

WISHING A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS AND CONTINUED SUCCESS


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In January 2000, one year after losing their oldest son Tom to Acute Myloid Leukemia, John and his wife Annette travelled to the Holy Land, where both found peace and where John's desire to paint experienced a reawakening. His series of the Holy Land is an extensive pictorial travel journal of this journey.

After lengthy careers in footwear design and printing/graphics (silk screen), John is now retired and spends much of his free time travelling, being involved in his community and painting. The diversity of his artwork reflects a lifetime filled with rich experiences and a deep appreciation of the beauty that surrounds us.

Totems



Alert Bay Totems (Pastel)



Telling Wind (Oil)



Struggle for Life (Oil)



MacDonald River (oil and Acrylic)

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