

## **Local artist Christina McGovern's *Shoreline* on view at Gallery**

**August 6, 2021 – Kelowna, BC:** The Kelowna Art Gallery unveiled the second site-specific art installation presented in its recently created Glass Gallery space.

Kelowna-based artist Christina McGovern was selected to showcase her installation titled *Shoreline*. Her work plays with the contrast between straight lines, the natural flow of watercolour paints, and the many textures inherent in fibre textiles and raw paper.

In *Shoreline*, McGovern makes use of the natural textures and movement of her freely suspended multi-layered work to reference the Okanagan shores during long hot summer days. In fact, the work is comprised of five separate layers, which give the installation an added depth and help to create the illusion of a shoreline and receding landscape.

In 2017, McGovern began to further experiment with artistic mediums and aesthetic, to create what she calls "tapestries on paper". This would ultimately lay the groundwork for her most recent work *Shoreline*.

*"Tapestries on Paper emerged from a strong desire to create something that was uniquely mine. The texture and planned perfection of the embroidery element, mixed with the natural flow of watercolour, is artistically stimulating,"* says Christina McGovern.

*Shoreline* is on view at the Kelowna Art Gallery until October 3, 2021.

The Glass Gallery space is intended to highlight the work of three emerging and early career artists each year. It is situated adjacent to the main entrance of the Kelowna Art Gallery at 1315 Water Street and can be viewed twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

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