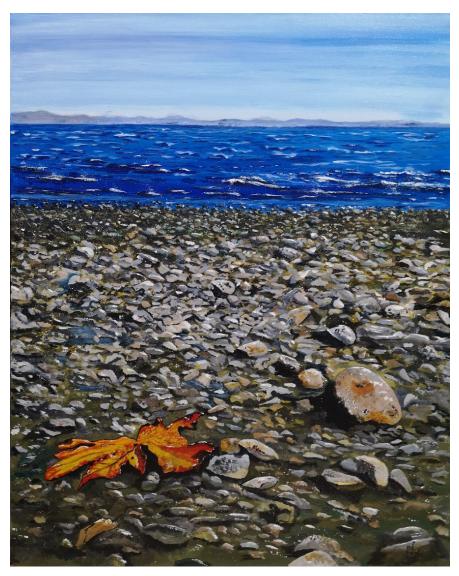
## 3 THE STORY BEHIND THE PAINTING

I was once told that everyone loves a good story about a painting. In fact, several people have asked "What is the story behind this painting?"

The stories often start with the title of the painting. My titles will usually give clues to what inspired the painting. When you paint as much as I do, some pieces just develop without thought. So, I'm sorry to say that not all paintings have a story behind them.

Some do have stories...



## Wayward Leaf

A visit to a beach in Victoria, BC prompted this painting. I was struck by this lone leaf, so colorful and beautiful on the rocky beach. I took several photos. This perspective was my favorite. I had my camera low to the ground so that the rocks and water took second stage to the leaf.

There were many, many more leaves like it behind me, several feet back, under the trees. This wayward leaf showed its fall colors so nicely, don't you think?

It took many hours to paint in all the rocks. It was important to include as much detail as I could endure creating.

Wayward Leaf Acrylic on canvas 30 x 24 Private Collection