

Portraits of the Vermont Landscape: Paintings by Norma Jean Rollet

The Brandon Artists Guild (the BAG) celebrates Vermont's colorful scenery with a new exhibit of paintings and pastels by Middlebury artist Norma Jean Rollet. The show, "Portraits of the Vermont Landscape" runs September 1 through October 31. Opening reception is Friday, September 8, 5-7pm at the BAG, 7 Center Street, Brandon.

Rollet, who attended the New England School of Art and Design in Boston, moved to Vermont in 1983, and became captivated by the diversity of the landscape. As she describes it, "From mountains to meadows to farm fields and woodlands, the characteristics of the Vermont landscape are no different than the individual features of its citizens. The beauty of the countryside forming its profile and features is the essence of what I hope to portray in my work."

Working in oils and pastels, Rollet paints in plain air when the weather allows. "The long winter months of Vermont drive me indoors," she concedes, "but on location color studies, notes and photographs allow me to complete pieces more comfortably in my studio."

The recipient of several awards for her work, Rollet is a member of the Vermont Pastel Society, Pastel Society of America, Degas Pastel Society, and International Association of Pastel Societies.

The BAG welcomes the public to the opening reception for Norma Jean Rollet's show, "Portraits of the Vermont Landscape" on Friday, September 8 from 5 to 7 pm. The gallery, at 7 Center Street in Brandon, is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10AM to 5PM, Sundays from 10AM to 4PM. Information: 802 247-4956. www.BrandonArtistsGuild.org.

The Brandon Artists Guild is a cooperative with approximately 50 artist-members. A 501(c)3 nonprofit cultural organization, the BAG supports the visual arts through exhibitions, lectures, demonstrations and educational programs, particularly in local schools and after-school programs.