & Parcel 2016: holiday art show and sale of the Ottawa Art Gallery
- 2016: Open Studio, Ottawa
- 2015: Figureworks 2015 at Saint Brigid's Centre for the Arts, Ottawa
- 2015: Petit Bill's Bistro, Ottawa
- 2014: Open Studio, Ottawa