

HILDA OOMEN

ARTIST STATEMENT / BIO

Born and raised in Kingston, Ontario, Hilda Oomen has been painting for over 30 years. She received a BFA at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. After graduating she attended The Young Resident Artists Program, The Banff Centre, Alberta.

Hilda has been showing her work in public and commercial galleries since graduating and has received several grants from The Ontario Arts Council. Galerie St. Laurent + Hill represent her work in Calgary, Muse Gallery in Toronto and Wallace Galleries in Ottawa, ON Canada

"My work flows from the experience of gardening and is the main inspiration for my painting. For most of my life I have worked in flower gardens. There is a language of flowers that keeps me engaged. I'm attracted to them as a singular, central subject but also more broadly too. Flower gardens especially in older suburban settings have a mesmerizing effect on me. They have a nostalgic quality and I try to convey that sensibility in my work."