

## Grasslands Gallery Closes Permanently August 30



### The hills of home

I've lived here for five years. Val Marie, Saskatchewan, gateway to Grasslands National Park, one of Canada's most beautiful and remote regions. For most of that time I've operated Grasslands Gallery, with gorgeous and original art and craft by about 25 artists, inspired by the Grasslands experience. On Saturday this week, August 30, the gallery closes permanently. No one person can do everything and I've decided it's time for me to focus on my own painting. The decision wasn't arrived at lightly or quickly, but I know it's the right one to make. The time and energy that went to promoting and selling the art of others will go into creating and marketing my own.

It's been a wonderful five years. Thank you to all of you - the artists, the visitors, the residents of Val Marie.

And I'm not going anywhere, except to my own studio. If you'd like to follow me there, please head over to the new blog at [laureenmarchand.com](http://laureenmarchand.com). There I'll be exploring how to be an artist - the intention, the commitment, the action, the money. I'd love to have you join me.

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