

BRUCE WHALEY

At 6 years of age, I was already drawing the farm animals, trucks and tractors, from my rural environment of eastern Ontario.

In school I spent most of my class time daydreaming and doodling, paying little attention to the actual classes. It was this that led my parents to collaborate with one of my teachers, and between them they arranged to send me to a commercial art course.



My first love has always been drawing, where I find a particular satisfaction with faces, both human and animal. I try to capture the essence of the person or animal, and always strive for an accurate likeness. Most of my portraits are done with pencil, so that I can achieve the level of detail required.

I feel that drawing is also the most important aspect of a good painting. Accurate shapes in relative size and relation to one another, along with proper perspective, lays down the basis for better paintings, regardless of the style they are rendered in.

Primarily self-taught in oil and acrylic painting, I enjoy working in 4 mediums, pencil, watercolour, acrylic and oils.

My landscape paintings tend to be inspired by lighting, atmosphere and the natural beauty of the land. I create scenes from everyday sights and events, plus personal experiences and travels and paint them in my own realist style. I enjoy using loose brushwork with simplified detail, leaving something for an individual's imagination and allowing everyone to "see" the art in their own personal fashion.

Necessity forced me for many years to find employment for essentials, but I have continued to create as much as possible, always trying to do a little better with each new work. Retiring from the regular work force in 2015, I am now pursuing my life-long dream, of creating art. You can see some of my art at www.facebook.com/brucewhaleyartworks

You're Invited to Join Bruce at the Zyp Gallery

Friday Sept 14th from 7-9pm.

Featuring the work of local artist Bruce Whaley, the exhibit is entitled "Spirit of the Land". On display will be Bruce's amazing pencil portraits that pay homage to the character and strength of Indigenous people, diverse landscapes showcasing the beauty of Canada and period piece paintings, depicting life from yesteryear.

Bruce Whaley will be in attendance and would love to chat with you all. Tickets are \$25.00 per person with proceeds going to support Zyp Gallery. The Gallery is located at the Calmar Medical Centre, 2nd Floor, Block 39 Medical building 4715-50 avenue Calmar. (Appetizers and snacks provided by Versus Café are included.)

The new exhibit runs from
September 14th to November 18th.

