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## GERDA MARSCHALL

## **BIOGRAPHY**

German born, Canadian artist, Gerda Marschall lives in Eastern Ontario on the Ottawa River surrounded by nature and the many gardens that she and her husband have created. With a Bachelor of Commerce degree from McGill University, Gerda was an accomplished businesswoman for over 30 years before she devoted herself fulltime to her true-life passion, painting.

Although primarily self taught, she attended many workshops at the Saidye Bronfman Centre for the Arts and was greatly influenced among others by Canadian artists Seymour Segal, Marilyn Rubenstein, Sophie Jodoin and the late Philip Iverson. Their emphasis on expression, colour, movement and inner nature set the groundwork for her later work.

Gung ho for colour, Gerda lives a life interrupted by exclamation marks! Her brushes are not afraid to push into depth or pull to exuberance. Using images of nature, the viewer is invited to take a journey through emotive memories and into joyful places; a creative process that provokes her brushes and pallet knives to layer, juxtapose, merge and dance accomplishes this journey

Today, Gerda Marschall's oil paintings can be found in many corporate, public and private collections in Canada, United States and Europe. Her work is displayed at Koyman Galleries in Ottawa, Ontario.