

I am a lonely traveller in my craft among the stars, journeying to the farthest reaches of myriad galaxies and chronicling the nuances of curvature and plane, light and speed, refraction and shadow. Moving over the surface of a small, conceivably viable planet, I can see gentle water lapping at the edges of what appears to be ice flows and against, feasibly, what appears to be the semblance of land. Habitation, perhaps? I am intrigued; heartened that perhaps my voyage is at its end. Maybe here I will find my Shangri-La, what I have searched for my whole life. Suddenly, distilled on my camera lens as I approach a large bodied sphere, there are large droplets of water crystallizing in colors of aqua and mauve, butter and silver, precipitations enigmatically issuing forth from this globe of wonder and antiquity. My orbit! Could this possibly be the Tears of the Moon of legend! As I round into the . . .

--Pamela Desmet Franklin

Pamela has always been a student of art. As a child watching her mother paint in oils through her own exploration of different paint mediums – acrylic, watercolor and encaustic, she has come to enjoy the spontaneity and joy of line and color.

Her inspiration originates from several sources: from visiting museums and historical and archeological locations in Europe, traveling overland through the Middle East to India where she lived for a year to her tours of Sri Lanka, Mexico and Guatemala visiting shrines, temples and ancient sites. Traveling as well as teaching English in China over two occasions has expanded both her sensitivity and sensibility as an artist.

Through these journeys, photography has been one of Pamela's life passions. Painting, drawing, print-making and mixed media collages are more recent compliments in her repertoire. She has shown her work at the Fleet, Cre8ery, MAWA and Portage & District Art Centre Galleries as well as the Martha Street and Tapestry in Glass Studios.

A sample of Pamela's paintings and photographs are on display and for sale at the PDAC Gift Shop in Portage la Prairie and in alternative gallery spaces: El Spa and Gordie's Coffeehouse.