

## **Artists Profile – Therese Van Haaster**

My interest in art began in my teenage years, at which time I enjoyed drawing and sketching people and creating murals. I dabbled in painting, but did not begin to attend classes until well into adulthood.

While living in North East Victoria, I attended my first watercolour classes with internationally renowned artist Charles Sluga, who was a great influence in my formative painting years. It was here my love for watercolour began and I discovered the magic of mixing water and pigment on paper and the wonderful effects it could create.

Since moving to the Mornington Peninsula in 2009, I have attended watercolour classes and workshops by renowned artists Greg Allen, Glenn Hoyle, Robert Wade, Tammy Warner and Ev Hales. My main interest is in painting portraits, children, and beach and street scenes. I have exhibited and sold my works at the Peninsula Art Society Spring Art Show, Oakhill Gallery Mornington, Mornington Rotary Art Show and the Frankston Waterfront Exhibition.

In 2013 and 2014, I won 'Highly Commended' Awards for my paintings in the Peninsula Art Society Spring Art Show. I have completed numerous commissions of portraits and paintings and my love for watercolour continues.

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