

# Linda McSweeney

I was born in Amsterdam, Holland as Linda Marckelbach and immigrated to the United States when I was three years old. My uncle on my mother's side is the Dutch portrait artist and painter, William Halewijn, whose many commissions include Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands. I started out pursuing a career as an Opera singer but that is another story, although I still enjoy performing and practicing classical music and opera. As with music, I studied art at several colleges and the University of Texas even though I don't hold an art degree.

While raising a family, I studied art and painting technique. Artists that inspire me and whose work I look to most for guidance are Monet, Morisot, Van Gogh, Renoir, Rembrandt, Vermeer, Delacroix, Munnings, GF Morris, Sorolla, Agasse, Gericault, Remington, and O'Keefe. I also love Picasso and Pollock.

I have a background in all mediums including acrylics, watercolors, oils, mixed media, and all drawing mediums.

Before I discovered eBay, I worked as a muralist both commercial and private, did commission portraits, and worked in interior design as a color consultant. I also spent several years as a professional creating and selling faux finishes and uniquely painted furniture.



Friesian in the storm



Siamese Cat 2009

My art of course, is a passion, and I love to paint.

Especially horses. They have been a lifelong fascination for me. I grew up with horses and observe them every day. Horses have given me some of my most memorable moments, and in painting, to bring a horse to life with an earthy palette of colors, seems to come naturally to me.

I also enjoy painting landscapes, people, other animals, and abstracts.

- Time is the only thing that there is never enough of.
- It takes time to create a good painting.
- I'm constantly learning about color and color relationships.
- Experimenting with the free brushstrokes of alla prima, or wet on wet color application has been a great learning technique in oil painting.

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