

**B. Pitzel** PRAIRIE WATERCOLOR ARTIST

# The Vanishing Prairie

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*In this winter issue of the Vanishing Prairie, I continue to explore and record the structures that have become iconic of Saskatchewan around the world. I am interested in the subtle details of aging structures that we have centered our lives around in the past 100 years or so.*

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## Bob Pitzel: Painting The Vanishing Prairie in Watercolour



The image above, Once Upon A Time. 5.5 x 8.5 (inches), framed to 12 x 15 (inches)

*This is a watercolour sketch of an abandoned farmhouse in the St. Benedict region of central Saskatchewan. In the past this was the centre of a family's dreams and aspirations making one ponder what has happened to them in the subsequent years since the residents moved on.*

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**The world around us is changing at every turn.**

I like to think I am doing more than recording a disappearing era on the prairies through buildings and scenes that are distinctive to our region and heritage, giving each town it's own individual signature. The structures that make up our communities become the growth rings that mark space

and time. Watercolour allows me the time to peel back the layers as I try to reveal the lives these structures sheltered and provided a use beyond the streets and farms.

Some buildings seem to deteriorate far quicker than they should. In the early development years, when time kept pace with the boom and not so boom of our rural economies; we embraced the tangibility of red brick and white sashes as cornerstones, like the Post Office and our Schools. The quickly assembled clapboard buildings allowed for commerce to grow overnight, but were not very resilient in the defense against the extremes of our prairie weather.

My new work is now on display at the new Humboldt & District Museum & Gallery.

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I hope you will take a moment to experience The Vanishing Prairie with me. View these works on my [website](#) at your convenience.

Your response to this recent body of work is much appreciated and I will reply to your emails as quickly as I can. I hope to hear from you in the next while.

Kind regards,

Bob Pitzel

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