

Bio - Jen Houlden

"Quilts to last a lifetime, art to treasure forever"

Jennifer Houlden is a textile artist by passion and was a nurse by profession, who lives with her husband and dog in beautiful Muskoka. Working in her cottage studio surrounded by the beautiful landscape of the Canadian Shield, Jennifer creates one-of-a-kind art quilts.

As a child growing up in Saskatchewan, Jennifer was into every craft she could put her hands onto. Her mother was a seamstress but never was she going to sew. I guess one should never say never as now she sews on a regular basis.

Jennifer's love of textiles, quilting, teaching and designing first manifested itself while living in the Arctic and further developed when living in the Australian Outback. Upon her return to Canada, Jennifer developed her own label, Quilts by Jen and began teaching, lecturing, designing and creating on a daily basis.

Her love of colour, texture and movement are elements that make her art come alive. The illusion of movement within her designs is what she strives to accomplish in each piece with a careful balance of lines, hue and value. This is achieved by using both traditional and non-traditional techniques as well as a variety of textiles, fibres and other embellishments.

Learning and practicing never ends, which means Jennifer, is on a continued quest for new ideas and techniques, always looking at how she can incorporate them into her work.

Jennifer's inspiration comes from the world around her through photographs, nature and her imagination. Her passion is to create art to enjoy and share with others.