

About the Artist

Judy Thompson is an award winning artist who paints the people and places of the Great Plains. Her vibrant watercolor paintings have toured throughout the Midwest and have been described as “beautiful images which capture a sense of place.” Much of her inspiration comes from time spent on the vast, vibrant prairies of America’s heartland. Judy has completed two residencies with the National Parks. Her first was at the Homestead National Monument in Beatrice, NE where she completed a series of paintings which celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Homestead Act. The second, is here at Badlands National Park where she continues to explore the colors and textures of this unique landscape.

Artist Statement

To intimately experience the incredible landscape of the Badlands is an unforgettable event. This is a place where the comfortable, wide open prairies suddenly mingle with the fantastic loess formations of an ancient world.

Door Trail, depicts two figures exploring the vast Badlands landscape. Charcoal captures the grainy feel of the earth while a cool color palette of transparent watercolors kindles a contemplative mood. It is my hope that *Door Trail* evokes in the viewer, the awe and wonder that comes from experiencing this wild, wonderful place.