

Phyllis Dickie

*“Dad taught us the names of the trees by the bark and the leaves
as we walked in the coulees enjoying wild flowers and trees.”*

Phyllis Dickie, local Melfort artist, was born in southern Saskatchewan in the dry years and formed an interest in art and watercolor in her school years. She took local art classes from Mrs. D. N. Harold. She attended the International Peace Garden Art School under the direction of Walter J. Piehl (Art Director of Minot State College) and a University of Saskatchewan art class with Garry Berteig. In addition, she has attended many workshops and classes in Melfort and Texas. She is a member of the Tiger Lily Artist Group.

Her paintings depict a love of nature – “God’s Garden”. She is particularly fond of Saskatchewan scenery – the natural beauty of trees and flowers – and the historical images of old barns, elevators and churches. She found particular inspiration in the views along Melfort Creek by her farm home.

Phyllis works in all media, but started working in oil under the teaching of Mrs. Harold. Most recently she has enjoyed working in water color. *“It has a sort of freedom in its fluid movement of color, its misty quality and transparency. It best portrays the lively feeling of sun on the snow, leaves and flowers.”*

Her work has been on display throughout the North East (Melfort, Tisdale, Nipawin, Prince Albert and Saskatoon) as well as The Tip of Texas Art Exhibit in McAllen, Texas. Her paintings have won many prizes, particularly at the Melfort Agricultural Fair.

“Flowers are the passion of my life, in gardening and painting.”