Christine Harrison Painting
Artist Profile

Christine is a divinely passionate artist. Her work is inspired largely by the natural beauty of the Mornington Peninsula. Much of her body of work focuses on its local beaches, which she paints with vivid accuracy. Christine has also ventured into the outback on an extended safari with her husband and three children to return with a series of paintings from Uluru and the Olgas to The Bungle Bungles and beyond. Christine has a deep calling to express herself creatively and hopes her work inspires others. Her paintings often cover more than one canvas. She finds this approach is often necessary when attempting to convey the vast expanse of the Australian landscape.

Christine was born in Melbourne and her love of nature and drawing her natural surroundings started early. In fact, from the time she could pick up a pencil she was sketching and drawing. Her artistic passion was lovingly nurtured through childhood. Later in life, she gravitated toward
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graphic design. Christine received her degree in Graphic Design at Chisholm Institute of Technology, Caulfield. Since that time she has worked in various realms. She entered the world of advertising as a studio artist. She explored the technical side of drawing in graphic design studios. She also created illustrations for children’s books working for several publishing companies. Christine returned to study in 2007 to acquire her Diploma of Primary Education at Monash, Peninsula. After three years as a casual relief teacher, she now teaches at Flinders Christian Community College.

Christine lives in Mount Eliza on the Mornington Peninsula. She works from her lounge room where she enjoys the quiet and natural light. Christine paints primarily in oil, but has also painted extensively in watercolour and pen and ink. The sea features heavily in her artwork. It appeals to her because, as she says, “I see the ocean drawing us like a magnet. I love that it is a place of power, but also a place of calmness and peace and open skies that reflect the creative genius of a loving God. It’s a place for reconnecting with Him, with our family and with our friends.” Christine also paints landscapes, florals, animals and various other aspects of life that catch her eye.

Christine began exhibiting in 1999 and her work has featured in numerous local exhibitions around the Peninsula including the Red Hill Art Shows, Mount Eliza North Primary School Art Show, Derinya Primary School Art Show and Frankston High School Art Show. Her work showed extensively at Gallery One, Mornington and Aspects Gallery, Blairgowerie.