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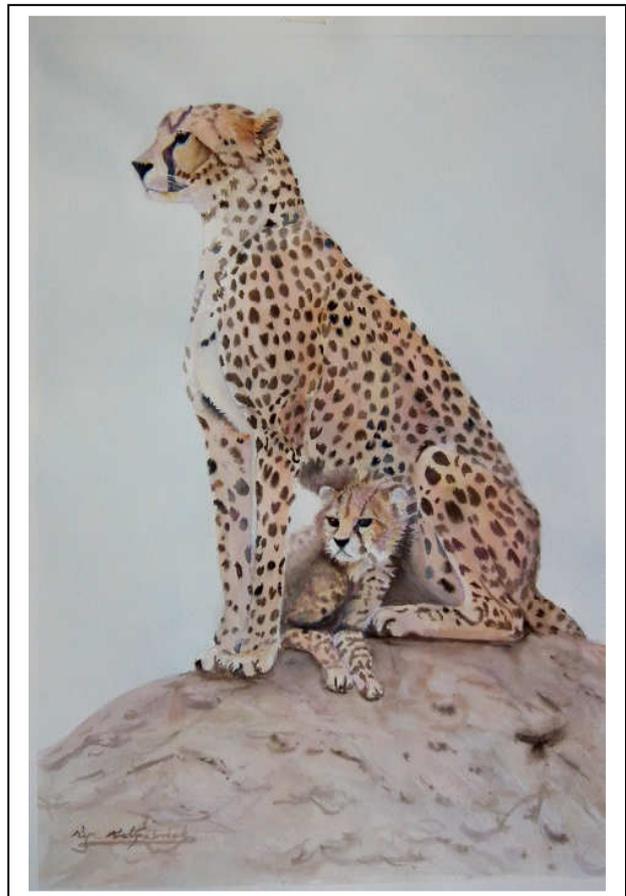
I have loved art and watercolour in particular, since I won a primary school book prize "The Kingfishers" by Czechoslovakian Karel Novy. Illustrated by the watercolour wildlife artist Mirko Hanak, this book continues to be a treasured source of inspiration today and still maintains a proud position on my art shelves.

Learning to paint became an ambition but the schools I attended did not have art classes and for several years my early adult life was busy with professional study, career development and motherhood. Consequently, it is only in the last few years that I have been able to begin to focus on putting my love of art and painting watercolours into practice.

My passion for wildlife and wild places is a core value that has been present all of my life. I am a committed environmentalist who wants to help ensure that there is room enough for all of us, that is, all of the many different life-forms that make up this wonderfully complex, inter-dependent, beautiful but fragile world. I hope I live these values every day.

I love the Australian bush and its wildlife, but Africa also holds a special place in my heart. Its wildlife remains a major source of inspiration. I have travelled there both as a tourist 'on safari' and as a volunteer working with the most highly endangered of Africa's wildlife - Black Rhino, Wild Dogs and Cheetahs. I believe that Africa's unique, incredibly diverse and complex eco-systems must be protected by all of us.

As an artist I most want to convey the individual personalities and emotions of the animals I paint. Each has a story, sometimes fortunate, often touching, ultimately tragic. I hope in some small way that I am able to portray this in my art.



Maylika and Cub, wclr



Too Early, hyena cubs wclr

GALLERY REPRESENTATION / REGULAR EXHIBITIONS

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The Yellow Shed 2 Hyde St., Bellingen, NSW 2425 Ph: 02 66551189
The Armidale Art Gallery upstairs, Beardy St Mall, Armidale, NSW 2350

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New England Art Society
World Wildlife Fund

