

## **Priscilla Maynard**

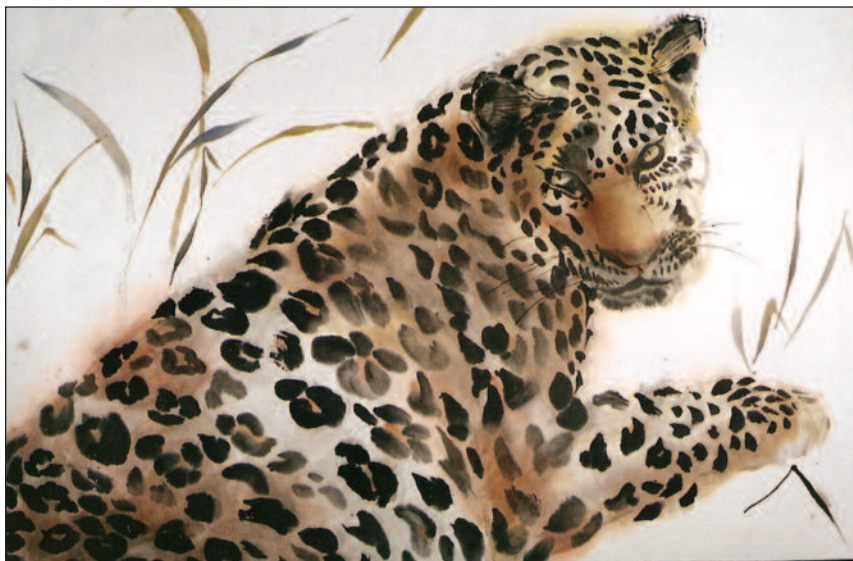
The Northwest Watercolor Society has lost a long time member and former president, Priscilla Maynard. She passed away September 23, 2009 at the age of 88. She guided NWWWS as president from 1987 to 1988. As a highly regarded teacher of watercolor specializing in Sumi painting, she influenced many artists locally and around the USA. Her resume lists many prestigious awards here and abroad and her work has been collected by major corporations and collectors.

Priscilla grew up in Miami and earned a BFA at Wesleyan College and a MFA in Painting and Art History at



the University of Iowa. After World War II, she bicycled through Europe filling her sketch books with her impressions. She met her future husband on a second trip to Europe. They married and raised four children while traveling for his medical studies. They settled on Seattle as their permanent home.

Priscilla discovered a love of Sumi Painting and became a master of this ancient art and shared her enthusiasm with her students. For more than thirty years, she taught senior students in the Bellevue Community College TELOS program as well as teaching private lessons in her home in Bellevue.



In the 1990's Priscilla's eyesight gradually diminished due to macular degeneration. She coped courageously with this devastating problem and turned to poetry to keep her creative spirit alive. She and her daughter produced a book of her poems and sketches.

Priscilla was a beautiful person in all ways and gave generously of herself to many organizations. Her loving spirit will be missed by all who knew her.