

C.J. Brown



C.J. Brown grew up on a farm in northern Illinois which has played an important part in her appreciation for the prairie landscape and rural lifestyle. She graduated with an art degree from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa and following graduation, received a position in a commercial art studio in Rockford, Illinois where technical drawings were among her responsibilities. That training played a great influence in developing her style of painting which consists of highly detailed, distinct work. Her interest in the prairie has led her to create a series of unique pieces featuring prairie species with insects and wildlife hidden and camouflaged within the plants.

She receives inspiration for her work from the wildflower and butterfly gardens she has planted outside of her "barn studio" located on the farm she lives on by DeKalb, Illinois. Brown is also known for the barns she paints and her work was featured in the PBS documentary, "Weathered Secrets" produced by the Smithsonian.

Donation Prize:

- ❖ Artist Proof of special Charolais print to be done especially for Iowa.
- ❖ Print will consist of Iowa scenery and cattle.
- ❖ Winner has the chance to personalize the print by adding any picture item to the landscape.
- ❖ Valued at \$ 1,200.00