

# Beth Gaffney

Beth was born and raised in Saskatchewan. When she was young she lived in Aneroid in southwestern Saskatchewan until moving to Regina.

As a youngster Beth enjoyed drawing and working in pastels, mostly portraits.

After high school Beth attended the University of Regina where she attained her teaching certificate. A teaching career followed and her love of art continued.

Marriage and motherhood came along but art was still a big part of her life. With the encouragement of her husband she took some painting classes, little did he know where these classes would lead. After taking classes for years she began teaching watercolour painting in her home studio and the University of Regina Seniors Education Centre.

Over the years Beth worked hard at her art. Twenty-seven of her paintings depicting Western Canadian scenes were reproduced on limited edition collector plates which were distributed and very popular throughout North America.

The Government of Saskatchewan has used her art as gifts for visiting dignitaries, including Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, and the Duke and Duchess of York. The government also reproduced one of her pieces to be given as gifts to visiting representatives from across Canada. The City of Regina and Sask Power have reproduced her paintings to be used as Christmas cards. Her work has also been used on calendars.

Beth was on the board of Directors at the Gallery of Regina and was past President of both the Aurora Art Guild and Brushworks Art Guild. She has also won many awards over the years for her work.