

# About THE ARTIST

The Royal's poster artist, Nola McConnan, has attended the Fair since 1956, when she came to see The Royal Horse Show with her grandfather, D.N. Wright. She has never forgotten the RCMP Musical Ride jumping thread the needle! For many years, McConnan not only took space as a commercial vendor, she volunteered at The Royal too. Carrying the championship trophies to and from the annual trophy display she created in the old Tanbark Club gave her a universal view of all the Fair's competitions. Her longtime attendance and involvement has given her the deep understanding of The Royal, which she brings to her posters for the Fair.

McConnan is a full-time professional visual artist and certified adult instructor as well as the East York Foundation's director of fine art. She recently completed an eight-year project, over 1,200 watercolour images for the major professional sports leagues. Her portraits and fine art works hang in private collections across North America. This year, McConnan's work was published in *Canadian Brushstroke Magazine* and hung at the Ontario AgriCentre in Guelph, Muskoka Place Gallery and Toronto Public Libraries. She conducts ongoing watercolour classes through Toronto Parks, Forestry & Recreation at the Stan Wadlow Clubhouse in East York.

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