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Artist Statement:

My works depict the rural Canadian landscape as I see and feel it, full of colour, light, and positive energy. My inspiration comes from adventuring through rural Ontario, chasing the light. I prefer to paint fast and intuitively, working mainly with large scale canvases using my own reference photos. I also enjoy experimenting with smaller studies and painting en plein air. I gravitate to the golden hour, trees, paths, rolling fields, big skies, and water. My adventures help bring me into the present moment and fill me wonder, excitement, hope, joy, calm and beauty. Through the painting process I strive to bring these positive experiences to my viewers. Life can be full of challenges, but I believe in the power of positivity and the law of attraction. I love creating art that brings joy and hope to others.

My work is influenced by traditional techniques and artists. As a child I looked to Van Gogh and the Group of Seven for inspiration. My paintings start with an orange underpainting (imprimatura) to tone the canvas, then I sketch out the composition with a focus on light and dark values. I then add various layers of colour with an emphasis on light, depth, and texture. My paintings can be recognized through my bright colours, bold brushwork (which is impressionistic with hints of pointillism), and my emphasis on light and atmospheric perspective. My work reflects my personality; playful, soft & bold at times.

Biography:

Kerry Walford is a Canadian Landscape Painter living in Southern Ontario. She received a Bachelor of fine arts degree from York University in 2006 where she immersed herself in painting, drawing & historical techniques for 4 years. She went on to study Interior Design at Sheridan College, receiving a diploma in Interior Design in 2009, which enabled her to dabble in both fields for several years. Kerry has participated in several juried exhibitions including the One-of-a-Kind Show (Toronto), the Artist Project (Toronto), and various outdoor art shows. Her works are represented through Ontario Galleries including the Art Gallery of Burlington, the Art Gallery of Hamilton, Paula White Diamond Art Gallery (Waterloo), and Wildwood Art Gallery & Studio (Cayuga). Her works are in private collections across Canada and the United States. She has been teaching adult & children's art lessons since 2014 and finds it extremely rewarding. Kerry became an Active Member in the Federation of Canadian Artists in 2020.

In 2015 Kerry and her hubby Adam moved to the small town of Cayuga, Ontario, where they fell in love with an 1840's-built farmhouse. After having her daughter Clementine in 2017, Kerry decided to pursue her dream of being a full-time artist and opening her own art gallery. The couple opened Wildwood Art Gallery & Studio in 2018. Today she enjoys a vibrant mix of roles including motherhood, Artist, Gallery Owner and Art Teacher. There is never a dull moment, but she feels truly fulfilled and grateful to be able to do what she loves and share her passion with others.