

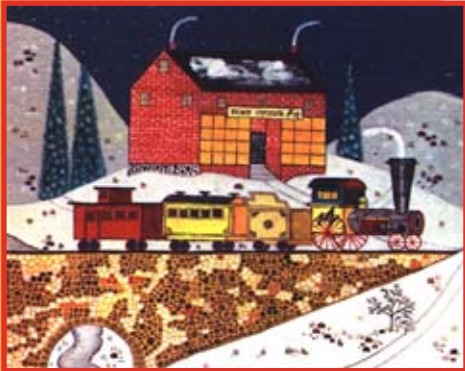


Holiday Collection

CHRISTMAS -THEMED PAINTINGS
(EXCLUDES NEIGHBORHOOD AND SANTA/SNOWMAN GOLF ARTWORK)

Peace on Earth (Christmas Creche)~ 12.1977

This early painting was created as a very special holiday gift for the my parents in 1977. Christmas was always a huge celebration at the our home, especially the Christian aspect of it. My parents raised our family of six children as Roman Catholics, and were very involved with pageants and the church liturgy, so this scene was a particularly welcome and touching gift.



Puffing by the Post Office ~ 12.1977

This was an imaginary holiday train scene, another very early painting that I dreamed up. I painted this colorful artwork inspired by my youngest brother who was still a youngster at the time. This whimsical snowy scene was a favorite piece to have displayed during the winter months, but especially at Christmastime.

Tartan Taffeta ~ 10.1998

I have always loved the holidays. For me, the season started with Halloween and ended on the Feast of the Three Kings on January 6th. Every week brought something new to enjoy - and of course Christmas and New Year's culminated with wonderful times celebrated with family and friends. I grew up on the South Hill in Spokane which was populated with beautiful vintage homes. I spent hours in rooms with carved moldings, ornate fireplaces, intricate wall coverings and antique furniture and these memories inspired the background in this painting. I'm pictured wearing my traditional tartan plaid red and black velvet dress - now nearly threadbare after so many years. My cat at the time K.C. was beside me as I'm enjoying a "toes up," anticipating celebrating the new year with my sister, Marilee, brother Bill and niece Kelly who are arriving with bottles of Christmas cheer.



Turkey with All the Trimmings ~ 12.1977

For as long as I can remember, Christmastime was special. Over the past 40+ years, I've created special paintings for my annual greeting cards. One family saved dozens of these little festive offerings and decorated their tree with them one year. In 1977, I painted a collection of holiday-themed works for my parents, brothers and sisters. "Turkey with All the Trimmings" is one of these, picturing all eight of us Simpsons resting after a long day of opening gifts. Next on the agenda was my father's mouth-watering turkey dinner with all the trimmings - his specialty!



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