

KEN VAN REES

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Biography

Birth Date: April 5, 1958, Guelph, Ontario

EDUCATION:

B.Sc. Forestry. (Hons), Lakehead University, 1981

M.Sc. Forest Soils, University of Florida, 1984

Ph.D. Forest Soils, University of Florida, 1989

Professor Forest Soils, Department of Soil Science, University of Saskatchewan

Self taught as a painter

CARFAC SK Member since 2016

WORKSHOPS ATTENDED:

Portraits with Carol Wylie, Saskatoon, January-March, 2020

Abstracting the Landscape Workshop with Susan Woolgar, Saskatoon, March 1-3, 2019

Portraits with Carol Wylie, Saskatoon, January-March, 2019

Landscape Masterclass with Doug Swinton, Saskatoon September 28-30, 2018

How to write gallery proposals, Monique Martin, Saskatoon, March 2017

Painting Best Practices Workshop by Natural Pigments, Beaufort, North Carolina April 19-21, 2016

In the Footsteps of the Masters with Jerry Markham at Bow and Moraine Lake and Lake O'Hara, July 2012

Painting the Emma Lake Landscape in Oils and Acrylics, Degen Lindner, Emma Lake Kenderdine Campus, July 2011

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Art for the Intimidated, Michelle Yuzdepski, Emma Lake Kenderdine Campus, July 2007

Painting the Emma Lake Landscape in Oils and Acrylics, Degen Lindner, Emma Lake Kenderdine Campus, July 2006

Painting the Emma Lake Landscape in Oils and Acrylics, Degen Lindner, Emma Lake Kenderdine Campus, July 2005

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN):

ARTS 898.3 Creating Paint from Soil: Applications and Observations in Boreal Ecosystems, Christopher Lake June 2014 Co-taught with Allyson Glenn and Symeon van Donkelaar

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Soil Science 898.3 Ecosystems and Art course, Emma Lake Kenderdine Campus June 2010; Co-taught with Tamara Rusnik and Monique Blom

Soil Science 898.3 Ecosystems and Art course, Emma Lake Kenderdine Campus May 2008 Co-taught with David Garneau, U of Regina

Soil Science 480.3 Soils and Boreal Landscapes, Emma Lake Kenderdine Campus, September 2004-2009, 2011-2016, 2018 – course integrating science and visual art of landscapes

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

Men Who Paint: 'Canadian Landscape' Kerrobet Courtroom Gallery November 1 – December 31, 2020

Men Who Paint: 'Boreal Landscapes', Black Spruce Gallery Waskesiu SK July 24-25, 2020

Men Who Paint: 'Painting the Canadian Landscape' Saskatoon Club, SK February 28-29, 2020

Ken Van Rees: 'Black Carbon' Strand Gallery, Oregon State University, Nov 5 – Dec 12, 2019

Men Who Paint: 'Edge of the World', Willows Golf & Country Club, Saskatoon, Oct 25-26, 2019

Men Who Paint: 'Ancient Pathways', Gordon Snelgrove Gallery, Saskatoon SK June 3-7, 2019

Men Who Paint '53.9° North' Regina April 13-14, 2019

Men Who Paint '53.9° North' Saskatoon October 26-27, 2018

4 Men Who Paint Kunstmuseum Schwaan Germany May-June 2018

Men Who Paint 'Call of the Wild' Willows Golf & Country Club, Saskatoon, Oct 27-28, 2017

Men Who Paint 'Call of the Wild' Wascana Country Club, Regina, April 8-9, 2017

Men Who Paint: 'Breaking Ground', Saskatoon, October 24-25, 2016

Men Who Paint: 'Breaking Ground' Wascana Country Club, Regina, April 9-10, 2016

Men Who Paint: 'Illuviation', Gordon Snelgrove Gallery, Saskatoon December 5-11, 2015

Men Who Paint: 'North by Northwest, Saskatoon, October 23-24, 2015

Ken Van Rees and Greg Hargarten, 'In the Footsteps of Tom' exhibition, The Gallery Francis Morrison Library, May 27- July 2, 2015.

Men Who Paint: 'Familiar Ground' Wascana Country Club, Regina, April 11-12, 2015

Ken Van Rees and Jay Noller, 'Soil Redefined' exhibition at the Soil Science Society America Meeting in Long Beach, CA, November 1-6, 2014.

Men Who Paint: 'Familiar Ground: A return to Kenderdine Campus', Saskatoon, October 24-25, 2014

Men Who Paint: 'Palettes and Places', Black Spruce Gallery, Prince Albert, August 16-30, 2014

Men Who Paint: 'Northern Landscapes' Station Arts Gallery, Rosthern, July 1-August 30, 2014

Men Who Paint: Northern Reflections Regina April 26-27, 2014

Men Who Paint: Northern Reflections La Ronge Feb 9, 2014

Men Who Paint 'Northern Landscapes' Show and Sale, Saskatoon, SK. Oct 25-26, 2013.

Men Who Paint 'Northern Landscapes' Black Spruce Gallery, Northside SK. August 16-30, 2013.

Men Who Paint 'Palettes and Places' Hague Gallery, Regina SK. April 13-14, 2013.

Men Who Paint 'Palettes and Places' Show and Sale, Saskatoon, SK. Oct 26-27, 2012.

Men Who Paint, 'Northern Exposures', Show and Sale, Saskatoon, SK. Oct 15-16, 2010.

Men Who Paint, The Frances Morrison Library Gallery, Saskatoon, SK. Decr 1-24, 2010.

Little Gems Show, Saskatoon, SK. November 26-28, 2010

Men Who Paint 'Under Painted Sky' Show and Sale, Saskatoon, SK. Oct 15-16, 2010.

Men Who Paint, Black Spruce Gallery, Christopher Lake, SK. July 23 – 25, 2010

'Landscapes' Men Who Paint Show and Sale, Saskatoon, SK. November 20-21, 2009.
'Landscapes' by Men Who Paint, Station Arts Centre, Rosthern, SK. August 5-29, 2010.
Men Who Paint Show, Amy's on Second, Prince Albert SK. June 1 – August 31, 2009
Curator: Doug Porcina
Men Who Paint Show, Land of the Loon Resort, Anglin Lake, SK. July 1 – Aug 31, 2009.

JURIED SELECTION PIECES:

'Warning Clouds Approaching' 24X30" Acrylic on canvas. Selected for the main gallery in the 2011 Winter Festival Juried Art Show at The Mann Gallery of Prince Albert. Juror: Sandra Fraser, Associate Curator, Mendel Art Gallery, Saskatoon, SK.

'Evening Rock' 11.5X15.25" Acrylic on paper. 2009 Winter Festival Juried Art Show at the Art Gallery of Prince Albert. Juror: Dean Bauche, Curator of the Allen Sapp Gallery, North Battleford, SK.

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Row Your Boat 'Schippern' 60 x 80 cm, acrylic on canvas. Kuunstmuseum Schwaan Germany

Burnt Forest Revival, Davin Lake; 10"x14", charcoal from burnt forest on watercolor paper. Prince Albert Mann Art Gallery

Firth Vantage from Engigstciak, Ivavik; 24"x36" Acrylic on canvas. Parks Canada

I have paintings in private collections in The Netherlands, Germany, Denmark, USA and Canada

BOOKS & BOOK CHAPTERS

Ken Van Rees and Symeon van Donkelaar. 2018. Lessons from Emma Lake: A metamorphosis of science and art in landscape. P 515-526 in A. Toland, J. Noller and G. Wessolek (eds) Field to Palette: Dialogues on Soil and Art in the Anthropocene. CRC Press Baton Raton.

C. Forrester, G. Hargarten, P. Trottier, R. Trottier, K. Van Rees. 2017. Men Who Paint: A decade in the works. Friesen Press, MB 120 pp ISBN 978-0-9813624-1-0

C. Forrester, G. Hargarten, P. Trottier, R. Trottier, K. Van Rees. 2012. Men Who Paint Halfway to Heaven. Works from Ivavik National Park. Friesen Press, MB 85 pp ISBN 978-0-9813624-1-0

'Under Painted Sky: Works by Men Who Paint'. 2010. 117 pp. ISBN 978-0-9813624-0-3

ARTICLES:

Article by Matt Olson for the Saskatoon Star Phoenix newspaper 'Men Who Paint' bring home German artwork for a Saskatoon show' October 25, 2018
<https://thestarphoenix.com/entertainment/local-arts/men-who-paint-bring-home-german-artwork-for-a-saskatoon-show>

Article by Lennart Stahlberg for the Bützower Zeitung newspaper 'Die Maler aus Saskatoon' May 18, 2018.

Article by Tonya Lambert on 'Men Who Paint' in Prairies North Summer 2017 issue

Article by Irene Seiberling 'Saskatchewan artist paint the landscape with the landscape in Breaking Ground art exhibition in Regina' Regina Leader Post, April 6, 2016

Tara Campbell, 'Trip of a lifetime for the Men Who Paint'. Saskatoon Express, October 24, 2011.

Marsha Day, 'Yukon great for Men Who Paint'. Saskatoon Star Phoenix Arts & Life, October 12, 2011.

'National Parks Arctic Splendour'. The Globe and Mail Travel Section, August 13, 2011

'Men to Paint North'. Saskatoon Star Phoenix, June 2, 2011

Darlene Polachic, 'The men who paint outdoors'. Sunday Sun, December 5, 2010, p 26

Tessa Holloway, 'Men Who Paint at speed of sun'. Prince Albert Herald, July 30, 2009

'Group of painters enjoys working outdoors' Saskatoon Star Phoenix August 2009

Radio

CBC Saskatchewan Weekend Show – interview with Greg Hargarten and Ken Van Rees on the Breaking Ground exhibition and painting plein air, April 9, 2016

GRANTS

Ken Van Rees, University of Saskatchewan Publication Fund \$2700 for book publication of 'A decade in the works: a 10 year retrospective'

Ken Van Rees, Proposal 'Ivvavik Landscapes: A Place to Give Birth' was successfully accepted by Parks Canada Art in the Park program for a 10 day stay (June 2011) in Ivvavik National park to paint. Award \$500.

Ken Van Rees, University of Saskatchewan Publication Fund \$2000 for publication of Halfway to Heaven book.

PRESENTATIONS:

Van Rees, K.C.J. 2019. Written Report or Visual Artwork: Application to a Soil Science Field Course. European Geophysical Union Annual Meeting, Vienna Austria April 2019

Van Rees, K.C.J. 2017. Evolution of a soil scientist into an artist: Impacts on my teaching and life. European Geophysical Union Annual Meeting, Vienna Austria April 2017

Van Rees, K.C.J. 2015. Innovation and Creativity: Practical Application in Soil Science Field Courses. Canadian Society of Soil Science Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec. July 2015.

Van Rees, K. 2014. Creativity and Innovation: an example with soil and art. Celebration of Teaching, Sept 12, 2014. University of Saskatchewan. (invited)

Van Rees, K.C.J. 2014. Art and Soil Science: Merging two different disciplines into a soil science field course. College of Education, University of Ankara. Turkey. March 28, 2014.

K.C.J. Van Rees. 2013. Creating paint from soil: Combining art and science in field courses. German Soil Science Society Meeting. Sept 7-12, 2013 Rostock Germany (invited)

K.C.J. Van Rees, A. Glenn and C. Van Donkelaar. 2013. Soils to Pigments: Merging of the Sciences and Arts in Soil Science. Soil Science Society America Annual Meeting, Tampa Florida Nov 3-6, 2013.

Van Rees, K.C.J. 2005. Incorporating Art and Science into a Soil Science Field Course. 69th Annual Meeting of the Soil Science Society of America "Mapping Our New Horizons", November 6-10, Salt Lake City, Utah

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

K. Van Rees and E. Brevik, Organizers, Symposium--the Beauty of Soils: The Nexus of Soil Science and the Arts. Soil Science Society of America Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN Nov 15-18, 2015.

K. Van Rees and S. van Donkelaar. Soil pigment workshop at McGill University, Montreal July 9, 2015.

K. Van Rees and A. Glenn. Create Your Own Paints Workshop in Prince Albert at Mann Art Gallery April 12, 2014.

Chair, Board of Directors, Emma Lake Kenderdine Campus, University of Saskatchewan, 2007-2014.

Organizer of Soils And Art session at the Soil Science Society of America International Annual Meeting, Tampa Florida Nov 3-6, 2013.