

Carol Cooper – Artist Biography

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Carol was born during the era of the first colour TV in a tiny Canadian (Quebec) village, and is of French / Scottish heritage. In her early teens, her family (younger sister and parents) moved to the big Metropolis of Toronto where Carol was shockingly immersed into a very multi-cultural neighbourhood. The Art Galleries on Yorkville Avenue, St. Lawrence Market and Honest Ed's, sub-consciously served as her artistic classroom, stimulating all of her senses for future recall. Pencil sketching fulfilled her creative urges during her younger years.

Carol's interest in photography flourished in the mid 70's. She bought her first camera and joined the South Peel Camera Club in Port Credit, Ontario (now called the Mississauga Camera Club) and attended both Sheridan & Humber College night courses attaining credits towards a Photographic Arts Diploma.

Her artistic classroom broadened, as she took to the high seas in the late 80's, cruising & visiting ports of call in the Caribbean, South, Central & North America, up to and including Alaskan waters, as a ships officer. Being a curious creature by nature, this segment in Carol's life filled many photo albums with memorable visuals.

Carol discovered digital tools in 2001, and as a self-taught artist, she continues on a daily basis to hone her technical skills that in turn assist her in visualizing her never ending stream of inspirations. She digitally creates, what she calls: "**Paintographs**" – (painted photographs) and also incorporates many facets of mathematical art (Fractals) & abstract elements into her final artwork. Carol is not afraid of bold colour, and is known to use it with wild abandon at times.

Since 2003 she has been actively participating in local, regional, national and international exhibitions and enjoys meeting & exchanging ideas with fellow artists. Her most recent art can be viewed on her website gallery, and weekly highlights can be found on her blog.

Carol presently lives in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada (on the shores of beautiful Lake Superior) with her daughter, and looks forward to the long winter hibernations, when she is most productive, artistically.

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