



ABOUT THE ARTIST

Alexa Thornton

When I asked Alexa Thornton how she got started on her art she replied: "To tell you the truth I'm not sure – it is something I have always done. My influences have included my mother as a role model who has always persevered in her art work. The wood/lino cut appeals to me more because of the physical act of working on the piece and figuring out the process to achieve the look I want."

Formal training included the Fine Arts Foundation Program at Langara College, two ELST Design Studios in anatomical drawing and wood engraving, and an advanced printmaking workshop at the Dundarave Gallery, all in Vancouver, B.C. Alexa continues to take courses and workshops on an on-going basis.

When I asked her what themes or subjects she preferred she answered: "It is about 'seeing' – not just the object but the shapes and patterns and/or the effects of light and dark. Often my work will in effect zoom in to capture the disparate and or smaller elements that make up the whole. Typically subject matter is from the natural or built world – not so much about people."

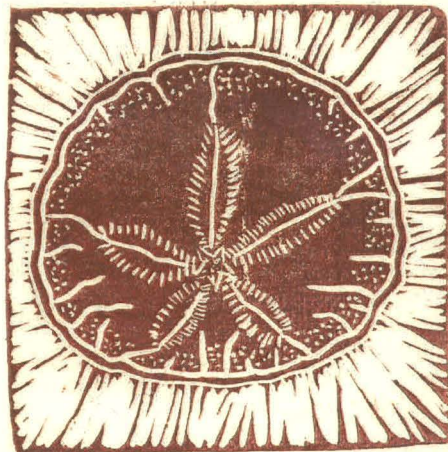
Asked for a statement about her art Alexa forwarded the following: "Inspired by the patterns and designs found in natural and other environments, I am dedicated to expressing the way I see things. The practice of making art has been a life long interest and commitment, primarily through printmaking and

photography. Through my work I find a certain tranquility and comfort, particularly during the process of creating the printing plate." Alexa is fond of a quotation by Lucius Seneca (4 BC to 65AD) to the effect that "All art is but an imitation of nature."

Over the years Alexa has exhibited many times the two latest exhibitions being "Elements" a two person show in 2003 and "Shorelines" a two person show in 2004, both at the Dundarave Print Workshop and Gallery on Granville Island in Vancouver, B.C., of which Alexa is a member. Her work is also held in a number of private collections in Vancouver and Montreal in Canada, New York, California, and Colorado in the United States, Tokyo in Asia, London and Dublin in Europe, and in the city of Hamilton on the island of Bermuda.

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