

WEICH, Kathleen Diane

Passed away peacefully on June 16, 2011 after a hard fought battle with cancer. She is survived and deeply mourned by her life partner Lee Searles, parents Louis and Sue Weich of Victoria, BC, siblings Brian (wife Lin), Corrine (husband Grant), and Ross (wife Ling) Susan (husband Dan), Jennifer (husband Hugh), and many nieces and nephews; her extended Searles family Ashleigh, Troy and Jordan, Catherine, Richard, Cindy and Montana. She will be lovingly remembered and missed by Lee, family, friends and her associates. She was 53 years old. Kate was born in Victoria, BC on September 29, 1957 and was considered a respected and highly accomplished visual artist. She studied Visual Arts at Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton for two years before moving to Toronto



in 1987; then continued her studies at York University, graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in 1990. She supported her developing career as a professional artist by working as a popular bartender for many years at the famed Montreal Bistro & Jazz Club in Toronto, until she launched a successful full-time career as a contemporary abstract painter. Her vibrant works are sold and still exhibited by leading galleries across Canada. Quoting Kate's passion in her own words, "I love colour and never tire of the drama it lends. The emotion attached to colour is a major part of my work. My aim is not to present a finalized view of a given subject; rather, I hope to offer a place where you can contemplate and bring your own visions."

Kate Weich Bursary

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Thank you again,
Sincerely,
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