

# ART GALLERY of GRANDE PRAIRIE

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VEG Old Houses  
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1903 Riverside Little Brick Cafe  
Medium Acrylic  
Size: 20 x 28 x 1.5

Telling Edmonton, Alberta's capital city residential history. 10 architectural styles of historical old houses in 8 Edmonton's historical neighborhoods transform into 12 pieces of bold modern impressionist style paintings. The exhibition includes Edmonton heritage landmarks like Alberta's first premier residence Rutherford House, Magrath Mansion & The Works Headquarter, and other local historical houses that were built from the 1900s to the 1930s in Highlands, Glenora, Westmount, Strathcona, Alberta Avenue, McCauley, Garneau, Riverdale.

*YEG Old Houses* series was created from 2020 to 2021, during a full-year Artist In Residence at McLuhan House Artist Studio operated by Art Habitat Edmonton, at a historical Highlands location, also it was shown there for its first solo exhibition venue. In addition, *YEG Old Houses* series received a full grant from Canada Council For The Arts in 2022. The series had the opportunity to be featured on Edmonton CBC News, CKUA Radio, Edify Edmonton Magazine, Rat Press Creek as well as other arts and heritage organizations.

Aeris is a self-taught Hong Kong-Canadian immigrant visual artist who moved to Edmonton in 2007. In her hometown Hong Kong 90% population lives in a small high-rise apartments, only a rare amount of the population can afford to live in detached dwellings. Because of it, she have always been attracted to Edmonton's characteristic single houses, not only the charming designs but also they represent the stability and equity of the society that she has been seeking. Furthermore, Edmonton's old houses have been rooted in her heart increasing Areris's sense of belonging to Edmonton as an immigrant artist. The 10 Architectural Styles are: Classical Revival, Tudor Revival, French Provincial, Arts & Crafts, Victorian (Queen Anne), Foursquare, Spanish Colonial, Georgian/Jacobethan, Craftsman, Cottage.

#### About the Artist:

Aeris was born and raised in Hong Kong and moved to Canada in 2007. Since Aeris moved to Edmonton, Alberta starts a new life with her husband, the change in living environment, landscapes, and nature-inspired her in every aspect to be a true artist. It created unique opportunities and freedom to stimulate her creativity by using the visual medium to express her vision and observation.

Aeris enjoys exploring various mediums to unfold her unique character through her artworks: bold and vivid colors in acrylic, ethereal mood in watercolor, black and white ink pen drawing. Most of her creations are inspired by the beauty of the Canadian landscape, animals, streetscapes, and architecture. In Aeris's paintings, you can find her inner peacefulness, joyfulness, and uniqueness.