



Heather A. Wallis Murphy

Artist & Wildlife Biologist

Watercolors, Pen & Ink and Nature Journals

Leavenworth, Washington



Heather Murphy - Birding 2013

Artist's Statement:

"Influenced by the early explorer-scientists of America's West, I mix natural history notes with watercolor field observations. The blending of science and art is intriguing to me both as a wildlife biologist and as an artist-painter.

"Traveling through wildlands across the world, I keep sketchbook memories of sights, sounds and smells; journaling, capturing the 'sense of place'. It is enriching to learn about the uniqueness of an area through landforms, vegetation and wild things.

"I hope my artwork moves others to seek the out-of-doors, go hiking or remember a special time, a special person, or a special place." – H.A.W. Murphy 2014



Biography:

Heather is a Pacific Northwest notecard artist, watercolorist, nature writer and wildlife biologist. She holds a BS degree from the University of Washington in Wildlife Habitat Management and a AAA degree in Forest Technology from Wenatchee Valley College. While studying the sciences, she took drawing courses at WVC and UW. Focused on watercolor, Heather was mentored by Los Angeles painter, Barbara Kerwin and New Zealand artist David Barker.

Walleye Cards, LLC and *Wildtales Journals*, Heather's naturalist notecard and journal business, was founded in 1997. Her small independent business donates over 10% of sales to conservation and arts organizations.

Retired from the U.S. Forest Service as a wildlife biologist; Heather's career spanned from 1974 to 2005. She is currently a nature journal instructor and a consulting wildlife biologist. She continues to lead Citizen Science programs as a volunteer for the U.S.F.S.

Heather presented "*Wildlife and Art of National Forests*" to the Smithsonian Institution's 2005 Folklife Festival in Washington D.C. She was the *Artist-In-Residence* for the North Cascades National Park in 2007. She has offered nature journaling workshops for adults and students throughout the Pacific Northwest; as well through her travels to Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula; the American School in Paris; and the Scottish Highlands. During 2014 Heather participated in Swarovski Optiks initial Birding Tour of Austria.



Special North Central Washington projects which Heather helped co-found are: *Team Naturaleza!* and *Dancing With Birds*. Both programs connect people with migratory birds in the Western Hemisphere.

Heather notes that much of her success is from her remarkable family and friends, above all her husband, Patrick. They live in Leavenworth, Washington's Icicle Valley in view of the Alpine Lakes Wilderness. Please find Heather's cards

and works in stores across the Northwest or online at www.wildtales.com

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