

# Elisabeth Sykes

## ART in the Family

Elisabeth Sykes has been drawing and painting since she was a child. She wanted to pursue a career in the arts but became a Canadian art historian instead, which was just as impractical! She has curated a show for the Woodstock Art Gallery, "Betty McArthur" and Elisabeth wrote her M.A. thesis on the 19<sup>th</sup> century painter, Florence Carlyle, also of Woodstock. Later she worked on a dissertation on Bertram Brooker, a Canadian modern painter. Elisabeth taught art history, politics, and history at Mohawk College before becoming the Coordinator for the Career Pathways program, which is designed to meet the needs of neurodiverse students. Soon to be retired, she is looking forward to spending more time painting in acrylics, watercolours, pastels, photography and drawing in pen and ink.



"This series, by no means complete, shows how art has been a constant in my family. From a great aunt 5 times removed to a nine-year-old granddaughter, art has been present. Each piece indicates the relationship of the artist/photographer to me. I hope you enjoy this journey through time. "

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01  
Fredericka Von Brasigki  
untitled, 1829  
Aunt 5 generations back

04  
Joerg Leiss  
Clemetis, 1951  
Father

07  
Joerg Leiss  
Sunflowers, 1952  
Father

02  
Elizabeth Geiger  
untitled, 1911  
Grandmother

05  
Joerg Leiss  
Single Iris, 1951  
father

08  
Joerg Leiss  
Trees in the Mist, 1972  
Father

03  
Joerg Leiss  
Irises, 1951  
Father

06  
Alois Schiele  
Portrait of Lisa  
Grandfather

09  
Joerg Leiss  
Freesia, 1972  
Father

10  
Alois Schiele  
Neiderzissen n.d.  
Grandfather

13  
Elisabeth Sykes  
Portrait of my Grandmother  
1976

16  
Elisabeth Sykes  
Fordwich Fall, 2020

19  
Autumn McKellar  
Tiger, 2020  
Granddaughter

11  
Elisabeth Sykes  
Neiderzissen, 1975

14  
Elisabeth Sykes  
Fordwich in Winter, 2020

17  
Elisabeth Sykes  
Sunburst in Fordwich  
2020

20  
Autumn McKellar  
Tree Trunk, 2021  
Granddaughter

12  
Elisabeth Sykes  
Old Man, 1975

15  
Elisabeth Sykes  
Ponte Vecchio, 2020

18  
Autumn McKellar  
Portrait of a Woman  
2020  
Granddaughter