

PAT SERVICE: PAINTING THIS PLACE, 3 DECADES

March 6 – April 17, 2014

COQUITLAM, BC (FEBRUARY 6, 2014) – The Art Gallery at Evergreen will examine thirty years of work (1981-2011) by Pat Service, a prolific Vancouver-based artist known for her striking landscape paintings, in a retrospective exhibition opening on **Thursday, March 6, 2014**. The exhibition looks at the progression of Service's work as it evolved from impressionist beginnings to abstracted forms and brightly coloured canvases. While her work over the years has been inspired by landscapes worldwide, Pat, who was born in Port Alberni and currently lives in Vancouver, now primarily finds inspiration for her artwork closer to home in the diverse natural beauty of British Columbia.

"I have a strong connection to this province ... With its familiarity it offers me the challenge to paint something original and unique. I seek a new way to see what I have seen before, with playfulness, reminders of memories, and expansive space. I attempt to create a painting that is engaging, touches on universal sentiment, and rewards further contemplation." - Pat Service, 2014



Pat Service, *Blue Garden*, 1992



Pat Service, *Mission View*, 2004



Pat Service, *Zinger*, 2007



Pat Service, *After Picasso*, 2007

Over the course of her career, [Pat Service](#) has been featured in many solo and group exhibitions. Her work is included in the collections of numerous corporations, museums and private collections in Canada, the United States, Britain, and Asia. Service studied at the University of British Columbia where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree. A major influence on her paintings resulted from attending the renowned Emma Lake Workshops in Northern Saskatchewan. Pat Service is represented by Newzones Gallery (Calgary), Scott Gallery (Edmonton), Michael Gibson Gallery (London, Ontario), Nikola Rukaj Gallery (Toronto), and by The Gallery/Art Placement (Saskatoon).

[Painting This Place, 3 Decades](#) will run in the Art Gallery at Evergreen from **March 6 – April 17, 2014**. The Opening Reception is on **Thursday, March 6, 2014 from 6-8pm**, and includes an artist talk with Pat Service. Regular gallery hours are Monday-Saturday, 12-5pm, with free gallery tours at 2pm every Saturday. Please visit www.evergreenculturalcentre.ca for more information.