



Eileen Matthews

NERRL Hand Painted Designs

Eileen is a native Newfoundlander who lives and paints in New Perlican on the beautiful Baccalieu Trail. Having grown up in historic Heart's Content, she was enamoured with the many Victorian houses, huge churches, wharves, stages, boats and harbour. She comes from fishing and boat building family whose ancestry goes back many generations in that industry. She was steeped in outport history and folklore growing up.

Upon retiring from banking, most of which was in St. John's, she and her husband William settled in New Perlican where she found the desire to paint anything folklore related. New Perlican has a sheltered harbour with 20 colorful stages (currently); Eileen began painting their likeness on slate. She now does varied and custom work on glass, slate, rock, wood & canvas.

Although mostly self-taught, Eileen is constantly taking classes with various Newfoundland artists and on-line. She is inspired by the colorful surroundings in the province; her canvases tend to be outport scenes. She sells at various stores on the Avalon, in Trinity and from her Facebook page – “NERRL Hand Painted Designs”.

Eileen is an active member of NLOWE, Legendary Coasts, Craft Council NL, Citizen of Craft, Board member Baccalieu Trail Heritage Corp.; Chairperson, Heritage New Perlican; Member of Mizzen Heritage Society, Heart's Content and various other volunteer activities in her area. In 2017, she received the Federal Government Award for “Making a Difference” from Honourable Judy Foote, the then Member of Parliament.