

## Glenda Goodrich “GG”

**Title:** *Dreaming of Iris*

### **Artist’s Statement**

My mixed media painting, titled *Dreaming of Iris*, illustrates the surreal landscape of Lake Hazen, where Augustine, one of the protagonists in the story, relocates and eventually dies in the arms of a (perhaps imaginary) polar bear. In my painting the girl and the bear appear hazy and dream-like against the crystal clear very real icy landscape.

At the end of the story we learn that Iris was not a real child but an imaginary friend for poor Augustine, who was left lonely and isolated at a research facility in the Canadian Arctic Circle after a global apocalyptic event.

I was inspired to create this piece to capture the melancholy of loneliness and the comfort we find in kinship with animals. I used acrylic paint and glitter to replicate the aurora borealis of the sky and tissue paper and paint to create the textured winter landscape. I used image transfer and paint to add the imaginary girl sleeping on the back of a kind looking polar bear.

### **Bio**

The natural world is where GG finds her inspiration to create. The forest floor, birds and dragonflies, shadowy figures under a full moon, layered geological rock formations. She notices the repeated patterns and paradoxical variety in trees, landscapes and all of nature. And that is precisely what she brings to her richly layered mixed media collages.

Born in the Midwest and raised in California, GG relocated to Oregon in 1979 and began actively pursuing her inherent artistic talents. She is a third-generation, self-taught artist who teaches art and SoulCollage® in her studio and at local galleries and art festivals. She has shown her work in several local galleries and shows. GG’s popular colorful work combines a light-hearted spirit of expression with beautifully executed composition and design.

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