



Pamela Sanders

June 12, 1945 - December 23, 2019

Pam Sanders is a talented visual artist, print maker, silk painter, author and educator. She has a fascination with nature and other cultures, which has led her to travel throughout all of North America, Great Britain, Europe, and the Caribbean. Many images from her travels appear in her artwork and are influenced by her love of nature.

Her visual presentations stir the imagination and reflect the human family's search for tranquility through nature's own garden. Her use of dramatic lighting and hues presents the universal experiences of dignity, faith, truth, love and spirituality expressed through art. Her media combines light, shadows, textures and color to achieve multi level images depicting nature's constant change and transformation.

Pam's printmaking skills are grounded in the same traditions of the great print makers from the past 400 years. Her hand pulled prints are painstakingly precise and technically correct in a world that thinks everything is computer generated or mass-produced. Her original silk paintings are created to wear or be framed and to be enjoyed by all that appreciate the fine art of hand painted elegance.

As a master teacher Pam received the "Golden Apple Award" for teaching excellence. Teaching Art at the Middle School and High School level she was able to bring into the classroom her love of many different cultures and an Art expertise that is seldom found below the university level.

Pam has retired from teaching Art in public schools and now makes her living creating etchings, woodcuts, block prints, and silk paintings. Her artwork is sold in Galleries and retail outlets in Iowa, Minnesota, Texas, Wyoming, Montana, and New Hampshire. She also shares her talent by offering creative programs and workshops that she designs and implements.

Pam will be the first to tell budding young artists and all of us; that we can learn a lot by following our dreams, finding our creative sparks, setting goals, taking risks, being open to

all possibilities, and success will happen. “Keep creating, no matter what. If you are doing what you love, you will succeed. It may take some time and hard work along the way, but it will happen.”

Pam Sanders attended Northern Illinois University and received a master’s degree in studio art and printmaking. She also was the first woman accepted into the Ph.D. Art Education program at the University of Iowa. Ms. Sanders is Artist/Owner of Pam’s Prints and Silks and Adjuncts Art Faculty for Iowa Central Community College and Buena Vista University. She annually presents a solo show of “Magi Christmas Prints” and has won numerous awards and taught all grade levels including University and adult workshops.

Memorials may be left in Pam’s name to the Good Samaritan Fund at Friendship Haven and the Blanden Art Museum, Art and the Schools Fund.

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“ Pam was a consistent and dedicated Cubs fan that kept our Rotary club aware of the importance of loving a team. Thanks, Pam.

Mark Thompson - January 04, 2020 at 02:10 PM



“ Pam, always a wonderful teacher at the Blanden Art Museum too, after her retirement from Fort Dodge Schools. She taught many silk scarf painting classes while I was the educator there. Always helpful, encouraging, patient and knowledgeable. One of her beautiful Magi prints hangs on the wall of my dining room. She will be missed by so many!

Linda Flaherty - January 02, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ Our camping days were priceless. We prepared many camp meals (while downing black olives and wine!). Most memorable of all was all the laughter and fun we shared. You will be missed, but always cherished.

Jan - December 31, 2019 at 04:54 PM



“ I was so fortunate to teach across the hall from Pam at FDSH for many years. She was respected by her coworkers and students and a role model for so many. Pam always had a smile on her face and made teaching fun. She was so talented and eager to share her talents with those around her. We are thinking of Pam and her family and wishing you God's grace and peace.

Arne and Carol Ebner

Carol Ebner - December 29, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ “But the effect of her being on those around her was incalculably diffusive: for the growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been, is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs.”— George Eliot, Middlemarch

This quote, reminds me so much of Pam. Not that her life was hidden, but that she made such an important difference in the lives of those around her. I know that I am the better for having known her. Lisa Geelhood

Lisa Geelhood - December 29, 2019 at 10:47 AM



“ A beautiful soul who made this world better with her smile and creativity. We will cherish our memories.

Blake and Terri Parker

Terri Parker - December 29, 2019 at 08:25 AM



“ What a talented teacher and artist! Pam had a way of having high expectations for all of her students no matter their art level she made it enjoyable! We are sorry to hear of her passing. Thinking of her family. Dick and Carol Clark

Dick Clark - December 28, 2019 at 11:58 AM



“ I have so many memories of Pam. They always include that brilliant smile & unquenchable enthusiasm for life. A favorite memory is when weren't to the Twin Cities to scope out venues for AJ's groom's dinner & most importantly, taste the wines! We drove up in Pam's beloved Beemer, with the top down, of course! Many other good times with Doug & Merrell & I...a trip to New York City!...Kansas City...Shiraz-fest dinners...Dragonboat Festivals. I know immediately after dancing through the “pearly gates,” Pam embraced her mother, splashed a new palette across the heavens & did yoga with the angels. Her spirit is free & restored now. Love to Doug, AJ, Torri, Atticus, & Oliver. Anne & Merrell

Anne Russell - December 27, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“ So fortunate to have known this kind, talented soul...rest in peace, Pam....

Char Gustafson - December 27, 2019 at 01:41 PM



“ Nancy Willett lit a candle in memory of Pamela Sanders



Nancy Willett - December 27, 2019 at 11:09 AM



“ I knew Pam when I worked in hot lunch program at North Jr High. Such a wonderful lady.

joann Whittington - December 27, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ Fond memories of Mrs Sanders began when I was in Jr High Art Class. I recall her as a kind and pleasant teacher. One of those teachers you don't forget. To this day, 45 years later, I use a coffee mug I made in her class as a pencil holder on my desk. As a young adult I was reintroduced to Pam and Doug as good friends of my grandparents. She stood out as a positive, pleasant person that was fun to be around.

Rod Kuhn - December 27, 2019 at 09:40 AM



“ “Go outside and play!” said God. “I have given you Universes as fields to run free in! And here – take this and wrap yourself in it – It's called LOVE. and it will always, always keep you warm. And stars! The sun and the moon and the stars! Look upon these often, for they will remind you of your. own light!

Doug - December 27, 2019 at 07:54 AM



“ Pam was my art teacher at N Jr High. She really knew how to inspire the creative side of people. I still have the things that I made in her class. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. A wonderful, inspiring teacher. And a wonderful person!!

Terri Benson - December 27, 2019 at 07:23 PM



“ There is a hole in my heart now that my dear cousin has passed on but I'm going to fill it with memories. Memories of her smile, laughter and lots of colors. She had a can-do spirit that I admired and talent galore!!

Ila Schult - December 28, 2019 at 04:31 PM



“ Although I didn't know Pam well, my best memory is of her is the blue "Cubs" streak in her hair. She said she was a big Cubs fan. So, for Pam, Go Cubs!

Glenda Molgaard - December 29, 2019 at 05:05 PM



“ When someone you Love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure....Sharman&Steve

doug - December 31, 2019 at 05:15 PM



“ She was a great art teacher and was kind to me. I write screenplays now and when I do storyboards I remember how she taught me how to really draw what I saw in my head. - Chris Tovar

Chris Tovar - March 07, 2020 at 12:11 PM



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doug - December 26, 2019 at 11:38 PM



“ Atticus Grams building a fort...

Doug - December 27, 2019 at 07:33 AM



“ Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
but love leaves a memory no one can steal.

When someone you love becomes a memory,
the memory becomes a treasure.

Doug - February 22, 2020 at 10:13 AM



“ Pamela was such an awesome lady,one of my all time favorite teachers.God Bless Her

Shawn Boeger Law - December 26, 2019 at 11:05 PM



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“ Oliver and Grams hanging out....

Doug - December 27, 2019 at 07:34 AM



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Doug - February 22, 2020 at 10:12 AM



“ I remember her dedication to her students, she was a talented woman with something important to share with us all. Rest In Peace Pam.

Cheryl Stidwell Parker - December 26, 2019 at 09:27 PM



“ I first met Pam as a student in her high school art studio class and later lived across the street from her and Doug for several years before leaving Fort Dodge. I like to think I was a better neighbor than I was a student in those days and I'm fairly certain she would agree. She was a gifted artist and a lovely person. She will no doubt be missed!

Patrick McMannus

Patrick McMannus - December 26, 2019 at 09:02 PM



“ Pam was my only girl cousin. We met when I was 7 and she was 9. We reconnected as adults and were so fortunate to have had many experiences together. The most memorable and precious for me was the trip I took with her to Italy. I just can't believe she's not here. I'm thinking about you Doug, AJ, Tori, Atticus and Oliver. Love, Kathe & Dave, too.

Kathleen Bernstein - December 26, 2019 at 08:28 PM



“ Always a delight to be around. We miss her and send heartfelt condolences to her family.

Bob & Karen Wood

Bob Wood - December 26, 2019 at 07:27 PM



“ Pam was a joyous spirit to be around and always so positive and supportive. I was very fortunate to spend many years as a colleague in the art department. She will be so missed by so many. I don't know what to say to Doug other than we all loved Pam and feel deeply for your loss.

Ken - December 26, 2019 at 06:28 PM



“ I have one of her woodcuts hanging on my living room wall. She always treated me with respect professionally and as a person always made me feel good about myself. A truly generous and gifted individual.

James R Ellerston - December 26, 2019 at 06:11 PM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Pamela Sanders.



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