

2019 Honourary Membership Recipient

Jean Burt



Jean Burt is an accomplished painter and potter who was an active member of the Osoyoos Painters Club since settling in Osoyoos in 1972. Initially, she was a painter but her curiosity about clay eventually took her to a pottery club in Oliver where she discovered the joys of hand-building.

Prior to coming to Osoyoos Jean was a member of the Penticton Art Club for many years where interaction with members enhanced the training she received from weekend workshops, summer school courses and trial and error.

Jean Burt, along with Thelma Alexander, Jan Keswick and Molly Plaskett, were some of the founding members of the Osoyoos & District Arts Council, formally known as the Arts Association, of which Jean was President in 1978.

Jean was motivated by shapes and relationships and says, "an idea or scene will haunt me until I am able to express the emotion involved. I will try pastel, watercolour, oil or clay until I capture feelings". She states further that artistic expression in any medium adds an extra dimension to her life.

Together Thelma Alexander and Jean Burt were at the nucleus of the Osoyoos Painters & Potters Club. Both were loyal and dedicated club members and mentors to all the members. Jean served many terms on the Osoyoos Painters & Potters executive and enthusiastically supported the club at every opportunity.

Jean taught new potters her skills and knowledge. She was always available to help the potters. If the potters had any questions about anything Jean was there to answer, the potters called Jean their "Mother potter". She was an inspiring mentor for all the potters.