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School of Visual Concepts | Seattle WA

1993 Illustration

American Academy of Art | Chicago IL

1990 Fine Art | Illustration

Art Institute of Chicago | Chicago IL

1988 Fine art | Print making

Western Illinois University | Macomb IL

1985 Liberal arts

JAMcGill Fine Art Studio | January 2015 - present

- oil painting
- illustration
- design
- communication direction
- social media content
- project management

Dillon Works | March 2012 - December 2014

- illustration
- design
- architectural renderings
- copy writing
- print management
- project management

Bunnies By The Bay | 2005 - 2012

- illustration
- design
- embroidery design
- print pattern design
- packaging
- print management

Maverick Design | 1998 - 2005

- art direction
- design
- illustration
- photo direction
- copy writing
- print management

Bode Design | 1997 - 1998

- design
- illustration
- print management

GBA Design | 1998 - 1996

- design
- illustration
- photo direction
- print management

Enesco | 1991 - 1993

- design
- illustration
- package design
- photo direction
- print management

Arts Alive! | La Conner WA

2018 Skagit Artists

Gallery 510 | Decatur IL

2018 October National 2018

NW ARTBEAT Studio Tour

2018 Skagit Artists

The Front Gallery | Mount Vernon WA

2018 First Saturday Art Walk

Scott Milo Gallery | Anacortes WA

2018 Little Gems Show

2017 Little Gems Show

American Art Company | Tacoma WA

2017 Valleys & Vineyards

Maryhill Museum | Goldendale WA

2017 Plein Air Painters Invitational & Exhibit

Art Muse Contest | USA

2018 February Art Merit Award

Projekt Bayern | Leavenworth WA

2016 Oktoberfest Art Competition Winner

Methow Arts Alliance | Twisp WA

2016 Discover Twisp | Art Competition Winner

Wilmer Shields Rich Awards for Excellence in Communications | USA

1998 Gold Award | Report to the Community, Generation to Generation

1998 Silver Award | Annual Report to the Community

International Festival of Events Association | USA

1998 Pinnacle Gold Award | Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Poster

Union League Civic & Arts Foundation | Chicago IL

1989 Scholarship of Fine Art

Artistic Grant | Western Illinois University

1985 Tuition Scholarship

2018 Organizations

Skagit Artists

Methow Arts Alliance

Plein Air Painters of Washington

Oil Painters of America

American Women Artists

ARTIST STATEMENT



I am drawn to beauty, composition, light and color. My focus as an artist is to capture the world around me through painting and storytelling.

I scout locations, sketch, take pictures and plan for success. I often meditate on what I call “the next”, which is visualization of desired results before painting. The complex interplay of elements: warm, cool, texture, smoothness, edge and shape are all employed to help tell a story. The success of my painting is defined by an intersection of how closely elements, subject matter and my vision align.

I am the first artist to paint a series of Skagit County, titled *Skagit Gems*. Skagit County has limitless subject matter with only a brief lifetime to record a small chapter. My artistic purpose is to capture a story of beauty and culture of our time.

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Jennifer Ann McGill | b. 1967 Pasadena, CA

The surname McGill is Gaelic for “Son of the Stranger”. Sounds a bit mysterious, yes? And, a strange but true story. Ironically, Jennifer is a daughter of a father she never knew. During her senior year of high school she learned her biological father was a professional artist, which was pretty mind blowing at the time. This revelation sparked Jennifer’s pursuit as a professional artist.

Jennifer received an art grant from Western Illinois University, and began college at seventeen. She focused exclusively on art at The Art Institute of Chicago & The American Academy of Art, studying watercolor with the late Irving Shapiro, graduating with honors from the Academy in 1990. During her final year, Jennifer received the Union League Civic Arts & Foundation Scholarship for Fine Art.

In 2016, Jennifer began an adventure to uncover her McGill history and paternal mystery. This mystery would take her from Los Angeles to Cleveland, and Chicago. Jennifer discovered she and her late father a shared interest of architecture, interior design, flora, fauna, color palettes, music and writing. Another serendipitous discovery, they both attended The Art Institute of Chicago 27 years apart.

Jennifer has received numerous prestigious art + design awards, and won a range of art competitions. Her work is worldwide with collectors, products and installations. Jennifer’s career includes working as a Designer and Illustrator for Enesco, Bunnies By The Bay, and Dillon Works!

Napa, Chicago, Seattle and the Skagit Valley – are places that have inspired her throughout her life and career thus far.

Jennifer lives in Mount Vernon, WA with her husband, two teenage sons and a dog named Pickle.