

Artist Bio: Ellen MacMillan

Ellen MacMillan lives off grid in Milo with her husband Mike, four dogs, a cat, chickens, sheep, donkeys and a mule. She grew up in an artistic family: her dad was a professional photographer, her mom an artist who studied at Rhode Island School of Design, and her sister is a sculptor and illustrator who lives in Brattleboro VT, but it wasn't until retiring a few years ago that Ellen was able to pursue learning how to draw and paint for her own enjoyment. She has had instruction from local artists Suzette East in drawing, and in watercolor painting with Wilma Stanchfield. Her preferred subjects are dogs, sheep, birds and other wildlife and the beauty of the Maine landscape.

Ellen moved to Maine over 25 years ago and raised sheep and had a goat dairy on her farm in Troy before moving to Milo in 2007. She was born in Weymouth MA and lived for many years in Lexington MA, attending school there through graduation. After serving in the U.S. Army as a journalist stationed in Okinawa, she pursued a major in anthropology at Northeastern University.

Prior to retiring Ellen spent nearly 20 years as a veterinary technician, and has also worked in direct support for adults with mental disabilities, in manufacturing, and in wholesale and retail nurseries..

Ellen's other hobbies include hiking, snowshoeing, gardening and reading.