

July 2024 featured artist

Janna Kumi

After 25 tumultuous years working in the resource industry in British Columbia, I had a major stroke. No one fully recovers from that experience, but I will be forever grateful that I did recover sufficiently to complete my working life, retire with a Certificate in fine arts from *Emily Carr University* and a BFA from the *University of British Columbia* in 2015.

Since then, my art practice has evolved into a unique body of work comprised of mostly colour pencil drawings and mixed media work centred upon the tree – more specifically – tree bark.

I attained my AFCA with the *Federation of Canadian Artists*, have been active with the *North Shore Artists Guild*, and am represented with the *Cityscape Art Rental Program* and the *Catching Stars Gallery*.

With the help of two *Canada Council* grants, I have images of tree bark from most of British Columbia, which form the basic resource for my work, added to whenever a tree catches my eye. More than enough to continue exploring BC's trees' shapes, colours and patterns for hopefully a long time!

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