

Artist of the month for March - Karen Fox



Artist of the Month is Karen Fox, who is a relatively newcomer to Ocean Shores. Karen is a very talented oil painter.

Karen started painting in 1997 when she took a "plein air" landscape class from the Art Students League of Denver. In 2000, Karen moved from Colorado to Vashon Island, Washington, and in 2021 to Ocean Shores, Washington.

Karen states, "I chose oils as my medium because I love the way they smell and their buttery softness; I like the way it feels when I spread paint on a canvas and I enjoy the feeling of that stretched canvas as it first gives to the pressure of my hand and then gently springs back as I pull my hand away."



"I'm very moody when I paint," said Karen, "and each painting reflects that mood. For instance, some of my paintings have prominent swirls in their backgrounds—similar to those found in Van Gogh's paintings—and it's my mood that determines whether or not they'll appear. And it's my mood that determines what I'll paint. I'm someone who needs change from painting to painting, so I'll paint trees one day, water the

next, and then perhaps an animal."