



TANYA AXIUK FINE ART

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Born in the Ukraine during the Second World War, Tanya (Kislenko) Axiuk fled with her family to Germany and later resided briefly in Belgium. Immigrated to Quebec in 1951 and settled in Lachine where she graduated from High School with distinction, obtaining top honours in Fine Arts in the Province of Quebec. Recognition in the Hallmark School Competition resulted in her work being chosen for the Cross Canada Tour of the Canadian Society of Education Through Art.

Studied design, drawing and sculpture at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts under the direction of Dr. Arthur Lismer for three years on scholarships. Summers were spent as supervisor of Arts and Crafts for the city of Cornwall, Ontario.

Following graduation from McDonald College of McGill University taught at Dorval Gardens School for several years.

Took life drawing classes at Saidye Bronfman Centre and attended Schneider School of Fine Arts in Ontario. Also attended workshops with many renowned artists in Canada and the United States. In 1987 Axiuk won first prize in "Le Grand Prix de la Peinture Canadienne" organized by the A.P.C.A.Q. Tanya has been the subject of a television documentary on her work for a program called "Community Calendar".

She is featured in art book publications by Louis Bruens and "Magazin'Art Biennial Guide to Canadian Artists in Galleries (1996-2012)". In 1992, the Ukrainian Canadian Centennial Commission of Quebec presented an oil painting by Tanya Axiuk entitled "Nature's Pleasures" to His Excellency the Right Honourable Ramon John Hnatyshyn, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada.

In addition, the Ukraine-Quebec Business Council presented her oil painting entitled "Floral Splendour" to His Excellency Levko Lukianenko, Ukraine's Ambassador-Designate to Canada. The painting hangs permanently at the Ukrainian Embassy in Ottawa.

As an active member of the Lakeshore Association of Artists and former member of the Arts Club of Montreal, Tanya has participated in many Montreal exhibitions including exhibitions in the Parliament building in Ottawa. Tanya has had very successful solo shows in Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa. Her paintings have been exhibited in galleries across Canada.

In 1995 Tanya opened her own successful commercial Gallery and Studio. In 2001 she sold her gallery in order to devote more time to painting and teaching. Having recently relocated to her new premises, Tanya now exclusively focuses on painting. Although her subjects are varied, she is known for her rich floral and still life oil paintings, landscapes and Ukrainian themes.

"I'm attracted to dramatic visual effects created by vibrant colours and the transition of light and shadows. I want the viewers to feel inspired by the beauty of the nature that I love to paint."

In 2006 Tanya was named "Artist Laureate" by the city of Dubno Literature and Arts Society of Ukraine. She received the Avenir Kolomiets Prize, awarded to an internationally renowned Ukrainian artist. Her paintings are found in corporate and private collections across Canada, United States and Europe.