



Uta Ingrid Sodtke - Artist

February 14, 2025

July 11, 1936 - February 14, 2025

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Uta Sodtke on Friday, February 14, 2025. She was predeceased by her father, mother, and two brothers.

Born and raised in Germany, Uta moved to Toronto, Canada in 1967, where she spent much of her life. Her artistic journey began under the influence and encouragement of her father, a fellow artist. Over the years, Uta developed a profound connection to various mediums, but it was watercolor that became her true passion. She found it both challenging and deeply rewarding, allowing her to express her creativity in bold and beautiful ways.

Uta's paintings, which often feature vibrant flowers and the lush landscapes of rolling hills and forest vegetation, were inspired by her many travels, particularly to Jamaica. Her love for Montego Bay led her to spend much of her time there, where she captured the warmth and beauty of the island with her paintbrush. Her works—showcasing scenes of banana, coconut, and palm trees, as well as colorful flowers—became cherished by both locals and tourists alike. Through her art, Uta brought the vibrant spirit of Jamaica to life in stunning hues.

A proud member of the Central Ontario Art Association, Uta was also a signature member of the Toronto Watercolor Society. She was a founding member of the Group of Ten Artists' Gallery in Toronto and exhibited her

works widely. Throughout her career, she earned numerous awards and accolades for her exceptional talent.

Uta's art has touched the lives of many, and her works are collected internationally across Europe, the Caribbean, and North America. While her strong and vibrant personality may no longer be with us, her extraordinary art will continue to inspire and be treasured for generations to come.

Uta's works were featured in many shows:

1986 McDonald Gallery Toronto

1987 John Aird Gallery Toronto * 1987 O'Keefe Center Toronto

1988 O'Keefe Center Toronto

1988 Toronto Watercolor Society-Spring Show * 1988 TWS - Fall Show * 1988 TWS-Fall

Show

1989 St. Lawrence Center Toronto * 1989 O'Keefe Center Toronto

1990 TWS - Spring Show 1990 TWS - Fall Show

1991 TWS - Spring Show 1991 TWS - Fall Show

1992 TWS - Spring Show 1992 TWS - Fall Show

1994 TWS - 10th Anniversary Show

Four Year ongoing representation in the Group Ten Artists Gallery

1995 TWS - Spring Show

1996 TWS - Spring Show * 1996 TWS - Fall Show

1997 TWS - Spring Show * 1997 Fall Show

1997 Ambiente Art Gallery, Montego Bay, Jamaica, W.I.

1998 Sun Art Gallery Half Moon, Montego Bay, Jamaica, W.I.

1998 Mafalda Gallery - Toronto

1999 Eigo Art Gallery, Montego Bay, Jamaica, W.I.

Awards:

For Paintings entered into The Toronto Watercolor Society Shows:

1990 Honorable Mention Award for "Field of Flowers"

1992 Best Floral Award for "Botanical Brights"

Tribute Wall

SW

“ I met Uta during Covid and her intrepid walking and interesting persona and fabulous art we all inspiration for me. Sheelagh Whittaker

Sheelagh Whittaker - October 06, 2025 at 11:44 AM

KM

“ Uta had a special connection with my homeland and we saw her many times in Jamaica. She would paint in Auntie Betty Fosters garden, capturing the vibrant hues of our Caribbean Flowers. May her memory be a blessing, comfort and joy to all who knew her. Kathryn Burke MOOIJ.

Kathryn Mooij - March 08, 2025 at 08:44 PM

FE

“ Uta was a good neighbour for many years here at 145 St George Street.

Felicity - February 19, 2025 at 03:40 PM

PJ

Uta and I had many laughs in the lobby of 145 St. George Street.

Patricia Johnston - February 20, 2025 at 09:06 PM

MA

Uta was my next door neighbour for more than 30 years. Despite some difficulties, I do have happy memories and remember well her generosity. I am saddened by her death. Margaret

Margaret - May 04, 2025 at 03:58 PM