

JULIE JOHNSTON



BIOGRAPHY

Julie Johnston is a BC artist working primarily in water-based oils on canvas. Julie has completed several degrees in Fine Arts, English Literature and Education at UBC. Along side her painting career, Julie has taught art in the Lower Mainland for over twenty-five years. Julie's artwork is currently inspired by British Columbia's West Coast, and in particular, the Arbutus Tree.

Julie's interest in land and waterscapes drew her to the art of Emily Carr, W.P. Weston and the Group of Seven. As well, boating along the BC coast introduced a fresh perspective and new access to various islands and sights. Julie has focused on a West Coast Arbutus Series for several years. Her paintings originate from photographs taken during sailing trips along BC's coastline. Julie composes her Arbutus Trees as framing devices beyond which is a movement-filled sky meeting a rolling ocean. Each painting is a portrait of a particular tree from the West Coast of British Columbia. She imagines the contorted branches as expressive human limbs, similar to Michelangelo's figures, basking in the beauty of the day or reaching and clinging for survival.

Julie Johnston is a member of the Federation of Canadian Artists and the North Vancouver Arts Council. Her work is in collections in the USA, Hong Kong and Canada and she has donated work to the VGH Collection and to several foundations for fundraising auctions. She has received awards through the Federation of Canadian Artists and the Semiahmoo Arts Society. Julie grew up in Richmond and is now living in South Surrey with her family.

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LIST OF PAINTINGS:

	Title:	Media:	Size:	Price:
1	Schooner Cove Sentry (#48)	Water mixable oil on canvas	60 X 36	\$3300
2	Jedediah Island Lookout (#49)	Water mixable oil on canvas	36 X 48	\$2700
3	Sechelt Beach Sanctuary (#7)	Water mixable oil on canvas	36 X 48	\$2700
4	Tug Boat Island Indigenes (#30)	Water mixable oil on canvas	40 X 30"	\$2000
5	Tug Boat Island Refuge (#29)	Water mixable oil on canvas	40 X 30"	\$2000
6	Jedediah Island Resistance (#54)	Water mixable oil on canvas	36 X 36"	\$2000
7	Decourcy Island Castaway (#38)	Water mixable oil on canvas	36 X 36"	\$2000
8	Sechelt Beach Jubilante (#1)	Water mixable oil on canvas	48 X 48"	\$3200
9	Tug Boat Island BDE (#39)	Water mixable oil on canvas	30 X 40"	\$2000
10	Jedediah Island BDE (#54)	Water mixable oil on canvas	30 X 40"	\$2000
11	Salish Sea Flood (#50)	Water mixable oil on canvas	48 X 60"	\$4300
12	Tug Boat Island Voyeur (#21)	Water mixable oil on canvas	36 X 24"	\$1500
13	Lighthouse Park Plein Air Arbutus (#18)	Water mixable oil on canvas	24 X 36"	\$1500