

Gilles Pelletier was born in 1946 and currently lives in a Montreal suburb. Pelletier is a self-taught painter whose interest in restoring antiques, led him to painting. Drawing upon his own experiences and observations as well as stories told to him in childhood, Pelletier fills each of his paintings with detailed scenes from everyday life. Pelletier's highly colourful work is permeated by his sense of humor and love of tradition. The viewer is able to identify with the experiences portrayed and the result is rejuvenating and joyous.

In 1991 he illustrated his first children's book, *Une Bonne et heureuse année* (by Roch Carrier, *Livres Toundra*). The English translation is called: *A Happy New Year's Day* (Tundra Books). Several others have followed.

Selected Achievements

Illustrated book by Roch Carrier, who became the head of The Canada Art Council. The book was nominated for the Governor General's Award in 1991.

Illustrated 2 other books for children including "The Sugaring Off Party" published by Penguin Books in New York.

Toronto Hospital for Sick Children commissioned Pelletier's work which was used for 45,000 cards in a highly successful fundraising campaign.

By the Purina Mill, acrylic on canvas, 24" x 30"



Selected Exhibitions

- 1997 Harbour Gallery, Mississauga, ON
- 1997 Musee des beaux-arts de Montreal, QC
- 1997 Kenzart Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 1997 Galerie Westmont, Westmount, QC
- 1996 Art Auction 57, Plattsburgh, NY
- 1996 Musée des Beaux-Arts de Montreal, QC
- 1996 Whistler Village Art Gallery, Whistler, BC
- 1995 Musée des beaux-arts de Montreal, QC
- 1995 West End Gallery, Victoria, BC
- 1995 Whistler Village, Art Gallery, Whistler, BC
- 1995 West End Gallery, Edmonton, AB
- 1994 Duke Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 1994 Concours Art International, North Hatley, QC
- 1993 Diana Paul Gallery, Calgary, AB
- 1993 Kenzart Gallery, Toronto, ON
- 1993 Whitten Gallery, King City, ON
- 1992 Galerie Zanetin, Quebec, QC
- 1992 Musee des Beaux-Arts de Montreal, QC
- 1992 Centre Visuel des Arts, Westmount, QC
- 1992 Alex Fraser Gallery, Vancouver, BC