



ARTIST STATEMENT & BIO

Robin Maxon is a graphic designer by trade and an artist at heart. She practiced to become an artist for as long as she can remember and family fostered her interest in art at a very young age keeping her well supplied with crayons, markers and paint. Bedroom and basement walls were among her earliest “canvases”. Initially studying art at Central Michigan University, she received her Commercial Art & Design degree in 1981 from Ivy Tech. She worked as an art director for an ad agency, then as a newspaper staff artist before starting her own graphic design business in 1987.

The joy of watercolor took center stage after meeting Joseph Fettigus and Terry Armstrong at the Krasl Art Fair several years ago. She has taken many workshops from these very talented artists, and she has now participated in the Krasl Art Fair herself for the last 4 years. She has been teaching watercolor workshops around the area and especially at the Box Factory for the last 3 years.

Robin paints a broad spectrum of subjects. With her camera always handy, she attempts to capture the play of light and the nuances of color in something common, natural, or unexpected. She enjoys the process of creating a composition, sometimes using several images for one painting. Her painting style has an illustrative component with more emphasis on realism, although she will sometimes incorporate abstract elements to keep it fun and loose. Ultimately, she hopes the viewer will share her appreciation for the beauty of these simple moments.

Robin and her husband Rick have lived in southwest Michigan for 41 years and have 3 sons: Tyler, Evan and Dan. Each is pursuing their own interests in the arts, including music, fine art and theatre.





RESUME'

FEATURED SHOWS:

Kalamazoo Nature Center, Kalamazoo, MI, February, 2019
Buchanan Art Center, Buchanan, MI, February, 2018
Greenville Community Center, Greenville, MI, May, 2016

“Kindred” Family Show, Nov. - Jan., 2015/16, Box Factory for the Arts, St. Joseph, MI. Featuring works of two of my sons (collage and mix media) and my watercolors

Inn at Harbor Shores, Benton Harbor, MI, September, 2014
Sarett Nature Center, Benton Harbor, MI, 2013
Love Creek Nature Center, Berrien Springs, MI, 2013

JURIED GROUP SHOWS:

- KIA Art Festival, June, 2016, 2017
- Krasl Art Fair, July, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
- Crooked Tree Art Fair, Traverse City, 2018
- Leeper Park Art Fair, June, 2017
- Chesterton Art Fair, August, 2017, Chesterton, IN
- South Haven Center for the Arts, Fall, 2016
- Fallasburg Fall Festival for the Arts, Lowell, MI, August, 2016
- MAAC Show, 2009 - 2017, Box Factory for the Arts St. Joseph, MI
- Bay Harbor 17th Annual Bay Harbor Fine Art & Craft Festival, July, 2016, Petosky, MI
- GVA Artists 51st Annual Reeds Lake Art Festival, June, 2016, Grand Rapids, MI
- Carnegie Center for the Arts, February, 2012, 2014 Three Rivers, MI
- Wellfield Botanic Gardens, “Taste of the Gardens” event, Elkhart, IN, August, 2014
- Elkhart Art Walk, Elkhart, IN, March, 2014
- Midwest Museum of American Art Regional Show, Elkhart, IN, Oct. 2013
- 2013 Dogwood Fine Arts Festival, Dowagiac, MI
- 2013 KIA (Kalamazoo Institute of Arts) - West Michigan Area Show
- Krasl Artisan Market, 2012

PUBLIC ART EXHIBIT:

2018, City of St. Joseph Public Art Project, Magical Kingdom Theme
Box Factory for the Arts, Member Show, 2012-2017
Krasl Member Show, 2010-2017, St. Joseph, MI
2011, City of St. Joseph Public Art Project, Farm Theme
2008, City of St. Joseph Public Art Project, Carousel Horse

AWARDS:

Honorable Mention - Watercolor Division, MAAC Show, 2013
First Place Award - Watercolor Division, MAAC Show, 2012
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First Place Award - Watercolor Division, MAAC Show, 2011

CURRENT GALLERIES:

- Chartreuse Art Gallery, St. Joseph, MI
- Box Factory, St. Joseph, MI
- Mr. Miller's Art Emporium, South Haven, MI

MEMBER OF:

Berrien Artist Guild, St. Joseph, Michigan
Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph, Michigan

ART STUDIES:

- Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
- Montcalm Community College, Sidney, Michigan
- Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph, MI
- Workshops: Terry Armstrong, Warsaw, IN, 2009-18
- Workshop: Laurie Goldstein-Warren, West Virginia, 2013
- Workshop: Tom Lynch, St. Joseph, MI, 2011
- Workshops: Joseph Fettingus, St. Joseph, MI, 1992, 2010, 2013

EMPLOYMENT:

Self-Employed Graphic Designer, Maxon Graphix, LLC, 1987-present

Herald-Palladium Newspaper, Staff Artist, 1984-1987

Perry Ballard Advertising, Art Director, 1981-1984

