Eleanor Lowden

About the Artist:

Eleanor began her art career while living in Toronto. She studied fine art at the University of Western Ontario, and continued her studies at the Ontario College of Art and then at the Alberta College of Art. For ten years she developed her career in Calgary under the name of Eleanor Lowden Pidgeon but has recently returned to her maiden name Eleanor Lowden, moved back to her hometown, and lives and works in midtown Toronto at her home studio. She has exhibited in group and solo shows in Calgary, Edmonton and Toronto. Her paintings have received numerous awards in many juried and non-juried shows.She continues to paint in both acrylic and watercolor and now brands herself as Eleanor Lowden. She has recently re-joined the executive of the Toronto Watercolor Society. Eleanor teaches painting workshops in both acrylic and watercolour at various venues. She has released an instructional DVD called "Courageous Watercolor", available for purchase on her website and art supply stores.Throughout her career she has participated in various workshops and artist retreats to further her learning. Eleanor Lowden is fascinated by people. These figures provide Eleanor with an endless source of inspiration. Her work is impressionistic, vibrant and loose and captures both the extraordinary and the simple moments that make life beautiful.

Biography:

<u>ARTIST STATEMENT</u>

My paintings would herald the day, and honour those simple moments that we all take for granted; Walking the dog, shopping, eating, holding hands, talking on the phone, texting. I love to watch crowds of people traveling in different directions, each with their own story and body language, lost in their own thoughts, being in close proximity to people and never connecting. Or perhaps connecting, and that I find equally fascinating and inspiring. I paint with many layers of transparent acrylic, layering my colors so that they glow. I want the viewer to spend time contemplating both the painting process and the story that I am telling.