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## BRIGITTE NOWAK

## BIOGRAPHY

Brigitte Nowak lives in Toronto and spends summers on an island in Georgian Bay. Her paintings, in oils and in egg tempera, explore the nature of reality and illusion, the interface between the human and natural worlds and the line between observation and comment. Image-making, to understand and reveal the world, has always been part of her life.

Her work, included in private and corporate collections, has won awards in both Canada and the U.S., and has been chosen as the signature image for Toronto's Riverdale Art Walk, the Junction Arts Festival calendar, the Project CANOE charitable organization, and was selected "Top 10" at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. She has been featured in museum exhibitions, Arabella magazine, and is represented by several Ontario galleries.

Among recurring subjects in her paintings is that most Canadian of icons, the canoe. Brigitte bought her first canoe at age 16, and currently owns five, including one made by the Hurons in Quebec in the early 1950s.