

## *Ken Christmas*

*Ken's wildlife paintings breathe of meticulous detail and living energy that can only come from a long and intimate knowledge of the bush. After only four months of drawing, the glowing reception of his work from Art Galleries and critics in Vancouver, and vicinity, stunned even Ken himself. Ken was raised near Hamilton, Ontario. His only contact with art was in public school, where he won several prizes in city wide contests. Ever drawn towards bush and marshland, Ken has been a logger, a musician, and for some years ran a hunting camp in the district of Parry Sound Ontario.*

*Ken's talent lay dormant until December 1985.*

*The painting "Prize Lynx" in Chrysler's "Search for Canadian Wildlife Artist's 1986" won 1st place in Western Canada through B.C. Outdoors Magazine, and 2nd place in the national competition through Ontario Out of Doors magazine.*

*In 1998 his pastel painting "Two Scent's Worth" recieved the Best of Show ribbon at the Kinney Family "Twenty Sixth Annual National Western Art Show & Auction" in Ellensburg, Washington.*

*Ken's paintings hang in private collections in Canada, the U.S.A. and overseas. Moving to Vancouver Island in 1991 he lived in Parksville - Qualicum before retiring in the Cowichan Valley.*