

Linda Kemp is internationally recognized for her unique, contemporary watercolors and acrylics. Her innovative use of negative painting is the focus of her two best-selling books, *Watercolor Painting Outside the Lines* and *Simplifying Design and Color For Artists*. Linda is featured in art publications, video and internet forums, with over 1.5 million YouTube views.

She is a Life Member of the Canadian Society of Painters in Water Colour, the Ontario Society of Artists and a Life Member of the Society of Canadian Artists. Her award-winning paintings are in collections around the world, including The Royal Collection, Windsor Castle, U.K. In 2008, Linda received the A.J. Casson Medal for Outstanding Achievement in Water Colour, the top award for the CSPWC International Juried Exhibition. In 2005, she was awarded Woman of the Year for Arts and Culture.

Linda is an enthusiastic teacher who truly cares about the sharing of knowledge with her students. She instructs at symposiums and workshops throughout Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, France and now online. She has served as juror for numerous national and international exhibitions.

### **Statement**

There is nothing like an intriguing puzzle to get the brain working and few things more satisfying than finding a solution to a perplexing problem. While some people take pleasure in solving the newspaper's daily crossword puzzle, I can't resist sorting through and arranging shapes and colours.

I am inspired by the interwoven forms and tangled layers of patterns I discover when exploring woodlands and the countryside. It is my curiosity and the desire to decipher and organize shapes and colours that motivates me to paint. To unravel and understand how the pieces fit together, my strategy relies on two things: simplify the complicated and use negative painting techniques to build my imagery.