



## Artist Biography:

Patti was a medical laboratory technologist by profession. The job required accuracy, precision and a focus that could be both intense and stressful. Her life outside of the hospital required an escape into a completely different environment. Patti's love of the outdoors was evident in her chosen pursuits. She could be found hiking, kayaking, beach combing or just enjoying a leisurely walk through the forest.

Her love is mainly expressed in art quilts Patti Dance considers herself to be a contemporary art quilter. She was introduced to quilting by a friend who thought that foundation piecing would appeal to her perfectionist nature. After a more traditional beginning, she soon realized that her personal style could be better expressed with art quilt projects as opposed to the more traditional and functional bed quilt. Patti also likes to do batik and hand dyes which she incorporates into many of her designs. Throw in some beads, and that pretty much sums up her style. A willingness to experiment is a great asset!

Patti has had pieces accepted into the Canadian Quilter's Association (CQA) National Juried Shows since 2012. In 2016 she was recognized with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the Critters Art Quilt category. In 2012, she was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place in the "Originally Interpreted Traditional Wall Quilt" category. In 2017 she was awarded first place in the Modern Quilting category.

In both 2015 and 2016, Patti has had art quilts juried into the Sidney Fine Arts Show on Vancouver Island.

Patti has had an art quilt, Lone Wolf, selected to be a part of a travelling exhibit titled "O Canada" which went to quilt shows in Cincinnati, Long Beach, and Houston. She had a second quilt accepted into Houston in 2022. She has had two solo shows. The first in 2007 at the Rollin Art Centre in Port Alberni, B.C., and the second solo show in 2017 at The Old School House Gallery and Arts Centre in Qualicum Beach, B.C.